
HUBbub

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

October – November 2004

Website Launch

We were a little previous in announcing the launch of the Redbridge website in the last issue of Hubbub. Now we are delighted to announce that it is up and running at

www.redbridgelcc.org.uk

though the *Photogallery* and a few other odds and ends are work in progress. Website content will be one of the topics at Redbridge LCC's next Group Meeting on Tuesday October 12th so if you have any ideas, please come along and help. (Note changed venue for this meeting only.)

Shock Horror! Redbridge Co-Ordinator Change

Gill James and Chris Elliott are now sharing the job of Redbridge LCC Co-ordinator.

LCC AGM Awards: Redbridge Nominate - Guess Who?

He has been cycling continuously for eighty-five years, does not own a car, and is an excellent example of what ninety-one years of a healthy lifestyle can do for you. He still cycles to work on at least one day per week, enjoys cycle-camping, occasionally competes in races, and regularly supports local LCC campaigns and events....

Redbridge is nominating one of its members for the Cycling Personality of the Year Award, to be announced at the LCC AGM on 13th October.

Beckton 'Sustrans' Route Update

The pathway at Beckton is now complete, but has still not been opened due to continuing discussions with Thames Water about a proposal to build a desalination plant on the site. We hope for a favourable resolution shortly as this would be a useful link with the Roding Valley Way.

Redbridge LCC Summer Bikemark of Merit

Goes to the brilliant David Lane, for his unstinting work for the group over 14 years, not least as our Treasurer, and now in the construction of the Redbridge LCC website.

Eastway Must Stay

Eastway Cycle Circuit began its existence as a cycling venue in the early 60s. It occupies 45 acres of open and car-free parkland to the east of Hackney Wick. The site had been a tip for rubbish, blitz rubble, and then road builders' rubble, before it was spotted as a potential cycling venue. The circuit was constructed using the contours left by the dumpers.

Lea Valley Cycle Club was set up at Eastway in 1999 to provide a training facility for young local cycle talent, with the creation of national champions as its ultimate goal.

Children can join at any age between fourteen and eighteen, and need not have any previous experience. The club has eight British Cycling qualified coaches. Training takes place on Saturdays between 10am and 12pm; membership is a trifling £6 per year, plus a small charge for each weekly training session. Bikes can be hired if necessary. Eastway, with its acres of safe quiet space, is a great place to start children cycling.

The children's club is just one of a vast range of cycling events and organisations that use the long-established Eastway. The purpose-built outdoor cycling facility is open throughout the year and hosts road racing, time-trialing, mountain bike and cyclo-cross racing, duathlon and BMX biking, at both national and international level.

This important training venue is currently threatened by the ambitious plans of the London Development Agency's bid for the 2012 Olympics. The Eastway's guardians, Eastway Users Group, welcome the new international-standard Velodrome and BMX track mentioned as part of the bid, but are concerned that land will be lost to the Olympic village and that it will not be replaced with an equivalent acreage: if there is insufficient land, off-road races become unviable.

Another concern is that extensive public access is planned, with many footpaths running back and forwards across the proposed road circuit and off-road area. This

would have serious safety implications for both on and off road racing.

Proposals to leave hockey and baseball facilities within the cycle circuit after the games finish would also result in conflicts of management between cycling and non-cycling activities and the loss of acreage essential to maintaining the length of cycle tracks.

For further info about LUYCC, contact Marc Burden 020 8503 1227. For further info about Eastway events, phone 020 8534 6085 or email cycle@leavalleypark.com or look up www.leavalleypark.com (*Article adapted from 'Tower Hamlets Wheelers' (THW) News' with thanks.*)

Sewa Ride

Now in its third year, this ride forms the conclusion of a week of community service for local Hindu youth through the Sewa International charity.

Sunny weather on Sunday 5th September saw around 100 riders cycle a circular route between local Hindu, Sikh and Sri Lankan temples. Redbridge LCC members assisted with ride planning and marshalling.

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.

October

Tuesday 12th October

Redbridge LCC Group Meeting
8pm, 87 Wanstead Park Avenue, E12
Please note change of venue for this meeting!

Discussion: Redbridge LCC Website content.

Sunday 24th October

Ride to Battersea or Richmond Park

Starting Walthamstow Central Library, High Street E17, at 10am, ride via South Bank and Sustrans Route 4. Contact Len for more details.

Contact: Len Welson, 020 8539 0746
len.welson@islington.gov.uk

November

Sunday 14th November

Western Water Tour

24 mile circular ride on canal towpaths starting from Kew. Pub lunch. Bring lights. Start East Ham Station 9.15am for District Line train to Kew.

Contact: Richard Everett
020 8491 6306
twojollywheelers@hotmail.com

December

Sunday 5th December

Sutton House Craft Fair Ride

Short morning ride to historic Sutton House in Hackney (entry £2.20). Lunch at Sutton House, browse for unusual presents, and see the oldest house in Hackney

Contact: Alan James
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Saturday 11th December

Cycling Santas Ride

Critical X-Mass! Short sponsored ride for Whizzkidz charity, back by popular request for its third year. Start planning your costume now...

Contact: Tony Fincham
020 8558 3801

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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