

**NORWICH
CYCLING
CAMPAIGN**

MEMBERS NEWS

Enclosed with this newsletter is a copy of the HNBW programme. As you can see, we are, this year, putting on more events than ever before. In order to ensure the success of this venture it is essential that as many members as possible get actively involved as possible. It will not be a success if everything is left to myself, Matthew, Dave and Nigel - we just don't have enough pairs of hands! So please, PLEASE LET ME KNOW NOW IF YOU CAN HELP in any way at all. We particularly need:

- 1) Ride leaders sweepers for the 5-mile challenge rides on Sunday 12th.

- 2) Stewards, programme sellers and general helpers for the Cycle-Fair on Sunday 12th, especially in the morning to set everything up.

- 3) Someone to help Melanie Hopkins prepare the food & wine for our open evening on Wednesday 15th.

**OPEN EVENING,
JUNE 15th**

If you have never been to a Campaign Meeting, then this is the one for you. There will be videos, guest speakers, instant raffles, displays, food & wine, finishing off with

our grand Cycling Quiz with prizes! So do come along, bring your friends, meet other members and join in the fun.

If you can help in any way please contact Les on 762722.

BEYOND HNBW.....

Notwithstanding all these HNBW-related events, the cycle campaigning goes on. Hopefully there's just enough space in this newsletter to let you know about some of the things we've been up to on your behalf.

CONFERENCES

In April Matthew attended the CTC Campaign conference at Northampton Police Headquarters entitled "Towards the broader lobby" which even included speakers from the AA and CBI! The Norwich branch of the CTC kindly subsidised the cost of the rail ticket. Les in turn attended the National Conference of the Cyclists Rights Network in Bristol a few weeks later and was elected regional representative.

Very recently Les also attended the Cycle Campaign Network AGM and Spring conference: Speakers included Don Matthews on TPPs (Transport Policy & Programmes); the Frenchey Hospital (Bristol) on BUGs (Bicycle Users Groups) and Blackpool Health Promotion on the role of cycling. Les was elected to the National Steering Committee of the CCN (the organisation

that links over 50 UK cycle campaign groups).

TALKING OF TPPs

We've been involved in several meetings with local councillors and officers to discuss transport policy in Norwich and Norfolk, with the objective of influencing this year's TPP bids to central government for funding. There's a real feeling of change in the air, with the policy emphasis moving away from road building and towards more sustainable alternatives. We're there to make sure cycling is no longer a side issue!

CORRESPONDANCE

has ranged from planning issues (eg Oak Street Guidelines, where we are pleased to hear that all our suggestions have now been accommodated within the document), to matters of detailed design (eg the road markings on Farmers Avenue have been altered at our suggestion).



CYCLING: PURE GENIUS

Programme of short rides (12 - 20 miles)

Rides take place on alternate Saturdays, commencing at 9.30am.

- 21 May: Meet at Barn Road roundabout at start of Wensum Valley cycle path, for Hellasdon and beyond.
- 4 June: For details tel. Janet & Malcolm, 70013
- 18 June: Meet Salhouse Rd/Blue Boar Lane junction, for ride to Salhouse Broad.
- 2 July: Meet Wroxham Rd/Ring Rd roundabout for Racknath, Prattannam, Spixworth.
- 16 July: Meet County Hall roundabout for Rockland.
- 30 July: Meet St Mark's Church, Hall Road, for Stone Holy Cross etc.

For further information on CMT rides please phone Phyll on Norwich 35547.

IMPLEMENTATION

You may have noticed that progress is being made on the new crossing facilities on two key cycle routes: at Bluebell Road and at the top of St Clements Hill. The comments of regular users would be appreciated.

CYCLING FORUM

The City Councils Cycling Forum eventually met on the 24th May after a regrettable two week postponement just for the convenience of Labour councillors. It's the second time the forum has been postponed, and vice-chair Matthew has taken the advantage of his position to ensure that it will not happen again. The next forum is on 13th September at City Hall. You might find it interesting - some of the newly elected councillors seemed to!

STOP PRESS

The recent TPP meeting included the issues of: improvement of the crossing over the bottom of Grapes Hill (Dereham - St Benedicts roads); A pelican (later to become a toucan) crossing over Barn Road (Heigham Road - Westwick Street); and consultations over a proposal for a cycle lane from Woodcock roundabout (Catton Grove) along Angel Road to the city. The City council wants to have an extended cycle lane that feeds into a bus/cycle lane, whe-

reas the County want just the shorter bus/cycle lane. Naturally we are pressing for the longer option. Comments from members using this route would be appreciated.

MEETINGS

Meetings are usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Greenhouse 42-46 Bethal Street at 7.30-9.00pm except for the next meeting on the 15th June which is at the Charing Cross Centre. The following meetings will be on the 20th July, 17th August at the Greenhouse.

Eco soundings

John Vidal

■ LANDMARK stuff in Norwich this week as Norfolk County Council's prestige £42 million inner ring road (which would have ripped the heart out of the medieval city and allowed a few car drivers to whizz from one shopping centre to another) gets the heave-ho - first from the public inquiry inspector and then, very smartly, from John Gummer, environment secretary. It is thought to be the first time a road has been ditched on the grounds that it would encourage people to use cars and provide only a temporary solution to congestion. The Norwich Road Action Group deserves great credit.

So the real fight to reclaim Norwich from the car can now begin. The city council (always against the road) has the option of developing a sensible, low-cost traffic restraint policy, involving peak-hour inner-city access permits for car drivers, the development of public transport, and encouraging the use of bicycles - as put forward by NRAG. Their formula, commissioned from transport consultants MTRU, should be required reading in town halls.

The inspector was impressed: "This may be pointing the way to a form of future methods for tackling inner city congestion." He then added that "local important business people" saw the this way ahead as "a threat to the viability of their commercial operations".

Who are these "local important business people"? Are they the only people standing between Norwich and a liveable city? What arcane power do they have over the county council? Did not, in fact, the county council lobby them to resist the action group? Is not the county council, indeed, stuffed with shortsighted, macho old men who drive around in large cars?

Perhaps NRAG should now sue them for the time, the effort, the expense and the near-tacne they have so needlessly caused.

From: THE GUARDIAN Friday April 8 1994


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