

Ealing Cycling News

The LCC newsletter for Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale and Southall
February 2012



Ealing Broadway Bicycle Hub gets planning permission

In late December the council won planning permission to build the Ealing Broadway Bicycle Hub. The council twice modified the initial design to incorporate suggestions from local conservation groups who wanted a structure more sympathetic to the area. Despite this, Haven Green Conservation Area Panel, Friends of Haven Green and Ealing Civic Society opposed the planning application.

The final design may still need consent under the Commons Act 2006, but

assuming there aren't any further delays, construction will take place between February and April this year.



We are very pleased that the council is forging ahead with this project. The new high-capacity cycle stands have been designed to meet the police's specific security requirements at this high-profile location, so that suspect packages cannot be concealed. Given the innovative design, we have asked the council if we can test a prototype pair of the stands to make sure that there won't be

significant problems.



www.ealingbikehub.co.uk

As spring approaches, there's a lot going on at our Ealing Bike Hub in Greenford:

Maintenance lessons

We have a full programme ahead for the year, from basic maintenance right up to full weekend sessions and a new Brompton course scheduled for February. Check out the web site for the latest details.

Grants

We have obtained two grants: one to run open-access maintenance lessons – please get contact for more information – and also a Sport England grant to run some bike polo try outs. Again do get in contact if you want us to turn up and run a bike polo session at your youth group, scouts, guides, school etc.

And More

Ealing Bike Hub offers maintenance courses, second hand bikes, cycle instruction and a host of other services. Bike maintenance is run on the first Saturday of the month. Places go fast, so please book early via our web site. You will also need to book if you are interested in the following, more specialist courses:

Brompton Bike session - Saturday, February 11

Park Tool school - Saturday, February 18

David Eales

Next Meeting

Our next meeting takes place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th March at our regular venue, Café Grove, 65 The Grove, W5 5LL.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 4th April 2012 at the same time and place.

Contact:

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Wanted - Ride Leaders

As you will see overleaf, we have a lot of rides planned for this coming spring, but we need help! As our reputation grows, our rides are becoming more popular. To avoid the groups becoming too large, we would like to run two or more rides at the same time. To do this we need more ride leaders, marshals, and back-stops/mechanics. If you can help out in any of these roles, or would like training to lead a ride, contact Paul James via info@ealingcycling.org.uk

Ealing Cycling Campaign visit Herne Hill Velodrome



The destination of the ECC social “Mystery Ride” on Sunday 6 November was still a mystery until 5 mins before we left Ealing Town Hall at 10.00am on the dot.

The ride leader Tim Greg announced to the group of cyclists which had gathered that the destination was to be the Herne Hill Velodrome. The question “Where’s Herne Hill?” was asked by one budding track cyclist !!

The Velodrome built in 1891 and recently saved from closure by local pressure, a generous local bequest and British Cycling, was used for the 1948 London Olympics, and is the last remaining venue from those games. Sadly it had since slowly fallen into disrepair. However it has recently benefitted from a new superb riding surface, erection of new safety barriers, and a new 15yr lease has been agreed.

We made our way to Herne Hill via Hammersmith Bridge, the river Thames path to Putney, and then via Wandsworth, Balham, to West Dulwich and finally the Velodrome. We had arranged that if we turned up between 12.30pm and 1.00pm we would be allowed to cycle round on our own bikes in return for small donations to their funds.

By now our numbers had grown from 30 to 33 !!. We all cycled around the historic cycling venue after a few introductory words from Joseph Alberti the resident coach on the day, who very kindly gave his time between booked sessions for us. Some of us would have liked to experience riding on proper track bikes, and it was suggested that we arrange an Ealing group session at some future time for those interested.

After our circuits we carried on to nearby Brockwell Park for lunch, and then returned to Ealing via various LCN routes to Clapham common.

Thanks to all who assisted on the ride, Miranda the back stop, those who mended punctures, waited on corners and herded up the ones who lost touch with their leader on the Lower Richmond Rd in Putney!!

Tim Greg

Rides Rides Rides...

We add new rides from time to time, so check our website for the latest details.

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Sun 5 Feb 2012 - Ealing Garden Suburbs and / or River and Parks

Depending on the weather and the turnout Ealing Cycling Campaign will run one or both of these rides on the day.

Ealing Garden Suburbs

Ealing boasts two leafy garden suburbs, both of which claim to be the first of their kind in the UK.

This easy-paced ride takes in Bedford Park near Turnham Green and the Brentham Estate in North Ealing.

Ride Type: Relaxed Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 5pm-ish

River and Parks Ride

This ride demonstrates just how far you can go in West London without having to interface too much with motorised vehicles, taking in Richmond Park, Hampton Court and Bushy Park. Wind along traffic free riverside paths alongside the Thames as it rolls past the stunning scenery.

Ride Type: Relaxed Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 5pm-ish

Sun 12 Feb - Olympic Time Trial Route

A quick ride along the Olympic Time Trial route (but not nearly as quick as it will be undertaken by the Olympic Athletes come July).

Ride Type: Speedy Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 3pm-ish

Sun 4 March - Ealing Garden Suburbs and/or River and Parks

An opportunity for those that went on February’s Garden Suburbs ride to experience the River and Parks ride and vice versa, and for anybody else to join in!

Ride Type: Relaxed Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 5pm-ish

Sun 1 Apr - April Fool’s Ride

Keep your wits about you, who knows where we will end up!?

Ride Type: Ride Type: Relaxed Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 5pm-ish

Sun 22 Apr - Gentle Ride

Our gentle rides are mostly off road (on smooth paths) at a very relaxed pace. We take a short ride to a local leisure spot to enjoy a picnic. Perfect for adults with young children on their own bikes or in trailers/child seats, or come along if you’re a beginner who wants to get used to your cycle or somebody that’s not cycled for a while.

Ride Type: Gentle

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 4pmish

Sun 6 May - Alexandra Palace

Come along and enjoy the views of London from atop the hill at Alexandra Palace

Ride Type: Relaxed Social

Meeting Time: Arrive from 9.30am for a prompt 10am departure.

Meeting Place: Ealing Town Hall, W5 4BY

Expected Return Time: 5pm-ish