
HUBbub

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

February - March 2004

Redbridge Area 6 Success

Congratulations to Area 6 Committee, which did the right thing and approved the next bit of the Ilford High Road LCN+ route. This will be Redbridge's first bit of (very short) cycle route on a dual carriageway, followed by off-road on Philpot Path.

Smartcard Bikeshed

**Redbridge Bikemark
Award of Merit**
'Hubbub' editor and computer whizzkid Chris Elliott (go on, don't edit this out, Chris!) for taking the time and trouble to go to *two* Redbridge Area meetings to convince them that cycle plans were a good idea - and succeeding. (I blush - F.d.)

Scheme

Do you cycle in Walthamstow? Check out the innovative bike parking scheme at the Central Station, borrowed from Belgium. It is the first bikeshed in Britain to provide an individual locking system with the use of a smartcard. Not only is the bike shed locked and opened only with a smartcard, the bike is also locked to an individual post, at a cost of 50p per day. The card is purchased from the ticket office.

Further details:
gina.harkell@lbwf.gov.uk

Redbridge School Travel Plans

Want your school to do something about the dreaded School Run? Contact Council Travel Plan Co-ordinator Scott Wilding if you are keen for your local school to take up the government's offer of £5k for primary schools and £10k for secondary schools to set up a working travel plan. Each pupil in participating schools gets a copy of the excellent booklet 'Cutting Your Car Use'.

Cycling In Redbridge Parks

'Improving Facilities for Cyclists in 5 Redbridge Parks': a report on the investigation by LCC members into existing path widths and surfaces with a view to conversion for shared use has been submitted to the Chief Leisure Officer. We also looked at possible 'green chain' links between parks. Contact Gill if you want a copy.

Local Olympic Velodrome?

If we win the Olympic bid, the Lee Valley Sports Centre in Leyton, currently disused, will be the site for indoor and outdoor cycling competitions. An Olympic 5-6,000 seat velodrome and outdoor cross-country BMX course could be built by 2007.

Next Group Meeting

Next Group Meeting - Tuesday February 10th, Wanstead House, 8pm : Help organise our activities for 2004 and enjoy a drink afterwards at the newly refurbished bar.

Lea Valley Weekend Away

Short weekend trip at the end of February half-term. Cycle 10 miles up the River Lee off-road path, & spend Saturday night (February 21st) at the brand-new, eco-friendly Lee Valley YH Village in a Scandinavian-style wooden chalet. A great place for birdwatching; you might even spot the rare bittern! Ideal short trip for families and new cyclists.

Full board (bed, evening meal, breakfast & Sunday lunch): £26.70; U-18s £21.30. Contact Alan:
alan.j.james@btinternet.com

Winter Rides Rock!

Sixteen very wet cyclists enjoyed a trip to the superb free exhibitions at the Museum of London on a soaking Sunday in November; twenty Cycling Santas raised about £350 for the charity Whizzkids before Christmas- and made the local papers; and thirteen people cycled to Hackney in winter sunshine to enjoy a relaxed post-Christmas veggie meal at 'Pumpkins'. Our rides are fun whatever the weather and we try to provide variety to suit all tastes. Ideas for rides welcome, especially for children. Why not come along and help plan our programme at the Redbridge LCC Group Meeting on February 10th - or just join in the rides?

Local LCC Email List

Not already on our group e-mail list for 'Hubbub' and all those vital 'What's On' notices between mailings? Then you should be! e-mail

gilljames@btinternet.com

now.

For Sale

1. Saracen Downhill Mbike - full suspension 21 gears. Designed to be a heavy bike. £60.
2. Scott Teton Mbike - 17.5" rigid frame 21 gears. £45.
3. Diamondback ladies Mbike - 21 gears rigid frame. Medium size. £35.
4. Diamondback gents Mbike - 18 gears rigid frame. Medium size. £30.
5. Diamondback gents Mbike - 21 gears rigid frame. Large size. £40.
6. Mongoose BMX bike - canti brakes, gyro hdset. stunt pegs f+r. £40.
7. Aluminium framed roadster - Dutch/Scandinavian make, 7 speed twist grip hub gear, back pedal brake, mgds and rack. £70.
8. Holdsworth Hybrid - 21 gear older bike that has been little used. £45.

Contact: Leslie Everest 020 8989 8429

Children's Bikes

Peugeot EXO: yellow straight handle-bar mountain-bike type, suit 6-8 years £40 ono
Raleigh CORAL: pink, small wheels & stabilisers, suit 3-6 years £25 ono

Tel: Sullivan 020 8989 7052 (Aldersbrook)

Coming Up...

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

February

Monday 2nd February

Redbridge Area 2 Committee

7.15pm, Sir James Hawkey Hall in Woodford Green.

Go along and support Gill and others in the ongoing campaign to secure a high quality riverside cycle route down the Roding Valley.

Tuesday February 10th

Redbridge LCC Group Meeting

Planning Rides & Campaigns
Wanstead House, 21 The Green, E11, 8pm

Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd February Lee Valley ride and YH trip

Cycle 10 miles up the Lee off-road path, and enjoy a night at the new youth hostel, cycle home Sunday p.m. Full board: Adults £26-70, U18s £21.30.

Contact: Alan 020 8989 4898
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Wednesday February 25th Cycle Maintenance Course

Week One of Four
In the garage of Wanstead House, 7-9pm, 4 week course, £10. Book in advance.

Contact: Gill 020 8989 4898

March

Sunday March 28th

Geffrye Museum

Ride to this (free) museum in Kingsland Road Hackney, a small but delightful gem set in 18th century almshouses. Meet 11am at Leytonstone Tube Station (High Road side). Sandwiches or lunch at Museum café.

Contact: Alan 020 8989 4898

May

Fri 1st - Bank Holiday Mon 3rd

Woody's Top YH

Trip to this small, very peaceful self-catering hostel in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

Contact: Hilary 020 8530 4205

Critical Mass

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

Massive ride leaving Waterloo Bridge at 6.00 to 6.30pm, last Friday of every month. You really should go at least once in your life and see the sites of central London in a group of 100s of cyclists. It is a great experience. Richard Everett usually goes, leaving Walthamstow about 5:15 p.m, or contact Gregory Moffatt for information about the Newham contingent.

Contact: Richard 020 8491 6906

Gregory 020 8555 2102

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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