



Newsletter

The Cycle Campaign Group
for Warwick, Leamington
and
Kenilworth

June 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday 24th June

7.30 p.m.

Café Rouge (upstairs)

Regent Street

Leamington Spa

Everyone Welcome

Welcome!

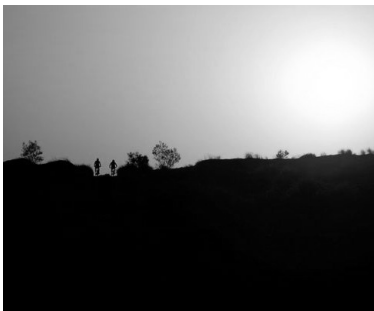
Come to our next meeting which is on Wednesday the 24th of June at Café Rouge in Regent Street in Leamington at 7.30p.m. We will be discussing among other things, the Warwick Cycle Forum and the plans and proposals of the County

Council for cycle schemes in the area. Hopefully we will have more information about the extension of the Warwick to Leamington scheme beyond Tesco's including the Portobello Bridge which is a different scheme (bridges are a

different department). This is a very important scheme and we want to make sure that it is done right.

I've included minutes of our last meeting so you can see what was discussed last time.

Tony



Leamington Peace Festival (13-14th June)

The Peace Festival takes place in the Pump Room Gardens next weekend (13th and 14th June). We will be having a stand there to promote cycling, highlight campaign issues and to hopefully attract new members. As usual I

will need volunteers to help man the stand throughout the weekend. So if you are free give me a call (0771 938 6918) or e-mail me at cycleways-editor@googlemail.com

It is a good event with a

friendly and laid back ambience. Most visitors to the stand are happy to talk and are receptive to our ideas



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Cycle Forum

The next Warwickshire County Council Cycle Forum takes place on the 9th of June. This is the forum where WCC officially consults on cycling affairs. Cy-

cleways sends a couple of representatives as does the CRC and Sustrans. The remaining members are made up of independents or representatives of compa-

nies. We will be reporting back on the business discussed at the forum at the next meeting.



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Warwick to Leamington Cycle Route/Portobello Bridge

We have still not seen any plans for the Em-scote Rd extension to Leamington. It is scheduled to be discussed at the Cycle Forum on 9th June so perhaps plans will be presented then. We did have some response to our comments we made about the WCC response to our proposals for the route. We commented that we were dismayed that the study had not included the Rugby Road

junction or the Tesco junction as these are probably the most difficult points on the route for cyclists. We were happy that they thought a contraflow cycle lane in Regent Street was a good possibility. This reply was from a different officer who was much more reserved about the possibility of a contraflow cycle lane on Regent Street. He did say that the reason that Arup did not look at the

Rugby Road junction was because there was a study under way for this junction already with money from the Potterton's development to pay for improvements. This is the first we have heard of this. The reason they did not look at the Tesco junction is because there is a safety review being conducted on that junction. Again this is the first we have heard of this.

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Extraordinary Cycles Event in Leamington

I have reproduced this flyer on behalf of Hybrid Arts:-

"Hybrid Arts are launching a celebration of cycling and cyclists on **Sunday 26th July from 12pm on Leamington Spa's Parade**, as part of the London 2012 Open Up Weekend celebrations. The event will include a flatlanding display, cycling flash mob and a leisure ride from Coventry to Leamington's Spencer Yard and back.

Mass Participation – we are closing the parade in Leamington Spa to cars – come on your bike!

We would like to work with all interested partners to gather as many cyclists together to join us in a flash mob of hundreds of cyclists gathered together in a mass participation at 12.00 noon. This will be covered by regional and national press, and create a positive marketing event for all cyclists of every kind.

What is Extraordinary Cycles?

Extraordinary Cycles is a ground-breaking partnership project between Hybrid Arts and Coventry Transport Museum which celebrates the marriage of sport and art through exploring and developing the art form of dancing on bikes. See the R& D of this so far : http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eelVwr9-Aps&feature=channel_page



We aim to create a ground swell of public awareness, celebrating all aspects of the bicycle:

- Heritage of cycles and cycling
- The environmental aspect of cycling
- Effective lobbying to make roads safer for cycling
- Celebration of cycles in film with archive and contemporary footage

The purpose of this Cultural Olympiad London 2012 project is to use the Open Up theme to open up streets for better cycling opportunities for all to celebrate cycling in the wider context.

And you are invited

Join us in this event, which will take place annually on the open up weekend in July up until 2012. Everyone is welcome.

Coventry Cycling Conference

June 2009

A couple of weekends ago Cyclic (the Coventry cycling campaign group) and the Coventry Transport organized a Cycling Conference for all the various cycling groups in and around Coventry to meet and discuss topics of common interest.. It was part of the Coventry Festival of Cycling.

Around thirty delegates turned up. They represented a wide variety of interest groups. There were the campaign groups such as ourselves and Cyclic, groups organizing rides including various chapters of the

who are interested in promoting cycling for children by providing safe facilities and training. There was even the owner of a Coventry based bike courier service. There was lots to discuss and it was interesting to learn how other groups achieve results.

One group that impressed me was Solihull Cycling who manage to get large numbers of people out on rides most weekends through the summer. If we want to get a rides programme running, we could learn a lot from them.

It seems that a lot of people achieve results by just getting on and doing something worthwhile often despite local authorities.

Though there was not a conclusion from the conference a group of delegates will meet again to set some goals for cycling in the area. It is hoped that the conference will be held again next year with even more groups represented

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At the last Cycleways meeting we discussed...

- Portobello Bridge. James had just heard from John Harvey, WCC Cycling officer, that the bridge engineers have agreed to meet with interested parties prior to any further discussions with the Warwick Area Committee.
- Warwick Town Centre scheme, when completed, may interfere with the annual Cycle Race. It is considered that the town centre scheme is more important than the race which is for 1 day of the year.
- A452 Keith advised us of the planned closures of sections of the A452 due to work on a gas pipe line. Suggested that we contacted WCC to ask that the closed sections are kept open for cyclists and pedestrians.
- Warwick Hospital. Margaret highlighted the fact that there is still no provision for cycle parking at this main hospital. We should raise this at the next Cycle Forum
- Web site Suggestion is that we should keep a list of WCC and Warwick District councillors available to enable members to be able to contact the right person when needed.
- Warwick Leamington cycle route extension. The response that Tony has received from John Harvey still does not provide satisfactory solutions to a number of the major junctions, such as the Tesco junction over the canal. Tony will reply. They wish to continue the consultation through the Cycle Forum.
- Peace Festival 13th/14th June. Tony will e-mail out a rota list. Suggested main theme is Cycleways recommendations for the Warwick to Leamington cycle route, with WCC ideas alongside, leaving space for public comment.
- May be worth inviting the Courier to visit our stand to hear the cyclists' views.

Extraordinary Cycles Event in Leamington cont...



Extraordinary Cycles aims to involve all people – leisure cyclists, professionals and cycling organisations – using sport and art to give power and weight to the presence of cycling, attracting new cyclists and lobbying for improved cycling conditions for all.

We hope the project will stretch people's imaginations about the possibilities of how cycling can improve the quality of communities and the environment. “



Information

What is **Cycleways**?

We are a campaign group working towards improving conditions for cyclists in the Leamington, Warwick and Kenilworth area.

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**The Cycle Campaign
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When and where are meetings?

We meet between once a month or every other month depending on what is going on. The meetings are usually on a Wednesday, at Café Rouge in Regent Street, Leamington at 7:30pm. Call for details of the next meeting. We typically have 5-15 people at meetings. Additional meetings are arranged at various homes when required.

Subscriptions?

To show their support people are invited to contribute £5 annually (per household) annually in October, with an optional £2.00 for the K2L campaign. If you are due to renew, a notice will be attached to your newsletter. Please consider paying your subscription by standing order. You won't forget it and we don't have to run around chasing subscriptions.

Is **Cycleways** connected to any other organisations?

Some members are in the CTC Cyclists' Rights Network which provides good technical and campaigning advice. SALRUA - to help encourage provision for cycles on trains and stations. We also support Sustrans, Transport 2000 and the Slower Speeds Initiative.

When did **Cycleways** start?

The **Cycleways** group started in 1991 and has over 100 supporters.

Benefits

Supporters receive newsletters periodically, typically about 4-6 a year.

Broadribbs Cycleshop and John Atkins Cycles in Leamington kindly offer a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card.

Website

We now have a new website—www.warwickcycleways.org.uk. It has yet to be populated with information, but we hope to do that soon. We will keep you informed of progress through the newsletter or you can check periodically.

Help Wanted

Andy Adkin of Sustrans is looking for Volunteers to help guide the rides from Bikes at the Ride on the 21st June. This would involve riding a section of the route (2 miles worth) to monitor progress of riders, and guiding some riders along on request. There's also some Static marshall posts that need to be covered, if you've non-riders who may like to help.

“Can I please ask you to forward my request to your organisations membership and ask that anyone interested in helping out please contact me to let me know.

We are arranging lunch to be provided for all Marshalls/Ride Guides that day.

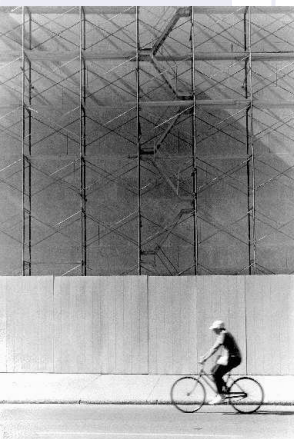
Cheers Andy
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If you are interested in helping please contact Andy direct or contact the editor and we will forward your offer.



If you have any comments on the content of the Cycleways newsletter, or would like to make a contribution to the next one, please e-mail:

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or call the normal number.