



## 'Camden Cyclist' Newsletter: Feb/Mar 2002

News for cyclists from the Camden Cycling Campaign (LCC), London.

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### **Meetings News**

January's well-attended CCC meeting featured an exciting debate about the pros and cons of segregation, occasioned by the proposals for Fitzroy Street put forward by Camden Council's consultants, who were present at the meeting.

The consultants were in general skeptical about virtues of segregation, arguing, for example, that it made for 'counter-intuitive' street layouts. It was pointed out in reply that what is supposedly 'intuitive' in these contexts is largely learnt. Segregation will work (best) when it becomes more widespread and in turn modulates people's behaviour. The consultants' approach was thought to be rather timid - they want to fit the provision for cyclists into the existing road system rather than seeing it, as we do, as a step towards remodelling the entire system.

This debate will continue at February's CCC meeting, with a slide show presentation on segregation and the Seven Stations Link by Paul Gannon.

The meeting takes place on Monday 11th February, starting at 7.30 pm.

The March meeting takes place on the 11th March, and will include our AGM, including a review of the last 12 months & a look-ahead/consideration of priorities.



## **Changes to CCC meetings**

1. We intend to have more speakers and presentations at meetings, like at the last meeting - ideas floated so far have included head people from the Royal Parks, British Waterways, Camden Council and the Taxi Drivers's Association!
2. Those of you who have in the past come along slightly early for the members meetings have usually found the committee members busy chatting in a huddle. This will have been the committee meeting, which traditionally has started an hour before the main meeting. It's been decided to re-name it the business meeting, starting at 6.30 pm, and invite members to attend. If you want to get a little more insight into the nitty-gritty of CCC's work, this is the place to be!

Meetings take place at the Castlehaven Community Centre, Hawley Road, NW1 with secure indoor cycle parking (see map [here](#)). Contact Paul (7482 6692) or Jane (7794 9708) for more information.

## **Audits of One Way Streets, Road Closures & Signalled Junctions**

CCC committee members are now starting to review the draft audit reports of all of Camden's one way streets, road closures and signalled junctions; nearly 400 locations are being assessed. The audits aim to highlight locations where pedestrians or cyclists experience difficulties, and suggest remedial measures.

This project is a huge undertaking (and one which CCC originally requested the

council to do), and we expect that the completed reports will not only provide the basis for a programme of cycle & pedestrian friendly schemes for the next decade, but will also prove a source of inspiration for other UK local authorities on how to go about undoing 30+ years of motor vehicle oriented street design.

The audits cover the following areas:

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- One way streets (would a cycle contraflow facility be feasible and useful?); Signalled junctions (the consultants are recommending advance stop lines for all junctions - is there anything else we should consider?);
- Streets with road closures (issues include: are there cycle gaps, are they well designed & easy to use, are they blocked by parked cars?).

If you have any suggestions on how any of Camden's one way streets, road closures or signalled junctions can be improved for pedestrians or cyclists, please contact:

1. 1. = North West (from Chalk Farm to West Hampstead): David Arditti
2. 2. = North East (Camden Town to Tufnell Park/ Highgate): Daniel Glaser
3. 3. = Central (Camden Town down to Euston Road): Paul Gannon
4. 4. = South (south of the Euston Road): Meade McCloughan

