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USEFUL www. LINKS

Cycling

norwichcyclingcampaign.org
eastangliancc.org
cycleweb.co.uk
whycycle.co.uk
bikeweek.org.uk
bikeforall.net
biceberg.es/INGLES/index.htm
cyclenetwork.org.uk
ctc.org.uk
Eurovelo.org
ecf.com/discover/index.htm
nationalcyclingstrategy.org.uk
socialcycling.org

Our very own website
East Anglian Cycling Club
Cycleweb cycling directory
Whycycle. Advice site
2006 Bike week
Bike For All
Underground bike storage
Cycle Campaign Network
Cyclists Touring Club
European Cycle Route network
European Cyclists' Federation
National Cycling Strategy
Social Cycling

Other sites

norfolk.gov.uk
norwichareatransport.org
dft.gov.uk
norfolk.police.uk
broads-authority.gov.uk
transport2000.org.uk
brake.org.uk
onerailway.com
travelinesoutheast.org.uk
firstgroup.com/ukbus/eastanglia
centraltrains.co.uk
greenhousetrust.co.uk
eveningnews24.co.uk



Chairman's Chat

Things may seem to move so slowly in our campaigning to improve and increase facilities for cycling, but improvements do take place, and there are many pressures for increases in the future. Both the city and county councils are consulting us on major schemes where there will be a provision for cycling. Also cycle lanes and paths are being installed on approaches to Sainsburys at Pound Lane, Tesco at Sprowston and the N&N hospital.

We are in the process of negotiating to set up the Norwich Cycling Forum again, to replace the Compact meetings we have had with the city council. The council have proposed a 20mph speed limit in all residential areas and we are pursuing this. Unfortunately the councils plan no events for the In Town Without My Car day on 22nd Sept.

For many years our Campaign members have run free Dr Bike sessions, which have been very well used. The UEA have taken this on, financing Nigel Howard to run sessions there weekly during the student year, and now the city council has paid for 3 sessions for the public at City Hall, using Chapelfield section 106 money. I hope we can encourage this trend, with our campaign demonstrating the value of these sessions, and other agencies running them on a properly funded basis. One bike shop in the city is offering free cycle safety checks, and if other dealers take this up, then these checks will be readily available to all.

Many local businesses would benefit from increased cycling by their staff and customers. They are happy to provide car parking and other measures to support car use, but reluctant to use even modest incentives to encourage cycling.

Our Open Meeting on 21st Sep at the Greenhouse will focus on cycling for workers and students. Dawn Dewar, UEA Transport Co-ordinator will be sharing ideas from the UEA Travel Plan, which promotes cycling. Members of Bike User Groups from around the city will also share ideas about what has been successful in their workplaces.

One of the pressures on the UEA has been local residents complaining about student parking in nearby streets. I see the issue of on-street parking reaching saturation point in the all too near future. In Norwich we have so many areas of densely populated terrace housing, with no garage or off road parking, and just space for one car in front of each dwelling. In the past many residents had no car. There are now many 2 car households, and the number of vehicles is reaching the roads' capacity.

Hundreds of flats are being built in central Norwich, each with space for one car. This will add to the pressure, with residents whose lifestyle and working patterns have relied on a car for each person. The local authority and developers could do much to encourage people to manage without cars, or no more than one car per household, with bikes giving much more flexible mobility for adults and children alike. Secure cycle parking as part of these developments and publicising the ease of inner city cycling are modest measures which would be a start.

Surely more people will recognise the advantages of cycling as parking becomes a battleground, and the walking distance to on street spaces becomes intolerable. Local councils have a responsibility to maintain a good environment in the city, and should be taking steps to deal with these all too predictable problems now .

It is good to see Norwich City Council supporting Science Week, with its focus on climate change, and we very much welcome the display by the Company of Cyclists. For 5 days people will have had chance to see and try out many forms of sustainable transport, including ordinary cycles, electric bikes and recumbents. This shows that resources can be provided to promote cycling, and let's hope our Campaign is successful in pressing for more of these initiatives.

Please keep writing to us, the press and the local councils with your campaigning ideas.

Jeff Jordan



