



Newsletter

The Cycle Campaign Group
for Warwick, Leamington
and
Kenilworth

September 2009

Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th September

7.30 p.m.

Café Rouge (upstairs)

Regent Street

Leamington Spa

Everyone Welcome



Welcome New Members!

Welcome to all new members.

This newsletter is the main method of letting members know what we have been up to.

An even better way to find out what is going on is to come along to one of our meetings.

The next meeting is on Wednesday the 9th of September. The Café Rouge is a very congenial venue and we are

very pleased to see everyone who turns up.

This summer far from being a quiet time has seen a flurry of activity regarding the WCC's plans for the Portobello Bridge and the junctions at each end.

We have been working together with other interested parties to try and get a good solution adopted on this

crucial route. See Rodney's article on page two. This scheme will be the main topic of discussion at the next meeting. You will be able to hear more about the negotiations with the council and have an input to our other activities. So please come along if you are free.

Tony

Subscriptions

Unfortunately it is that time of year again. Cycleways Subscriptions are due in October. Members who have not already paid or have not set up a standing order will receive a reminder. If you joined at or near the Peace Festival you won't need to pay until next year.

Please try and pay on time as it takes a lot of effort to chase people up. Better still, fill in the standing order mandate attached to the newsletter and send it to your bank and you needn't remember to write a cheque again.

If a subscription is not paid by the end of the year, membership will automatically lapse.

When subscriptions have been received, receipts and membership cards will be delivered with the next newsletter.

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Portobello Bridge/Greville Rd/Rugby Rd

The past two months has seen a considerable amount of activity in trying to arrive at a cycle-friendly solution to this intimidating section of the Emscote Rd.

The saga to the Portobello Bridge has dragged on for some years, but this summer WCC produced a series of options aimed at improving facilities for cyclists and pedestrians. After much discussion with the Portobello Bridge group (consisting of Leamington Society, Warwick Society, Living Streets and

Cycleways), agreement has been reached on the proposal for a new footbridge on the North side of the existing Portobello Bridge. This will allow for 1.5m cycle lanes each way across the existing bridge, a pavement on the South side and two 3.0m wide traffic lanes.

Improved conditions for cyclists past Greville Rd junction are still being discussed. On the other side of the bridge, for cyclists going east to Leamington via Warwick New Rd,

WCC propose a coloured cycle lane across the mouth of Rugby Rd, the main road. Such a proposal is not supported by Cycleways or any of the other members of the Portobello Bridge group.

If you have an interest in this cycle route and would like to discuss it in more detail, come along to our meeting at Cafe Rouge 9th September. Large scale drawings will be available our discussions.

Rodney

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Peace Festival

As usual we participated in Leamington’s Peace Festival in June. We had good weather though it seemed rather quieter than last year. Nonetheless we had a continuous stream of cyclists, would-be cyclists and would cycle more but-ists. It is encouraging that more people than ever are keen to get on their bikes. However it is a shame that

many are put off by the perception of danger on the roads. It is quite understandable and something we are trying to address. It is frustrating not to be able to report more progress.

One of the most common questions was “How do I get to... Coventry (Warwick University)/Wellesbourne/

Sainsbury’s safely from here?”. It seems many students would like to cycle to Warwick University if it was easier.

I’d like to thank everyone who helped out on the stall. You all helped make it a successful event.

Rides

Do you have any favourite local rides? If you do, please let me know at the cycleways.editor@googlemail.com e-mail address.

We have always tried to

organize rides though with limited success. If we can publish dates and routes of proposed rides on our web site (when it is up and running) we will hopefully get better attendance. It also

gives people the opportunity to do the rides themselves at their convenience.



Warwick Cycle Races

If this newsletter reaches you in time, I would like to remind you of this year’s Warwick Town Centre races will be held on Sunday 6th September. It kicks off at 11 a.m. See www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cyclerraces for more details.

Though the above title may not what it is/will be called, this group got together following the Coventry Cycling Conference. The object is to maintain some of the links made at the Conference and try and formalize it into a central exchange of local cycling information. Initially the aim is to establish a calendar of cycling events. The hope is to get something every month. The problem has been that there are a lot of events that are local to one school perhaps which would work well

in other schools or organizations.

We tried to come up with some ideas for events that could be held to fill in the holes in the calendar (not surprisingly in the winter months). One for near Christmas would be 'Bling Bikes'. This could be aimed at primary school children with a competition to do their bikes up with as many lights and as much reflective/fluorescent material as possible. It fits in nicely with the road safety message.

If any of you know of cycling events being organized or would be interested in organizing events along these lines contact me at the cycleways_editor e-mail. Cycleways members could help with organization and publicity maybe. I will report any developments in this group.

The Cycling Conference is likely to be repeated next year possibly as a regional event. It seems like a good mechanism for bringing together the surprisingly large number of cycling groups.

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At the last Cycleways meeting we discussed...

1. Transition Towns - LSpa

It seems to us that we should have some input into this initiative, led by Leamington Town Council. Julie will investigate.

2. Warwick Cycle Forum

Tony gave feedback from the meeting on 9 June.

Shires Retail Park route: now includes a Toucan crossing to the back of Sainsbury.

Cycle parking in town centres: now consulting so send in ideas. Proposals for best practice for long stay

cycle parking are awaited.

Railway station travel plans: to be implemented by 2011.

Bishops Tachbrook to Warwick Gates: now complete.

North Leamington Safe Route to School 'complete' but wrong by all DoT guidelines. Rodney to report – it seems

£400k has been wasted.

Aylesford to Woodloes: involves crossing Saltisford Common, there is an alignment issue with the public footpath, and need to re-designate.

WCC to meet WDC soon.

Myton Rd West: seeking Cycling England guidance.

Connect2: going forward well.

Wwk to Lspa: See also 3. Below.

A safety review of the Tesco Junction is in hand.

Contraflow on Regent St? Now thought better as shared space ... otherwise illegal parking would negate the value

of the contraflow lane. WCC plan a two stage implementation of the route but details still a bit vague

Noted the WCC training course happened & was useful.

3. Portobello Bridge.

See article.

4. Peace Festival

See article.

5. Website

We do not have the Warwickshire Communities option (WCC have cut it back) so we need an alternative host with similar edit-sharing abilities. We should be prepared to pay say £40 p.a if we have to. Note that Katerina would be happy to help.

6. Coventry Cycling Festival and Coventry Cycling Conference.

All local cycling groups were invited, there was good networking between the 30 delegates from 16 organisations.

Richard reported that the proceedings will be circulated, and they plan an events website to increase participation.

They hope next year's event will be even bigger.

7. Extraordinary Cycle Event

Visit www.hybridarts.co.uk/projects/extraordinarycycledance.html

Richard reported this event on 26th July, organised by Hybrid Arts in LSpa and Coventry Transport Museum, part of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. There will be events throughout Europe. The Parade will be closed, and there will be a Guided Ride from Coventry. So big that Seb Coe may come, and they will need marshals. Tony to coordinate with Hybrid Arts for us maybe to do a mailshot at HA expense.

8. K2L

Richard reported this had fallen into a hole again. Unfortunately Richard & Jenny Morris were unwell. Richard has got Sustrans interested, via Ed Healey, Sustrans Local Manager.

9. British Waterways

Consultation planned in September. David Beal to be our representative.

10. LTP3

WCC want consultation responses before Aug 7. We therefore need a premeeting in July.

WCC will issue a draft next Spring, it will cover 2011 to 2016.

12. AOB: Stephen Holt organises regular rides for Solihull Cycling, using website. Can he come and tell us how?





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Information

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.

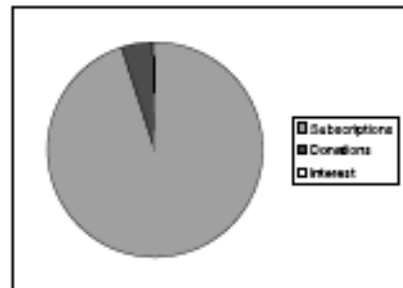
Broadribbs Cycleshop and John Atkins Cycles in Leamington kindly offer a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card.

Cycleways Annual Accounts Summary

Cycleways Accounts 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

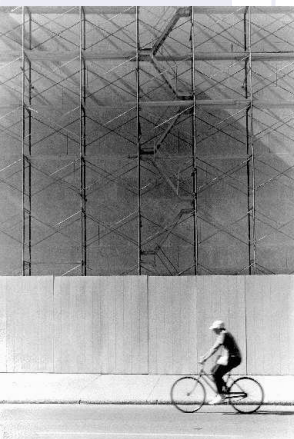
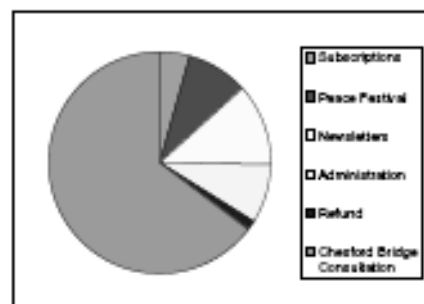
Receipts

Subscriptions	£438.00
Donations	£23.00
Interest	£0.72
Total	£461.72
Opening Balance	£1,211.84
Total	£1,673.56



Payments

Subscriptions	£24.00
Peace Festival	£50.00
Newsletters	£65.90
Administration	£48.69
Refund	£7.00
Chester Bridge Consultation	£360.00
Total	£555.59
Closing Balance	£1,117.97
Total	£1,673.56



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.