

# The Camden Cyclist

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## Dates for your Diary

### Monthly Meetings

Members meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month, starting at 7.30pm. The Committee meeting will start only half an hour before, to enable more member involvement with our business issues. Our meetings are now usually held at **Primrose Hill Com Assn, 29 Hopkinsons Place, NW1 8TN**

**February 12 2007** Campaigning issues.

**March 12 2007** **\*\*Guest Speaker\*\*** Richard Bourn of Transport 2000 will give a talk entitled: "Overview of current transport issues in London, with particular emphasis on issues in Camden and Transport 2000's view of the near future."

**April 2 2007** Note early date to prevent clash with Easter Annual General Meeting: will be held in April or May. The AGM is your chance to become involved with CCC for the next year, to elect new Committee members and find out what we've achieved in the past year.

Looking ahead, we have not yet fixed the venue for our May meeting (Primrose Hill is not available). Please check the website or next Newsletter nearer the time.

### Spring Ride

Sunday, April 1st. Meet at 11am outside the Interchange Centre on Haverstock Hill (Hampstead Old Town Hall, just north of Belsize Park tube station). Ride along the Thames towpath to Richmond, returning via Wimbledon Common, the river Wandle and Clapham Common. Lunch and tea stops. First day of Summer Time, so shouldn't need lights! Leader: James Brander

### Emma Foa

We are very sorry to have to report that a cyclist was killed on the junction of Camley Street and Goods Way, Kings Cross, on December 21. Emma Foa, a writer and jewellery maker, was reportedly in collision with a left-turning cement mixer.

An advanced stop line for cyclists is to be placed here and the cycle lane is being redesigned in an attempt to prevent this sort of tragedy recurring.

Our thoughts are with Emma's family.

### Mapping Cycle Routes

CCC member George Coulouris has developed a system for showing, drawing and sharing cycle routes on:

<http://tinyurl.com/wccwc>. This uses overlays on Google Maps. Please let us have your routes around Camden to put on the map.

Visit, share, enjoy. Thanks George!

### Cycle Parking Security



Lionel Shapiro

Adam Thorpe, from Central St Martin College of Art & Design, addressed our December meeting. In his research, he found many cyclists did not lock their bikes securely, though an educational sticker by bike stands improved locking practice.

The presence of CCTV did not reduce cycle theft.

Adam showed some films of unchallenged, blatant daylight cycle 'theft'. (The episodes were 'staged'.) These were amusing, but did nothing for my faith in either the police or the general public.

A fuller report of the talk is on: <http://tinyurl.com/ymln3e>

### A Different School Run



Stefano Casalotti

Bob Spellar led a ride to school up Fitzjohns Avenue on 21 November. The ride was filmed by the BBC, who were preparing a documentary on transport.

The cycling police marshalled the traffic, providing a peaceful journey in what is often a very crowded road.

More on: <http://tinyurl.com/34poae>

### **Cycle-Haters of Hampstead**

The Ham & High held a debate about cycling on Hampstead Heath in late November 2006. A large number of virulent anti-cyclists were on the floor and panel. The chairman asked CCC members whether they belonged to the 'Official CCC or the Provisional CCC'!

Rational debate was difficult in the highly-charged atmosphere of the Interchange Centre. The debate is reported more fully on: <http://tinyurl.com/2rlvgf>

In a subsequent letter to the Ham & High, one writer makes the point that cyclists might endanger toddlers at play. Clearly, she has not realised that toddlers and cyclists are seldom on the Heath simultaneously, and that dogs are a rather greater danger to small children.

### **Cycle Maintenance Workshops**

Our course of three workshops starts very shortly after you receive this Newsletter, at Velorution, 18 Great Titchfield Street W1W 8BD. The workshops will be on Saturdays 3 February, 3 March and 31 March, from 2-5pm. Booking is essential. Contact Jean Dollimore or Stefano Casalotti to book for this, or future courses.

### **College Crescent**

The decision to implement uphill one-way working on College Crescent was first agreed by Camden's Executive Environment Committee, then 'recalled' (reversed) as the local residents, and others, had not adequately been consulted. It is being reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee as I write (16 January) and a deputation of Camden Cyclists is present. The original proposal had been for a downhill one-way scheme.

More details on: <http://tinyurl.com/3ylfkk>

### **Cycle Lane Abuse**



Lionel Shapiro

We are grateful to Lionel Shapiro for his efforts to document abuse of our scant facilities. The mandatory two-way lane seen here has mysteriously lost the sign that

should be below the lamp in the foreground. This no doubt legitimises the artic's parking...

More photographs from Lionel and other CCC photographers can be seen on our Photo Gallery. (URL at top of Newsletter) Please contribute!



Lionel Shapiro

This is a picture of a sculpture on a pillar Southport Pier. Some cycle facilities are rather short and narrow...

### **And finally...**

Tony Raven, who visits Camden from Cambridge frequently, found cycling was apparently prohibited on Pancras Road. A quick email to the CCC list followed by a swift reply from Councillor Paul Braithwaite meant that within four hours of his initial email, steps were being taken to amend signs so that cycling was permitted. Thanks everyone!