

The Camden Cyclist

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Dates for your Diary

Monthly Meetings

These are usually held at 7.30pm on the second Monday of the month at Primrose Hill Community Centre. Because of Easter and venue bookings, our next two meetings are different.

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

Monday 2 April 7.30pm (brought forward due to Easter) Primrose Hill Community Centre, 29 Hopkinsons Place, London NW1 8TN

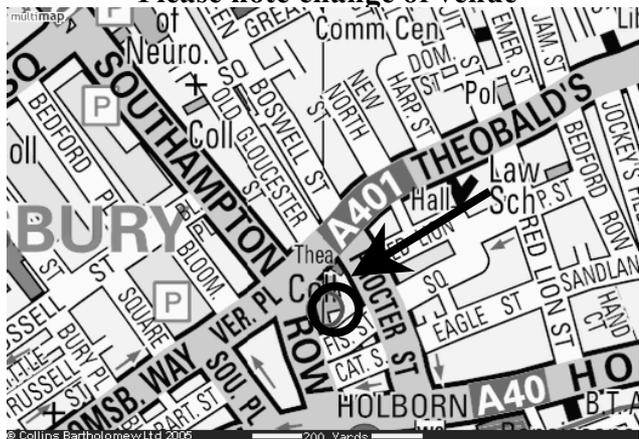
Monday 14 May 7.30pm at Exhibition Space, Central St Martin's School of Art London WC1B 4AP (Junction of Southampton Row/Theobalds Road; use entrance opposite Red Lion Square)

****AGM**** (not as advertised previously) A brief chance to vote for this year's Committee and maybe help with Camden Cycling Campaign's work.

Guest Speaker: Sam Monck Head of Street Policy, Camden Council, will give a presentation on the Bloomsbury Plan.

Plans for Bloomsbury involve a major revamp of current traffic schemes, including removal of some of the SSL segregated cycle routes. The architectural plans are exciting though...

**** Please note change of venue ****



Spring Ride

James Brander is leading a ride on the first day of British Summer Time, Sunday 1 April, starting at 11am from the Interchange Centre (aka Hampstead Old Town Hall) Haverstock Hill (opposite to and uphill of Belsize Park Station). Ride along the Thames towpath to Richmond, returning via Wimbledon Common, the river Wandle and Clapham Common. Lunch and tea stops.



Hampstead Heath: URGENT

The City of London Corporation is requesting responses to Stage 1 of its Heath Management Plan. It is essential that the case for cycling should be made by many individuals as well as the campaign, by 20th May 2007. Please visit give feedback via the form on their website on:

<http://tinyurl.com/38lcbh>

CCC has written a detailed response, in which the main point is to ask for cycle links from the edges of the Heath to the existing cycleways, for example, the path beside the Lido, Lime Avenue and Millfield Lane. We would also benefit from as many individual responses as possible. (Remember, the Heath for Feet crowd is battling hard against us!) You can find a summary of our campaign and our full response on our website. Please try to support the case for better cycle links.

Another Death

It is my sad duty to inform you that a woman cyclist was killed in a collision with a lorry on Russell Square, on 8 March 2007. HGVs are involved in a disproportionate number of cyclist fatalities in London. Keep well clear, or well in front, of trucks and never ride on their 'inside'.

Dr Bike & Maintenance Workshops

We are sorry that we can't hold any more of our popular Maintenance Workshops until the autumn.

Dr Bike will make appearances outside West Hampstead Library (corner of West End Lane & Dennington Park Road, NW6) on the following dates:

Saturday 31 March from 1200-1700

Saturday 5 May from 1200-1700

Saturday 16 June ditto

Saturday 30 June ditto

Saturday 28 July ditto

Design Against Crime

After Adam Thorpe of the Design Against Crime Research Centre spoke to us in December, he invited CCC to come to test some new designs for bike stands. So we turned up with a variety of different sorts of bikes on Friday 9th February a very cold morning.

There were about ten imaginative designs; most were intended to secure a bike with a single lock, to give additional protection to at least one of the wheels and to stop the bike falling over.

The Sheffield stand with dangling chains worked beautifully with Meade's large wheel bike; just two of the chains secured his two wheels and went through his D-lock which secured the frame of the bike to the stand. It didn't work with Jean's Moulton as the wheels are too near to the ground.

We were pleased to be able to help Adam by providing feedback on the designs in return for his talk about securing bikes and the entertaining videos of cycle theft that he showed. Adam was a bit disappointed that we turned up with only one lock each, but he said 80% of bikes owners use only one lock.

Jean Dollimore



Could this design be prised off the ground too easily? [Ed]



At least this one needs to be secured to two slabs [Ed]

Summer Is Icumen In!

CCC will again be at the **Green Fair and BikeFest** in Regent's Park this year. It's on Sunday 3 June, from noon to 6.30pm. Contact Stefano for more details.

We have lots planned for **Bike Week**

Saturday 16 June: **Dr Bike** West Hampstead (see above)

Sunday 17 June: **Ride with James**. Meet Interchange 10.30. Lunch in a park café.

Wednesday 20 June: **Cyclists' Breakfast** 8-10 am Ossluston Street by British Library. Contact: Jane



Two of our Breakfast 'Regulars'

Sunday 24 June: The **new** Camden peripherique ride, devised by Paul Braithwaite, will visit all Camden's electoral wards. Meet Camden Town Hall, Judd Street 10.30 am. About 26 miles. Route map on:

<http://tinyurl.com/2v44lq>

The **Tour de France** starts in London this year on Saturday 7 July. Cyclists from all around the town will converge for a privileged view from The Mall. Meet at Hampstead Theatre, Eton Avenue.

As always, fuller details are available on our website (see above).

Google Maps

CCC's google maps overlays have now been enhanced to display Bike Shops and Cycle Parking. We hope that members will note the locations of cycle stands as they go about their daily journeys. Contact Jean Dollimore for information about how to add these to the map. It would be great to have complete mapping of all the cycle parking in our area.

<http://tinyurl.com/wccwc> will give access to our map.