
HUBbub

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

December 2004 – January 2005

TfL Signals Blackmail

“Transport for London is committed to making cycling safer and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities, wherever they live, work or visit in London”

Recent TfL leaflet 'London's Life Cycle'

Despite this commitment, TfL claim that retaining cycle lanes in the proposed new signalised junction at High Road/New Road will cause unacceptably long traffic queues on Seven Kings High Road. Local councillors disagree, and want to keep cycle lanes and ASLs in the junction, which is on an LCN+ route. Now TfL has threatened not to fund traffic lights at all so Area 5 councillors have reluctantly caved in under what they feel is blackmail. However, they will review the situation and are sending TfL a letter stating their position

Roding Valley Way

Motor Bike Problems & Path Width

Complaints from local residents in the Chigwell Road area about the long-standing nuisance caused by noisy and aggressive trail-bike riders has led to demands for more secure entry gates on the Roding Valley Way. Designs for gates which admit wheelchairs, cycles, pushchairs and horses whilst excluding trail-bikes do exist, and can be installed, but have an adverse effect on usage by legitimate users. Redbridge LCC have submitted suggestions, but

advise caution in their implementation, as research suggests that entry gates don't really make a lot of difference as the young bikers will just find another way of getting in.

Section 1, from Chigwell Road to Ray Park & Essex, is the next section of the Roding Valley Way to be constructed. An off-road path on the East bank of the river has been agreed as far as Ray Park (not Snakes Lane as originally proposed) on Environment Agency land. However, the E.A. insists on a path width of 2.5m instead of the agreed 1.5m, to allow access for their vehicles, so Area 2 will debate the path width issue at the November meeting.

Redbridge LCC Group Meeting/Christmas Drinks

Tuesday December 14th 8pm

The Group Meeting on Tuesday December 14th (8pm) will combine a Group Meeting and Christmas drinks/nibbles/general social chit-chat.

The meeting will be at Gill & Alan's, 29 Clavering Road E12, where we can access Redbridge LCC's new website and discuss how to keep it updated. It is vital to keep the website fresh; group contributions are essential.

Wanstead Festival Success

Despite not being car-free, Wanstead Festival in September was a popular and successful event. Dr Bike was worked off his feet and the Children's Cycle Circuit was particularly busy all

day from 11am-5pm, with some kids coming back for more as often as 30 times. It was a real pleasure to see childrens' delight in learning new skills such as cycling the seesaw! By popular demand, the Festival Committee will try to persuade Area 1 to make the 2005 Wanstead Festival car-free again.

June Breaks Own Record In Charity Ride

Wanstead & Woodford 'Guardian' made a feature of June Cocksedge's Essex Churches Ride in September. In 2003 she raised £500, the most a single rider raised in Redbridge, and this year she raised a spectacular £650 for the conservation of Essex churches. A contingent of LCC riders accompanied her on a sunny 30 mile ride round 17 country churches. Next year there are plans to base the ride round a weekend in Saffron Walden Youth Hostel for a change.

'Three Nations' Cycle Tour To Nurnburg: Spring 2005

Barking and Dagenham will be organising another cycle tour with their twin towns of Witten in Germany and Beauvais in France during the week 30th April-8th May 2005, this time to Nürnberg in Germany. Cost approx. £280-320.

Full details from Colin Newman:
www.stibasa.org.uk

B&B Recommendation

Member Neil Crisp recommends a Weymouth, Dorset guest-house which is cycle and walker friendly: Pebblesguesthouse.co.uk
www.pebblesguesthouse.co.uk

David Walton Bicycles

David successfully sold some very nice bikes to some satisfied customers at the Wanstead Festival for as little as £20-£30. How does he do this? He buys bikes at police auctions and sells them on. If you want a second-hand bike, contact David: David Walton, 64, Hollywood Way, Woodford Green IG8 9LQ
Tel: 020 8523 4173 Mobile 0773 0289 145

For Sale:

1. Halfords registration board and lighting cable for a bike carrier
2. Pair of racing shoes size 40 with LOOK cleats
3. LOOK pedals & toe clips

Contact: Geoffrey Whittington
Tel: 020 8521 2683

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!
Email: gilljames@btinternet.com now.

Coming Up...

For a fuller list of rides and other events, check out

www.stibasa.org.uk.

December

Sunday 5th December

Sutton House Craft Fair Ride

Meet 10.30am Leytonstone Station (south side)

Short ride to the oldest house in Hackney (entry £2.20)

Lunch and shopping for Christmas gifts - ideal for shopaholics and local history buffs. Return mid-afternoon.
Contact: Alan James 020 8989 4898
alan.j.james@btinternet.com

Saturday 11th December

Cycling Santas Ride

Critical X-Mass! Short sponsored ride from Walthamstow to Wanstead for

Whizzkidz charity, back by popular request for its third year. Get out your Santa Suits!

Contact: Tony Fincham
020 8558 3801

Tuesday 14th December

Redbridge LCC Group Meeting & Christmas Drinks

8pm, 29 Clavering Road E12 (The James Residence)

Agenda: Redbridge LCC website content, followed by general social.

January

Sunday January 9th

Redbridge LCC New Year Meal/Ride

Meet for the pre-meal ride either at the Castle Pub, High Road, Woodford Green, at 9.15am, or outside Epping Tube Station at 10.15am

Lunch at 12:30pm at the Clocktower restaurant, Station Road, Epping:

Sunday roast £8.95 (veggie alternatives). Possible set menu.

Non-cyclists can walk from Epping tube station. Booking essential.

Contact: Richard Everett

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twojollywheelers@hotmail.com

Sunday January 30th

Roding Valley/Claybury Park Family Ride

Meet Wanstead Park Road, entrance to Wanstead Park Rec, 10am

Please note different date from that advertised in 'London Cyclist'.

Wanstead meeting points can be arranged.

Short morning ride up Roding Valley Way to discover lovely new off-road path near Claybury Woods. 5miles max. Suit families.

Contact: Gill James 020 8989 4898

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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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