

The Camden Cyclist

October/November 2007 Camden Cycling Campaign Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary

Monthly Meetings

These are held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place, London NW1 8TN

We hold a business/committee meeting an hour before the main meeting, at 6.30pm, to which all interested members are welcome.

Monday October 8, 7.30pm

Guest Speaker: Koy Thompson, Director of LCC

Koy has recently taken up the post of LCC Director over the summer. Hear of his background and his future vision and plans for the campaign. He'll be riding round Camden with Stefano before the talk

Monday November 12, 7.30pm

Your chance to discuss matters relevant to cycling within London and Camden.

New Newham Ride

Newham is relaunching its Borough Group with a ride from Stratford (easily reached on the North London Line) on 7 October, at 11am. This ride will be entirely off-road and include café stops, exploring Newham's architecture and scenery. Meet beneath the Olympic Countdown Clock outside Stratford Station.

Contact: Bernard McDonnell 07947236965

St Pancras & Eurostar

On November 14, Eurostar services start running from St Pancras, having previously run from Waterloo.

Eurostar is fairly awkward if you try to travel with a bicycle, with bikes either having to be packed into cumbersome bike bags, or needing to be sent in advance.

The road approaches to St Pancras are difficult and dangerous, whilst cycle parking there is a long way from either the road or the platform, often resulting in long walks for cyclists carrying luggage which is unwieldy when off the bike.

We'd like to join with City Cyclists in their quest to improve the lot of those who ride nearby or wish to take their wheels across the Channel. There'll be a protest ride early on November 14. Contact info AT camdencyclists.org.uk for details nearer the time.

Maintenance Workshops

Another course of three maintenance workshops has been arranged at Velorution, 18 Great Titchfield Street, London W1W 8BD. These will be on October 6, November 3, and December 1, from 2-5pm. Advance booking is essential. Contact Stefano to arrange a place. There is a £45 charge for this course. The syllabus can be found on: www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/workshopsyllabus/

Join LCC!

Camden Cycling Campaign is a London Cycling Campaign Local Borough Group.

Membership of LCC includes: Free third party insurance, Legal advice, Discounts at bike shops, Discounts on Maintenance and Training courses, Bimonthly London Cyclist magazine, Local Group Membership and more.

Ring 020 7234 9310 (Mon-Fri 10am-5pm) or visit: <http://www.lcc.org.uk/index.asp?PageID=27> to join.

Membership costs £32 per year (£14 concessions, £23 additional members at same address)

3 months extra membership if paid by Direct Debit

Sad Story

The Ham & High reports an account of a cyclist injured by a hit and run driver on Dartmouth Park Hill. This artist broke both elbows. <http://tinyurl.com/342j4u>

At least it appears that the police are trying to track the driver involved.

In another borough, a cyclist left with a broken leg found the police unable to (attempt to) trace the driver because the victim could only recall part of the registration number.

Doctor Bike

Camden Council is now providing a Doctor Bike, who has planned to attend as follows:

29 September 12-3pm, West Hampstead Library

6 October 12-3pm, South End Green

13 October 12-3pm Kentish Town Tube Station

20 October 12-3pm West Hampstead Library

27 October, 12-3pm, South End Green

Further details from Andrea Geib on 020 7027 2942

Support Your Local Bike Shop!

Camden is very fortunate in having several bicycle shops within its boundaries. Many offer discounts to LCC members if they ask early and show a membership card. Some sell second-hand machines, whilst some hire bicycles. These shops all need regular customers to stay in business, so would value your support. Use it or lose it!

Retail cycle shops are listed alphabetically here. There are more details of cycle hire, auctions and mobile repairs on our website:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/shops/>

Bikefix: 48 Lambs Conduit Street, WC1. 020-7405-1218
<http://www.bikefix.co.uk/>

Camden Cycles: 251, Eversholt Street, NW1 1BA, 020-7388-7899 <http://www.camdencycles.co.uk/>

Chamberlaines: 71 Kentish Town Rd, NW1. 020-7485-3983

Condor Cycles: 51 Grays Inn Road, WC1. 020-7269-6820
www.condorcycles.com

Cyclefit (previously Bikepark): 11-13 Macklin Street, Covent Garden, WC2B 5NH. 020-7430-0083

Cycle Surgery Camden: 44 Chalk Farm Rd, NW1. 020-7485-1000 www.cyclesurgery.com/

Cycle Surgery Hampstead: 275 West End Lane, NW6 1QS. 020-7431-4300 www.cyclesurgery.com/

Evans Cycles: 69 Grays Inn Road, WC1X 8TP 020-7430-1985 www.evanscycles.com/

Evans Cycles: 178 High Holborn, WC1V 7AA. 020-7836-5585 www.evanscycles.com/

Evans Cycles, 51-52 Rathbone Place, W1T 1JP, 020-7580-4107 www.evanscycles.com/

Simpsons: 116 Malden Road, NW5. 020-7485-1706
www.simpsoncycles.co.uk/

Velorution: 18 Great Titchfield St. London W1W 8BD 020 7637 4004 www.velorution.biz

Kings Cross > Camden > Kilburn

An East-West cycle route

Camden has been consulting us on plans for an improved cycle link across the Borough. This is similar to that requested by CCC a few years ago, but extends further www.camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/crisps/local-route-08-07

Gives details of the route and Meade's discussion with Camden Consultancy's Carlos da Rocha. The matter was discussed at our September meeting but I couldn't go. Consultation close was 14 September. This is an important strategic route, which should have options which both include Swiss Cottage for those who want to use its commercial and sporting venues and bypass it for those who wish to steer clear.

There'll be more in the minutes of the meeting on the CCC website

CTRL and Cyclists

We were very worried that two-way cycle access to St Pancras was to be prohibited when we received a Traffic Order which would have prohibited southbound travel on Pancras Road. It turns out that the order was incomplete and that cyclists and taxis will be allowed access from the north. It still appears that CTRL can decide almost whatever they in terms of traffic management, without recourse to the usual planning constraints.

Camley Street/Agar Grove Link

The proposal to link these streets with a cycle/footbridge is up for consultation. This link was proposed in 2002 by Paul Gannon. There is a fair bit of local opposition to the scheme, whose details can be seen on:

<http://tinyurl.com/22k97m>

Your positive response, before 10 October would be greatly appreciated.

Cycle Guides

TfL has rebadged its maps as Cycle Guides. The new Guides cover a larger area than before as they are printed on both sides of the sheet. It is planned to revise the maps annually. Though officially launched in August, the new Guides were not all available as this newsletter was compiled. Order them from TfL on <http://tinyurl.com/367juh>

Christmas Gift?!?!?

Following the success of Warrington Cycle Campaign's Facility of the month website, www.warringtoncyclecampaign.co.uk/facility-of-the-month/ Eye Books (www.eye-books.com) are producing a compendium demonstrating the best educational examples of cycle facility installation.

Proceeds from sales will go to the Cyclists' Defence Fund.