Norwich Cycling Campaign Newsletter

February 2019

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2019. How do you feel about cycling infrastructure in Norwich? We're looking again at some of the cycle tracks which just aren't up to scratch and we would appreciate your feedback. In particular we would like to hear from you if you use the route along the Avenues between the ring road and Bluebell Road/UEA. Contact details here



Bad air quality from road transport continues to be a big problem for Norwich and of course cycling should form a major part of tacking the problem, but it still seems to be treated with little more than lip service, even with new developments

Public consultation on St Mary's Works

Public consultation is about to start over the fine-tuning of plans for the future of the former St Mary's Works shoe factory (off Duke Street) in Norwich. The public consultation event will be held at St George's Works, 51 Colegate, Norwich from 4pm until 6pm on Friday, February 1.

Documents relating to the planning application reveal that there has not been an independent air quality review. The air quality report for the nearby Anglia Square development predicted high levels of pollution around the site. The developers have stated that there will be no habitation below the second floor.

An independent report for the St Mary's works development may reveal further information about the levels of pollution in this area of the City and should be demanded by the City Council.

Norfolk Greenways

Greenways are traffic free routes for people, plants, and animals. The paths link places that people live and work, and can join together wildlife habitats. The Norfolk Greenways project aims to develop a Greenway network across Norfolk linking in to existing cycling and walking routes re-using the disused railways tracks running from:

• Aylsham to Stalham • King's Lynn to Fakenham • King's Lynn to Hunstanton

Further information and an online response (ends 17 Feb) is here:

Campaign committee member, Tony Clarke, went to the recent presentation at Stalham and says:
" ... there are many points in the presentation which cyclist should be happy about in particular the design and construction proposals which appear to follow the requirements set out in the 'Design Manual for Roads and Bridges; February 2016 HD 39/16 Footway Cycle Design'. However there were no detailed plans presented for the many junctions and crossings that will be required and cyclists should keep a close watch on developments."

Free runs leaders course

British Cycling are offer a free course: Ride Leadership Award - Level 1 - Guided Rides - Norwich - Saturday 02 Mar 2019 at Sprowston Community High School, Norwich NR7 8NE Website

Although often thought of as a racing organisation only 30,000 of the 160,000 members hold racing licences - the bulk of the membership are leisure and utility cyclists.

Free rides for families and new riders

Every Saturday, until 28 December - a weekly free recreational ride aimed at families and new riders, or those just needing an excuse to get out on two wheels. At just over three miles it's perfect for little legs and a great start to your new year's fitness regime. Inspired by the successful Park Run, this cycling version is all about the miles you ride and not the speed at which you complete the ride.
Whitlingham Visitor Barn, Norwich NR14 8TR

Full details and registration here

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Please forward to anybody you think may be interested in cycling in Norwich and Norfolk