

# Ealing Cycling News

The LCC newsletter for Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale and Southall  
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## Ealing Bike Hub – all-ability cycling

We've been planning an all-ability cycling club for some time now and earlier in the year we obtained funding that we are supplementing to help those with mental and physical disabilities to cycle. We have already purchased five recumbent tricycles and a selection of equipment and in September the whole club kicked off with a party at Ealing MENCAP. This involved a wide range of cycles from side-by-side tandems, adult tag-along and more. It was fantastic to see people who can't normally cycle getting on a bike and experiencing the sheer joy of cycling.



We now plan to train Ealing MENCAP staff and clients to maintain the bikes and medium term start a social enterprise to hire out the bikes using clients of the centre to take bookings, handle money etc. The Special Olympics are just around the corner and rest assured we'll be entering a team.

We plan rides and other events and we'd be keen to

hear from members who would like to help.

## AGM

It is our AGM in October and everyone who is a member of the LCC is welcome to stand for the posts available. There are a number of non-executive posts such as rides co-ordinator, website management etc, and these are open to job sharing.

## BMX Bike Track opens

In mid-September a BMX track finally opened in Ealing right next door to the skate park near Gurnell Leisure centre. This is a great facility and there is a growing community building around the site, even if you don't BMX yourself do drop by and take a look at what is going on.

## Ealing Bike Hub

The hub celebrated the second year of operation last month and extends its thanks to everyone who has contributed. Golden spanners were presented to key volunteers Pip, Mike Hamerton, Gursh and Michael Broom. Bike maintenance lessons continue on the first Saturday of every month with a

wide range of topics. Bike hire and second hand bike sales continue and everyone is welcome to drop by to use the facilities when the hub is open. [www.ealingbikehub.co.uk](http://www.ealingbikehub.co.uk) for more information.

## Rides

Our rides programme continues into the autumn building on an outstanding summer.

October 7<sup>th</sup> – Leisurely ride to Hyde Park

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Leisurely ride around Ealing Garden Suburbs

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Leisurely ride TBA

All rides unless noted start from Ealing Town Hall at 10:00am. Check our website [www.ealingcycling.org.uk](http://www.ealingcycling.org.uk) for the most up-to-date news on rides.

## Campaigns

**Early Day Motion 407** – a comprehensive review by the Ministry of Justice to ensure victims of road accidents are protected and supported, from crash investigation through to sentencing guidelines. More details <http://www.parliament.uk/edm/2012-13/407>.

**Home cycling parking** – we have commented on the council's proposals for the provision of home cycle parking and our feedback has been mentioned on a few local websites. We are campaigning for one parking space per resident rather than the suggested one per two bed unit and two spaces for three bed units and larger.

Consultations – Uxbridge Road:

- Ealing Broadway to Ealing Common proposals
- Southall – Pedestrian-friendly centre. Removal of cycle lanes
- Acton – maybe a big roundabout at Steyne road junction

**Stanmore to Thames cycle route** – Harrow cyclists brought this to our attention. An interesting new north-south route that passes through the borough.

## Next Meeting

We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Our October meeting is our AGM and takes place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd October at our regular venue, Café Grove, 65 The Grove, W5 5LL.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 7th November 2012 at the same time and place.

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