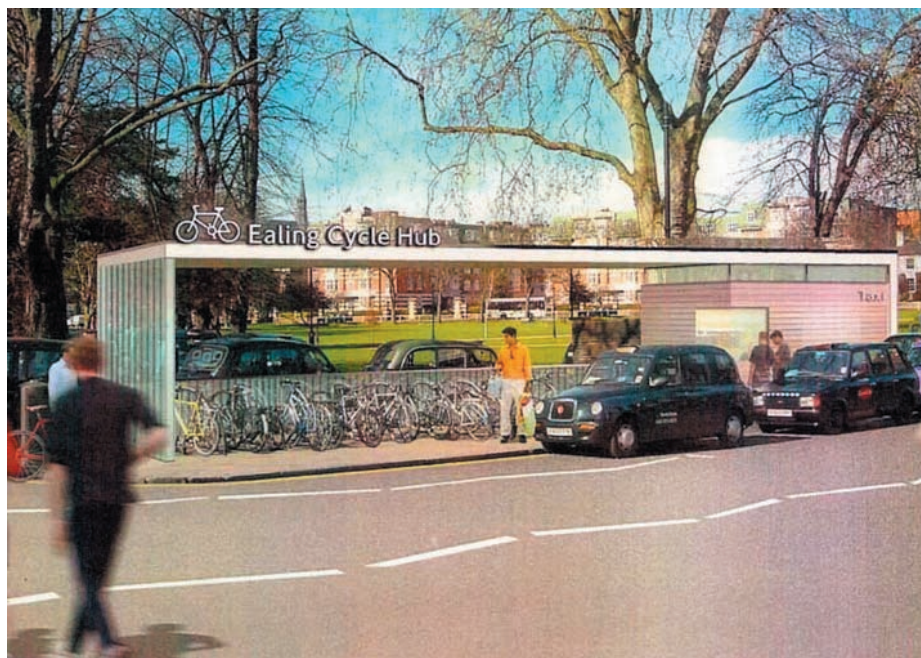


Ealing Cycling News

The LCC newsletter for Acton, Ealing, Greenford, Hanwell, Northolt, Perivale and Southall
August 2011

Ealing Broadway Cycle Hub



One of the proposed new cycle parking shelters opposite Ealing Broadway station.

As we reported briefly in the last issue, the council has secured £286,500 from TfL to create a cycle hub at Ealing Broadway station. The money is being allocated over three years, with the bulk of the funding, £215,000, coming this year for the construction of three cycle parking shelters and installation of new stands on the corner of Haven Green. The development, which is due to go out for consultation soon, will see the number of

cycle parking spaces rise from 74 to 112, all but 6 of them under cover. The shelters will each be fitted with CCTV to improve security.

To make way for the extra spaces, the plan is to remove one of the two lanes in the taxi slip road next to the present stands. In return, the old wooden taxi drivers' rest facility will be replaced by a new building which will include cooking facilities and a toilet.

Cycle on motor-free streets

After leading a feeder ride to the Hillingdon SkyRide on 31st July we will lead feeder rides to the Central London SkyRide on 4th September. The feeder rides will be in traffic, but the SkyRides are traffic-free. See our website for details.

Police raid finds stolen bikes

On Thursday 14 July the Police Cycle Task Force raided an address in Ealing and found five bikes believed to be stolen, including a Genesis bike stolen from Tower Hamlets on 6 July.

Next Meeting

We meet on the first Wednesdays of the month.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2011 at our regular venue, Café Grove, 65 The Grove, W5 5LL.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at the same time and place.

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New Hanger Lane Cycle Crossing



ECC members Peter and Angela Mynors dash across the new crossing.

A cycle bypass for Hanger Lane Gyratory has been created with the opening of a new cycle crossing over Hanger Lane North. This was a vital missing link on the London Cycle Network (LCN) route which runs from Kew Bridge to Neasden via central Ealing. It is the last major scheme in Ealing to be funded by the London Cycle Network plus project, which has funded numerous cycle improvements throughout the borough.

The crossing was first suggested in the 2005 study which identified the work needed to create Ealing's section of this LCN route.

The previous route through the subways at the Gyratory was narrow and indirect, and shared with pedestrians. Cyclists will still need to use the subways for some journeys, but not as many as before.

The crossing is for cycles only. Pedestrians are not catered for because the time to cross is too short. Increasing the crossing time could increase congestion on the gyratory.



www.ealingbikehub.co.uk
Monthly maintenance classes

Rides Rides Rides...

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

Sunday 7th August 2011 Denham Village

A ride to and around the chocolate box Buckinghamshire village of Denham.

Leader: Cici.

Time: Arrive from 9:45am for a prompt 10am departure

Place: Ealing Town Hall Steps, New Broadway W5

Sunday 4th September 2011 Sky Ride

Annual ride to join the Mayor's Sky Ride on a motor vehicle-free central London circuit. More details as they are announced.

Time: See www.ealingcycling.org.uk

Place: Ealing Town Hall Steps, New Broadway W5

Sun 28th August 2011 Gunnersbury Park - ride for families and beginners

A short trip around the south of the borough for those with young children on bikes or in child seats. Details are on our website.

Leader: Murray

Time: Arrive from 9.45am for a prompt 10am departure

Place: Ealing Town Hall Steps, New Broadway W5

Sunday 2nd October 2011 RAF Hendon

A return trip to the museum at Hendon. A great ride across north west London and a fantastic museum spread over a massive site.

Leader: Murray

Time: Arrive from 9:45am for a prompt 10am departure

Place: Ealing Town Hall Steps, New Broadway W5

Cycling News

Au Revoir



The July meeting bid a fond farewell to Stéphane le Bene who after several years in Ealing is heading back to his native Brittany. Without his Gallic accent, meetings will never sound the same again. To thank him for all his work for the group, David Lomas presented him with an engraved Leatherman on behalf of ECC.

Ealing Station Lift

Our long-running campaign for better access to Ealing Broadway station received a boost in July with news that the council are hoping to bring forward the installation of a lift. Lifts were already planned as part of the Crossrail reconstruction which was scheduled for completion in 2017, but work on this is now unlikely to begin before 2018. Rather than wait another seven years, Bassam Mahfouz, the councilor in charge of transport, is negotiating with Network Rail and Crossrail to install one of the lifts early with the help of council funding.

Ealing Cycle Campaign is working to make sure the lift will be large enough to do the job. The present proposal is for a lift 1.6 metres square which is the EU minimum for disabled access. We would prefer a lift 1.6 x 2.4 metres long to allow room for bicycles, which are typically up to two metres long, and other large luggage.

Bus Lanes

Ealing's Bus lanes are safer to cycle in. In July Ealing Council ended its trial scheme of allowing motorbikes in bus lanes. Unfortunately we will have to wait another 6 months for the end of TfL's trial on other routes. We await the safety report on that with interest.

Explorer Rides

In July, we launched the first of the Ealing Explorer rides - a departure from our usual rides, with the idea of a team getting a list of targets to reach within an allotted time, gaining points as they go. This is part of our "Month of Sundays" project; a collection of small sub-projects surrounding cycling: from bike polo try outs, art projects, food inspired rides and a lot more. Stay tuned for more events

Bike Week



Every year Bike Week seems to get bigger and slicker as more and more people get involved. Thank you to everyone who organised an event, and everyone who helped out. This year, in the week before Bike Week, we ran lead-up stalls at Waitrose and West Ealing Farmer's market. During Bike Week itself, we ran our traditional Dr. Bike and Stall at Ealing Green, plus another stall in Acton, the Sunset Ride to Richmond, and the Sunday Family Ride. Thanks to Tom for putting together a very professional looking flyer and incorporating the new LCC logo at the last minute, and everyone who helped distribute them.

Bike Hub



We celebrated our first year with a party. In July, we completed our first full weekend course with more to come, including a wheel building course. As well as our ever popular introduction to bike maintenance, we now have a more advanced day course which we will continue to run throughout the summer and beyond.