CAMDEN CYCLIST

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LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN IN CAMDEN

Members' Meetings

Our meetings are usually held on the third Monday of every month at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place (off Fitzroy Road) NW1 8TN. There's a Committee/Business meeting at 6.30pm that anyone interested may attend. Next meetings:

Monday 17 December 2012, 7.30pm

PARTY PARTY!

We are holding our December social meeting, with free food, drink and merriment. We'll show a variety of short cycling films. Catch up with Camden's cycling scene!

Monday 21 January 2012, 7.30pm

Back to business for the New Year, we'll be discussing more involvement with local Community Associations, following our successful meeting in West Hampstead.

We're hoping to feature cyclists' saftety around large vehicles in our February meeting and might invite one of London's helmet cameramen later in the year. Details will be on our website as arrangements are finalised.

Maintenance Workshops

Drop-in maintenance workshops are continuing every month at Kentish Town Health Centre, in collaboration with Transition Kentish Town. Bring your bike and our experts will help you as you learn to fix your machine. The next workshops are on Monday 3 December and Monday 7 January, from 7-9pm at Kentish Town Health Centre ,2 Bartholomew Road, NW5 2AJ. Workshops are free and parts may be available. Donations welcome. There's more information on **http://tinyurl.com/bl9ve9u.**

Contact jean<at>dollimore.net for further details.

Canals and Cyclists

Dick Vincent, Towpath Ranger, was our October Guest Speaker. He spoke of how popular cycling along the Regent's Canal had become, with up to 500 cyclists per hour at peak times. This had deterred some walkers and routes parallel to the canal were now being investigated. We hope these are well signed and of 'Go Dutch' standard. There are no plans to ban cyclists from the towpath. Fuller report on: http://tinyurl.com/d2zlbl7

Meeting at The Sidings

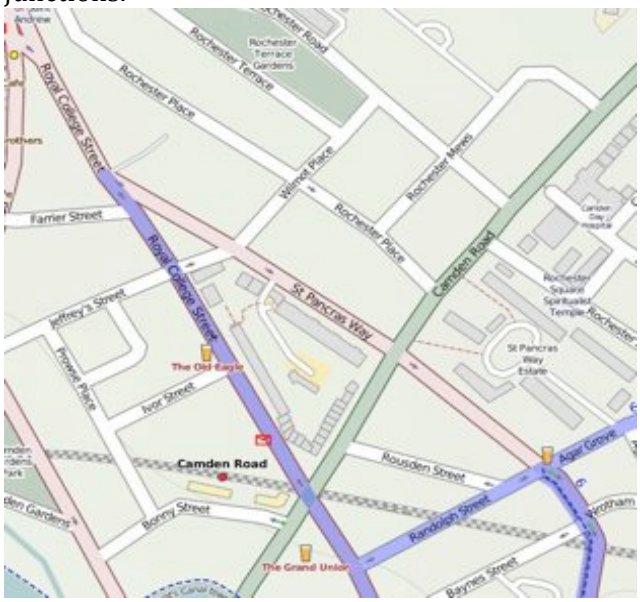
Our November meeting was held at the Sidings Community Centre, where Geoff Stilwell works. There was a good attendance by both Brent and Camden Cyclists. Several groups presented aspects of the work they were doing for cyclists in the area and made suggestions for future activities. We'd like to have short rides for beginners and youngsters but we don't have many people to lead and help. Contact John, our Rides Co-ordinator if you'd like to help or have an idea for a ride.

Sue Measures of The Sidings put out a spread of delicious refreshments as well as telling us how she had started cycling. Thanks Sue!

http://tinyurl.com/d43uyy9

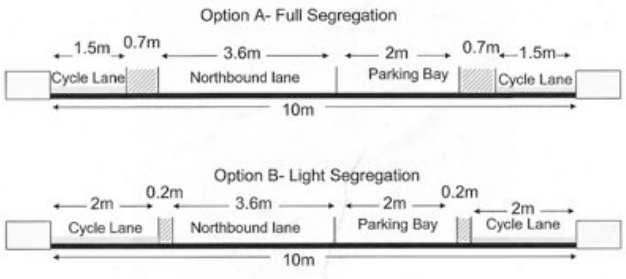
Royal College Street

We are now working with Camden to improve cyclists' safety on the segregated tracks. There have, unfortunately, been collisions at some of the junctions.



We are keen to have cycle lanes that are wide enough for the many cyclists using this street. Camden have proposed some excellent ideas to make this possible. There would be separation from motor traffic, full-width speed tables and carefully managed car parking.

There are various ways to separate motor traffic from cyclists as illustrated below:



Our Fabulous Four (John, Paul, George and Jean) met with Council Officers on 7 November. This is reported more fully on http://tinyurl.com/caqk4c9

Permeability Problems

Two way cycling 'lightweight contraflow' is now permitted on several one way streets in West and South Hampstead. Many of the local motorists have been surprised by the appearance of cyclists riding the 'wrong' way down these streets. There are some places where the signage could be improved but in others, there seems to be adequate marking on the carriageway and by the roadside. Drivers have sometimes been rather antagonistic to cyclists here. Maybe Camden needs a leaflet campaign to inform the locals.

There's a very detailed report by George, Jean and Meade at http://tinyurl.com/br8knme