

Ealing Cycling News

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

Bicycle Projects Grow



Our community projects are going from strength to strength. Projects co-ordinator David Eales has persuaded the police to donate some of their unclaimed stolen bikes to us. See below to find out what we do with them.

Wakeham Trust

We won a grant from this trust to replenish our rather depleted tool kits used when running Dr Bikes and the like across the borough and further afield. There's enough money to get some new decent tool kits, chain oil, GT85 and some other bits and pieces – perfect for Bike Week and the events ahead for 2011 and beyond.

Heathrow Community and Environment grant

We've won an award to run a bike club on several housing estates and as a result of the funding these will be able to run for much longer and with more depth than previous projects.

CTC Bike Club

Earlier in the year we launched the first CTC Bike Club in London in association with Catalyst Housing with whom we've run a few events with in the past. This is joint project with the association providing match funding with CTC Bike Club and volunteers from Ealing Bike Hub and Ealing Cycling Campaign. Four sessions have been run already based in a large container the association has provided, after a slow start the project is really going now with regular attendees. The aim is now to get the "earn-a-bike" aspect off the ground where attendees who turn up regu-



larly can work to restore a bike to either keep themselves, sell on for funds for the project or earn credits for spare parts for their existing bike.

We received a donation of several bikes from Oaklands residents association as well as the first delivery of bikes from the Met Police. The photograph shows Samir Benzallat and several other officers from Safer Transport Ealing Broadway Hub Team kindly delivering some unclaimed stolen bikes.

Help a London Children

We applied and won a grant from HALC a few weeks ago and this is aimed at running a new style multi threaded project different from past ones. The main thrust will be to run some maintenance sessions aimed at specific individuals within communities that want to become bike champions for their local area and help become a focus for bicycle related activities in a low-key way, as well as fund a mixture of smaller projects not directly to bicycle maintenance, such as bicycle art.

With all these grants we're always after volunteers to help out in any capacity and also help to identify areas we can spend it! If you know of a housing estate or community group that would benefit from our expertise please get in contact.

David Eales

Council News



The future of cycling in the borough is looking brighter this summer as Ealing Council launches a number of new schemes.

Bus Lanes

From 27th June, motorcycles will no longer be able to use bus lanes - this will make the roads safer for both cyclists and motorcyclists.

Lorries

Also on safety, the council have begun cycle awareness training for lorry drivers. The first group from May Gurney, our refuse collectors, were trained in March.

Cycle Hub

The council has secured £286,500 from TfL to build a cycle hub at Ealing Broadway station. This will have secure, covered and illuminated bike stands, and a separate cycle hire facility. It is scheduled to open in the autumn. We will have more information on this in the next newsletter.

Cycle bypass

On 23rd May, the council opened a cycle crossing across Hanger Lane as one of the final stages in its scheme to create a cycle bypass for the Hanger Lane Gyratory.

Now cyclists coming from Ealing, Greenford or Northolt can avoid the gyratory completely when heading to Stonebridge Park or Park Royal, closing a major missing link on the London Cycle Network Plus. The gyratory subways are still open to cyclists.

Martin Gorst

Bike Week

18 - 26 June

Come and join us for Bike Week at one or more of these events, or come along to our June meeting to find out how you can help.

Sat 18th - Dr Bike & Stall, Ealing Green

From 10am until 4pm join us on Ealing Green, between High Street and Bond Street, where Doctor Bike will be present to check over your bike and resolve any minor problems. There also be cycle maps, leaflets and people on hand to give advice and guidance on all things cycling. (Event takes place on Ealing Green, W5 5DA)

Wed 22nd - Sunset Ride

Leaving at 7pm from Ealing Town Hall steps join us for a ride to Richmond Hill for a drink at the Roebuck, and to see the sun set on the second-longest day of the year. Bring lights! (Meet outside Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, W5 2BY)

Sat 25th - Stall at Acton Market

From 10am until 3pm Information stall where you can pick up cycling maps and get your cycling questions answered.

Sun 26th - Family Ride

Suitable for families with small children. Accomplishment certificates will be awarded! Quiet route to Pithanger Park - bring a picnic. Depart 10am Ealing Town Hall steps, return 3pm.

Ealing LIP for Transport

Every few years the council has to produce a Local Implementation Plan (LIP). This explains how they intend to implement the latest Mayor's Transport Strategy in the borough, and sets out expenditure plans for the next three years.

The good news is that the wording of the draft LIP is strongly pro-cycling throughout. The less good news is that funds are limited.

ECC have submitted detailed comments on the draft LIP for 2011. These can be summarised as follows:

- In these cash-constrained times investment in cycling offers really good value for money compared with investment in other modes, and brings substantial health benefits as well.

- A network of all-weather Greenways is required to allow new and returning cyclists to practice their skills before tackling busy roads, as well as for leisure cycling

- Removal of parking from the Uxbridge Road cycle lanes would reduce the risk of collisions

- Vehicle actuated speed signs are preferred to speed humps

- Much higher investment will be required to achieve the intended quadrupling of cycling by 2026

- The prevention of cycle theft must remain high on the council's agenda

- Cycling is a promising way of dealing with the recognised lack of orbital transport in west London

- The existing cycle route network shown on the London Cycle Guides requires greater recognition, with priority for maintenance and better signing

- Any proposed removal of guardrails must take into account cycle parking

Peter Mynors

Rides Rides Rides...

Sunday 5th June 2011

Ealing Cycling has a choice of two rides for you on June 5:

Jubilee River Ride

Return of this highly rated train assisted ride. Catch the train from Ealing to Maidenhead then ride along and around the Thames and the Jubilee rivers near Windsor. Leader: Colin

See www.ealingcycling.org.uk for details.

London Greenfair

Ride up to Horsenden Hill and then along the Paddington Branch of the Grand Union canal to The Regent's Park where the food and entertainment stalls of the London Greenfair will greet you. Ride back along the canal. Leader: Matt

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

Place: Ealing Town Hall Steps, New Broadway W5

Sunday 3rd July 2011

Taplow Court and Cookham

A train assisted ride from Maidenhead along the Thames Path. Early lunch at The Pineapple at Dorney, Tea at Taplow Court. Visit to the Stanley Spencer Gallery at Cookham [admission charge]. Return from Maidenhead. Leader: Charles

See web site for details.



www.ealingbikehub.co.uk

Learn to look after your bike at our regular monthly maintenance classes. Visit the bike hub web site for more details.

Council Dr. Bikes during Bike Week

Date	Location	Time
Saturday 18 June	Hanwell Carnival (Elthorne Park)	12:00 to 16:00
Saturday 18 June	Melbourne Ave	14:00 to 17:00
Tuesday 21 June	Haven Green	16:00 to 19:00
Thursday 23 June	Haven Green	16:00 to 19:00
Saturday 25 June	Acton Market	12:00 to 16:00
Saturday 25 June	Southall Park	14:00 to 17:00

Council Dr. Bikes 1st June 2011 to 31 March 2012

Day of the Month	Location	Time
1st Saturday	Hanwell Clock Tower	14:00 to 17:00
2nd Saturday	Acton Market	14:00 to 17:00
3rd Saturday	Melbourne Ave	14:00 to 17:00
4th Saturday	Southall Park	14:00 to 17:00
5th Saturday (30 Jul, 29 Oct)	Greenford Town Centre	14:00 to 17:00
last Thursday (until 29 Sep)	Haven Green	16:00 to 19:00

Next Meeting

We meet on the first Wednesdays of the month.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st June 2011 at our regular venue, Café Grove, 65 The Grove, W5 5LL.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 6th July 2011 at the same time and place.

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