

NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN was set up in Summer 1990 as an independent pressure group concerned exclusively with the promotion of cycling in the city. It lobbies official bodies for better facilities, encourages employers to cater for cyclists and organises various bike-related events. We are a member of the national Cycle Campaigns Network.

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INTRO

The recent miserable cycling weather has done nothing to dampen our spirits as a campaigning organisation - we've been spurred on by signs that we're now making real headway. Those pedalling through the puddles this winter can look forward to some new cycle facilities in the spring, and there are even brighter times ahead which are sure to bring out the most fair-weather of riders. As a result of sustained national and local campaigning efforts, the coming year will see ever-widening acceptance of the bicycle as a vital element of the urban transport system. This will feed through into decisions made by the planners. So keep pedalling, summer's on the way!

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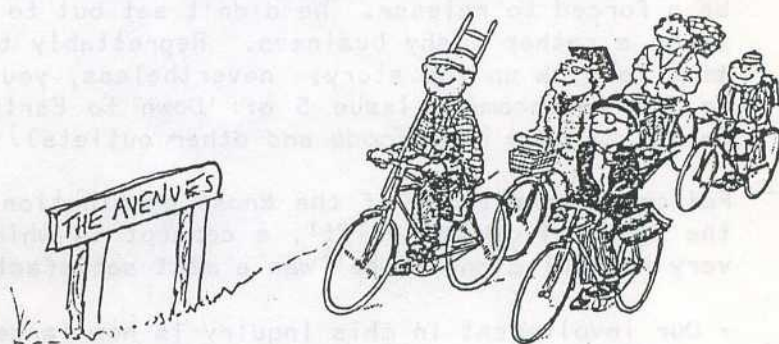
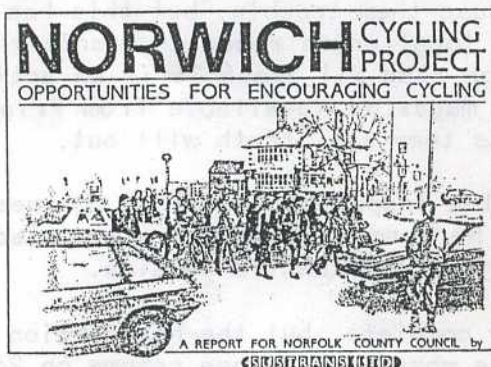
MEETINGS

We are continuing to hold monthly meetings in a room at the Development and Environment Centre, Exchange Street, normally on the *third* Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm. The first meeting of 1993 is an exception - 27th January - then it goes 17th February, 17th March, 21st April and 19th May.

- Please come along if you can.

AVENUE ROAD STRATEGIC ROUTE

Things have hotted up on this one, with proposals for cycle facilities along the section of The Avenues between Bluebell Road and Colman Road being considered by the City Council Planning (Outer Area) Sub-Committee in late November. We were subsequently sent drawings and invited to comment. The proposals include an off-road two-way cycle track along the north verge of the Avenues (Options 1 and 2 depending on the detailed design), an on-road cycle lane along the south side of the carriageway, a signalled crossing on Bluebell Road for pedestrians and cyclists, and advanced stop lines at the traffic signals at Colman Road.



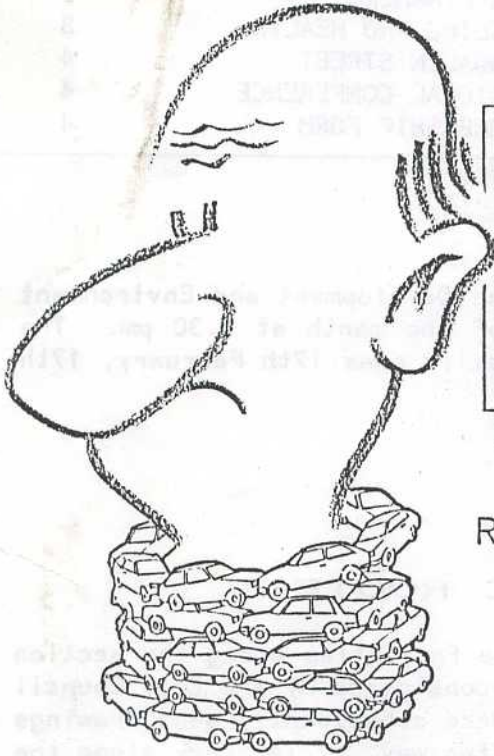
While we're pleased that a start has been made on developing this radial route, we don't think this is the best proposal, (a) because the whole route into the city should be tackled in one go, not piecemeal fashion, and (b) because the proposals do nothing to treat the cause of the hazard - the speed of motor traffic. Off-road tracks are awkward and expensive; we fear that no money would be left for the more tricky sections of the route such as the Avenue Road/Park Lane junction (see Newsletter No.4). Instead, we are backing a campaign by the local councillor for an Option 3 - area-wide traffic calming, as recommended by Sustrans in 1990. To this end, we have delivered leaflets explaining our view to all the residents affected, and requesting them to back our alternative proposals. Many thanks to those who helped with the leafletting.

- Come to a public meeting at Blackdale School on 19th January, 7.30 pm.

INNER RING ROAD PHASE III

The Public Inquiry has occupied the bulk of our campaigning efforts over the past few months, culminating in Matthew's presentation of evidence on behalf of Norwich Cycling Campaign on 25th November. Our 54 pages of evidence and rebuttals focussed on

- the misrepresentation by the County Council of cyclists' needs
- their poor record on providing cycle facilities
- the adverse effects on cycling of the proposed road
- the potential for 'modal shift' from cars to bikes, and
- a description of a positive strategy to encourage cycling.

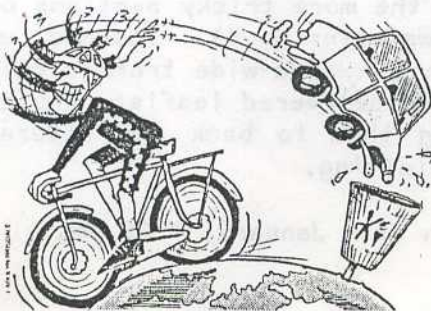


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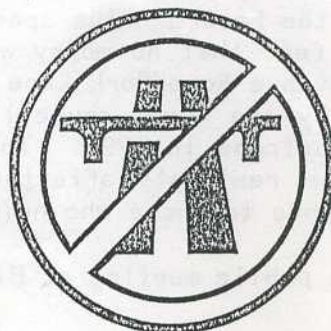
In trying to justify defend their past record the County Council managed to get themselves into considerable embarrassment, particularly concerning their apparent suppression of the Sustrans report, which as a result of our persistence they have now been forced to release. We didn't set out to cause them trouble, but this has turned out to be a rather fishy business. Regrettably the local press reporter wasn't there at one time to pick up the story; nevertheless, you can read all about it in an article by Les in the forthcoming Issue 5 of 'Down to Earth' magazine (available from Friends of the Earth, Rainbow Wholefoods and other outlets). As they say, truth will out.

Following completion of the cross examination, the Inspector took time to question us on the issue of 'modal shift', a concept in which he seemed genuinely interested. Another very hopeful sign in what was a most satisfactory and worthwhile session.

- Our involvement in this Inquiry is now largely complete, but the Road Action Group will continue to present evidence as major objectors when proceedings resume on 26th Jan.

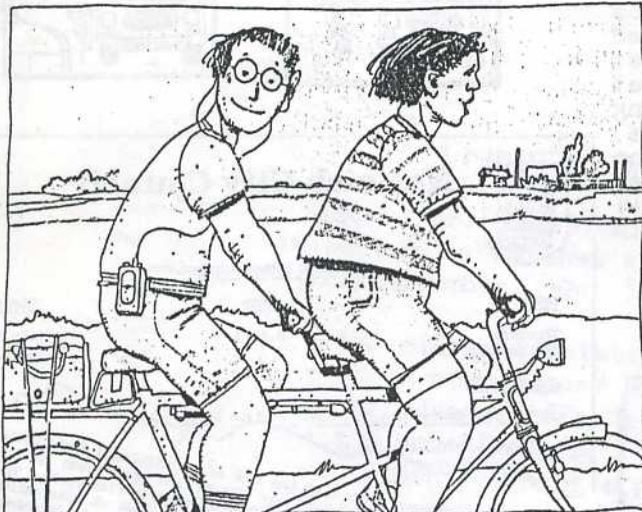


STOP



NORWICH
 INNER LINK ROAD

NEWMARKET ROAD



Those familiar with this route will have noticed work has started at the city end. Before long there should be a continuation of the inbound cycle route beyond the Eagle P.H. to connect to the bus lane just beyond Brunswick Road. You will also be able to cross to Grove Road and back.

Our attention has now shifted to Phase II of the route, the section of Newmarket Road between Unthank Road (the Eaton end) and the Outer Ring Road. The County Council have proposed a bus and cycle lane inbound between these two points, and also a pedestrian refuge just north of the Sunningdale junction. The Eaton Village Residents Association have been vocal about certain aspects of this scheme, and we were represented at a public meeting on 2nd November. Before making a formal response to the County's proposals we would like to hear you the cyclist with your views.

• Comments please to Matthew (ring 503824 or write) by 6th February at the latest.

OUR FINANCES

NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN: INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 27th SEPTEMBER 1992.

DEBIT.	£ p.	CREDIT	£ p.
Postage	7.66	Donations	21.50
Hire of room for meetings	69.65	Subscriptions	488.00
Cycle Campaign Network:			
Conference Travel	35.00		
Membership	10.00		
Cycle Survey Team,			
Travel Expenses	18.40		
Road Action Group membership	3.00		
Wensum Valley Campaign	10.00		
Stationery	55.65		
Printing	39.00		
Telephone Calls	14.00		
Photocopying	133.15		
Accumulated Fund	113.99(1)		
	<u>509.50</u>		<u>509.50</u>

NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN: BALANCE SHEET AT 27th SEPTEMBER 1992.

FIXED ASSETS	£ p.	ACCUMULATED FUND	£ p. (1)
MAPS	6.70	Balance, 28.9.91	113.99
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES	62.50	Deficit:	24.13(1)
BOOKS	17.00	Surplus, 27.9.92:	138.12 (1)
CURRENT ASSETS	186.16	CURRENT LIABILITIES	158.37
CASH AT BANK	176.16	Unpaid Postage	21.25
ROOM HIRE, Advance Payment	10.00	Unpaid Expenses	137.12
	<u>272.36</u>		<u>272.36</u>

NOTES: (1) Surplus Funds of £138.12 compares to a Deficit of £24.13 one year ago.

• Thanks again to Nigel Howard, our Treasurer, for his book-keeping work.

CYCLING AND HEALTH



Have you seen this leaflet yet? The British Medical Association have joined forces with the Bicycle Association and mailed these to every clinic and surgery in the country. "Cycling is healthy, both for you as an individual, and for the community you live in. that's the conclusion of the BMA's report 'Cycling: Towards Health and Safety'*. Regular cycling will improve your fitness and can help you live along and healthy life. Even in the current hostile traffic environment, cycling is more likely to extend your life than shorten it."

* Well worth buying, £5.99 from your bookshop

Norwich Health Authority have been in touch with Matthew in his capacity as CTC Cyclists Rights campaigner and invited him to do a short presentation at a workshop/seminar in March on the subject of promoting cycling as part of the Healthy Norfolk 2000 initiative. A number of local authorities will be represented, along with the police and other interested parties. This event is a hopeful sign and a great opportunity to influence local decision-makers. In fact just what the doctors ordered.

