



## **JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

from the local group of  
London Cycling Campaign in Camden

In this month's newsletter we have:

- Camden safe cycle infrastructure highlights 2022
- Better Streets Summit - Thursday 26 Jan
- Islington Council to introduce low-traffic schemes on 70% of roads
- The truth about low traffic neighbourhoods - Possible & Uni of Westminster
- Women's Wonder Ride - 5 March
- Kentish Town Bike Workshop - 13 Feb

## **CAMDEN CYCLE INFRA HIGHLIGHTS 2022**

Camden has again made large strides in cycling provision with 2022 bringing the total length of protected cycle lanes to nearly 29km, from just 8km prior to 2020.

The new route on Haverstock Hill was 2022's most important addition to the cycle network. In addition, Camden has decided that the pop-up routes on Prince of Wales Road eastbound, York Way, Pancras Road and Chalk Farm Road will be made permanent, with stepped tracks and improved junctions.

Work started in the autumn on the Prince of Wales Road eastbound route.

**(See link below for Jean's full report)**

What else could be possible now there is some real momentum? The most important thing you could do to help bring about further progress is to:

- respond positively to the consultations
- become a cycle buddy
- help out at the Bike Workshop
- make time to come along to our monthly meetings, and put forward your ideas for how you would like to see Camden, the rest of London and beyond, be transformed to enable anyone and everyone to cycle.

[Read Jean's report here](#)



## **BETTER STREETS SUMMIT 1 - THURSDAY 26 JAN**

The Better Streets Summit events of 2023 from Urban Design Group & London Living Streets will bring leading experts, latest projects and visionary thinking.

Thursday, 26 January 2023, 2.15 – 5:30pm (Register at Eventbrite; link below)  
70 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6EJ

- **Camden's Future High Streets programme**  
**Cllr Adam Harrison**, Cabinet Member for A Sustainable Camden.  
Adam leads Camden's work on the environment; his main goals include cleaning up Camden's air, making our streets safer, greener and healthier for all, and tackling the climate & ecological emergency locally.
- **A new Kitemark for Walking Quality**  
**Chris Martin**, Urban Design Group and Urban Movement.  
Chris is Co-Founder & Director of Urban Strategy at Urban Movement, Vice Chair of UK Urban Design Group, a contributor to NACTO 'Designing Streets for Kids' Manual & Urbanism Podcast host
- **Developing a Hackney Walking Network**  
**Emma Griffin** - Vice Chair, London Living Streets & Co-founder, Footways London, will speak about a Hackney walking network, connecting the town centre with other parts of the borough towards a regeneration project.

Book a place at the Better Streets Summit here



## ISLINGTON INTRODUCING LTNS ON 70% OF ROADS

Islington Borough Council has announced plans to remove through traffic from a further six zones. This will bring the proportion of low-traffic streets in Islington to 70% of the total roads. [Visit the Islington Council website for full details, including maps and consultation arrangements.](#)

The seven current Islington LTNs will also remain in place.

The proposals won council backing but remain subject to consultation before a planned implementation in April.

Photo: Chris Kenyon

Read about Islington's low-traffic zones (*Evening Standard*)



## THE TRUTH ABOUT LOW TRAFFIC NEIGHBOURHOODS

Possible and University of Westminster's Active Travel Academy have conducted the biggest ever study into the impact of LTNs and the evidence is in: they work!

This report shows that most streets within LTNs see reductions in traffic, improving the experience of walking and cycling. 2/3 of these neighbourhoods now have flows of below 1000 motor vehicles a day, compared to only 2/5 before.

Across London the average traffic reduction within LTNs was 46.9%.

Furthermore, there is little indication of this traffic being simply displaced onto boundary roads. Average motor traffic counts showed that on boundary roads, traffic changed relatively little - with a less than 1% increase on the mean average of 11,000 vehicles that pass through boundary roads on a typical day.

Average decreases in motor traffic on roads within LTNs are almost ten times higher than average increases in motor traffic on boundary roads.

[Link to LTN report](#)



## **WOMEN'S WONDER RIDE - 5 MARCH**

LCC is organising a ride for International Women's Day calling for London to be a city where *\*everyone\** can cycle.

The Women's Wonder Ride (Sunday, 5th March) - for all who identify as women or non-binary and their allies - is both a celebration and a call to action. It will be a fun ride along protected cycle lanes and traffic-free routes in central London, with the serious aim of calling for a London where everyone can cycle. It will be led and marshaled and we'll go at a gentle pace for an hour maximum, covering about 8km, so it's suitable for kids.

The route will include Hyde Park to Buckingham Palace, Parliament Square and the Embankment.

LCC is joined by partners Londra Bisiklet Kulübü and Joy Riders plus other community groups to run the ride.

The ride is currently full, but LCC is aiming to increase the size of the ride so no-one misses out, so please join the waiting list in the meantime to be notified as places become available.

[Book here to join the Women's Ride](#)



## **KENTISH TOWN BIKE WORKSHOP - MON 13 FEB**

Bring your bike and book in to see one of our mechanics. When it's your turn, the mechanic will show you how to check your bike, then show you how to do any necessary repairs yourself. While waiting for your turn, you can observe what others are doing - and there is usually tea and cake!

The mechanics have their own tools and some basic spare parts (brake blocks, cables, inner tubes, repair kits). If your bike needs a part we haven't got, then you can bring it with you to the next workshop.

First come, first served: 6.30 - 8.30pm

Kentish Town Health Centre,  
2 Bartholomew Road,  
Kentish Town, NW5 2BX

[Details of Kentish Town Bike Workshop here](#)

Thanks for reading! Stay warm.

Camden Cyclists



## GET FREE LIGHTS WITH LCC MEMBERSHIP

Camden Cyclists is the local group of the London Cycling Campaign. We rely on our members to enable the work we do.

For a limited period, we'll be sending out a CatEye light set worth £49.99 to new members.\*

Already a member? Refer a friend and you'll both receive lights!

**\*Offer applies to Individual and Household membership purchased via Direct Debit.**

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