
HUBbub

Newsletter of Redbridge, Havering, and Barking & Dagenham LCC Groups

October – November 2008

Redbridge LCC Group Meetings

Join us on the third Tuesday in the month at Wanstead House, 21 The Green, E11, and enjoy cheap drinks and free chat in the bar afterwards!

**Tuesday 21st October 8pm
Wanstead House
Follow-Up report and
discussion on the September
Redbridge Cycle Liaison Group
Meeting with Council Officers.**
Agenda to include planning matters, future spending on cycle facilities etc.

**Tuesday 18th November 8pm
Wanstead House
Speaker: Tony Fincham,
organiser of the December
Santa Ride in aid of 'Whizkids'**
Tony will talk about the work of the 'Whizkids' Charity and facilities for disabled cyclists generally.

A Greenway for Redbridge

A recent 'CRIM' and follow-up meeting looked at options for the 'Greenway for Redbridge', designed by Sustrans and consultants JMP. The route starts at Wanstead Park Road (entrance to Wanstead Park Rec) crosses Valentines Park and proceeds across Eastern Avenue and Fairlop Plain to reach Hainault Forest Country Park.

There are various issues to overcome, in particular with

Crown Lands on Fairlop Plain, where gravel is extracted and some land is leased to farmers. The route looks very promising and the stakeholders are all trying to make it work....

Stratford to Epping Forest – 'Brownway'?

The final 'CRISP' report by consultants MB has been published on this supposedly 'green' route from Stratford to Epping Forest via Wanstead Flats, the Green Man Interchange and Leyton Flats.

Unfortunately the principal stakeholders in this project, City of London, are not so willing to make it work. The Epping Forest Ecologist and Head Keeper were adamant that the preferred routes on Forest Land were unacceptable. Various poor alternatives are proposed - such as a cycle route beside noisy Whipps Cross Road instead of across Leyton Flats.

Cycle Maintenance Workshops

Due to the success of the July and September Workshops at Wanstead House we are proposing a tentative workshop session before Christmas: **Four Wednesday evenings in November** (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November) Please sign up with Terry Hughes if interested: terence.hughes@btinternet.com 07795 981 529

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER EVENTS ROUNDUP

August

A quiet month, with a lot of people on holiday.

We enjoyed a leisurely cycle ride from **Epping Station to Stanford Rivers Church** for tea. This lovely church in an attractive rural setting is open every Sunday for tea and home-made cakes until the end of September, and it makes a nice round trip from Epping Station.

Put your bikes for free on the Central Line train at Snaresbrook or Leytonstone stations to Epping to avoid cycling through the boring bits. Use OS map 167 (Chelmsford) with you to work out a simple route to Stanford Rivers. If you want to go further and still have tea during the winter months, go to Blackmore for tea at Jericho Cottage.

Our short family ride around Wanstead Flats on a circuit of grassy paths was followed by a ride inside the City of London Cemetery, finishing up with tea at the pleasant Gatehouse Café

We had to change our planned route as currently Wanstead Flats & surrounding area is seriously disrupted by unsightly Thames Water pipeline works. A new water treatment plant is being

constructed in Beckton, and the treated water will be pumped through the new pipeline to their reservoir in Woodford via Whipps Cross. The route affecting Epping Forest land starts at Manor Park, up through Bush Wood, under Hollow Ponds then up to Woodford via the old Rising Sun pub. The main work should be completed by Summer 2009.

The new **Redbridge Cycling Centre at Hog Hill** opened with lots of fun events at the Bank Holiday Weekend, and should expect a lot of interest after the fantastic success of our Team GB cyclists in the Beijing Olympics. Your editor tried the circuit and was impressed. Phone Manager Ian Coles for details: 07988 68011

September

A busy month!

It started with a very popular weekend **trip to Harwich** for the annual Essex Churches Ride, sponsoring Redbridge LCC member June Cocksedge.

The same weekend saw **Dr Bike** and an LCC stall at the **Wanstead Festival**.

Our September Group Meeting hosted the Director of LCC, **Koi Thompson**. Then at the end of September we led a feeder ride to the **Freewheel Ride** in Central London to enjoy a traffic-free circuit round the tourist sites.

Coming Up...

Please see our website

www.redbridgegcc.org.uk

for details of future rides and events. We welcome any suggestions for rides and events, and particularly offers to lead or organise them. We send out regular emails with 'Coming Up' event listings to those on our **mailing list**.

If you want to join the email list please contact:
gilljames@btinternet.com

For a fuller list of rides and other events in the area, check out
www.stibasa.org.uk.

Haveing CTC Rides

Haveing CTC has rides most Sundays from the Upminster area.
Contact: David Rowlands
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For Sale

CHILDREN'S BIKES

'Apollo', red & blue frame
age 4-6 £10
'Matterhorn', pink frame
age 9-10 £15
'Raleigh', dark blue frame
age 6-8 £10
'Spiderman', orange frame
age 6-8 £10

CHILDREN'S BIKE SEAT

Toddler's 'Bodyguard TUV', for age 1-3, to fit on back of bike, good condition £10

Contact to view: Gill and Alan
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Critical Mass

<http://cmlondon.enrager.net/>

Massive ride leaving Waterloo Bridge at 6.00 to 6.30pm on the last Friday of every month. You really should go at least once in your life and see the sights of central London in a group of hundreds of cyclists. It is a great experience. Richard Everett usually goes, leaving Walthamstow about 5:15 p.m.

Contact: Richard 020 8491 6906

N.B. If you intend to go on a ride, please contact the organiser first. Rides have been cancelled because no-one seemed to be interested, only for someone to turn up on the day. To avoid faux pas like this, pick up the phone, even if you're only curious about what the ride involves.

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