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Chairman's Report

Some good and positive measures that can benefit cyclists:

West Midlands Police are to use police officers riding bikes in traffic to identify "close pass" situations with vehicles, initially on the city streets around Birmingham. The officers will radio through to patrol cars to intercept offending vehicles.

Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport, is to be congratulated for taking a tough line with drivers who use their mobile phones while driving. On the spot fines are to be doubled to £200, likewise points on the licence are also doubled to 6. Young drivers are at risk of losing their licence. These measures have strong support from cycling groups and the support of the AA, who are also calling for an advertising campaign similar to the seat belt and drink driving campaigns as a means of changing peoples' behaviour.

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) put forward new proposals at a public consultation to address the problems of traffic in Warwick. (See Editorial).

Rodney King

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Remember as a member of Cycleways you get great support from

John Atkins Cycles,

Broadribb Cycles,.....

Mike Vaughan Cycles

Giant Leamington (Formerly The Bike Yard)

including a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card. Membership is just £7 (per household) annually. **Find out more visit the website:**

www.cycleways.org.uk

Editorial

Warwick town centre and the problem of traffic

In July this year WCC put forward proposals to address the problems of the congestion and traffic in Warwick.

The main thrust of the Proposals are based upon:

- **Demand management**
Making the Butts one-way N bound and High St/Jury St one way E bound.
- **20 mph speed limit zone.**
- **Junction changes**
For example, removing the roundabout at Northgate and providing a toucan crossing for cyclists and pedestrians.

However, their proposal to create a cycle route from the Emscote Road into Warwick via the **pavement** on Priory Road is a very poor option. It even includes a "Cyclists Dismount" sign!

Our preferred options, based in order of preference are:

1. Smith Street – 2-way cycle access through to Jury Street. This could also form part of an environmental improvement scheme for this important shopping area.
2. St Nicholas Church Street – On road cycle lane along the N side, then a shared use path up Castle Hill to Castle Lane.
3. On approach to Coten End turn via Broad Street towards Warwick Station, under the railway bridge then left to join the shared use path to Northgate.
4. Priory road – exit via St. Johns. One – way cycling N bound on the pavement with a number of changes to the original proposal.

We have also asked for other improvements to improve cycle access, such as including Coten End in the 20 mph zone.

Rodney

Cycleways at the Peace Festival

Popular attractions at the Peace festival were the electric bike, on loan from EBC, and the Surly cargo/child carrying bike, loaned by Alastair.

Our main topic this year was air quality, Kenilworth, Leamington and Warwick have areas with unacceptable levels of air pollution from vehicle exhaust emissions. The two main pollutants, particulates and nitrogen dioxide can be responsible for the premature deaths of people with respiratory conditions and are suspected of causing long term health issues. The increase of new housing set out in the Local Plan is causing much concern as levels of pollution will increase unless good measures are taken to ensure the much wider use of walking, cycling and public transport.

A number of new members joined Cycleways, cycling maps and other information were issued and we were able to talk to a lot of people about their issues cycling in the district. Overall it was a successful event. Thank you to everyone involved.

Tony



Cycling provision to Champion School

WCC have put out for consultation a scheme based on a widened footpath for shared use for cyclists and pedestrians, from Moncrieff Drive on the eastern side of ASDA and connecting to the housing in this area, to Champion School. However, the proposed route has to cross the entrance and exit roads to the ASDA supermarket car parks, good practice would be to install raised tables at the crossings and narrow the entrances.

Alastair

Abbey Fields cycle route

A decision on the Abbey Fields cycle route is still undecided. If approved the route would link the cycle route on the East and West sides of the fields.

Alastair

End of Year Accounts

		<u>Receipts and Payments Account</u>	
1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015		1st July 2015 to 30th September 2016*	
		Income	
£339		Subscriptions	£460
£0		Donations to Cycleways	£30
£339		Total Income	£490
		Expenses	
£56		Website	£24
£41		Donations from Cycleways	£7
£50		Peace Festival	£50
£160		Newsletter and Printing	£216
£90		AGM Catering	£0
£0		Stamps, stationery etc	£2
£20		Meeting room hire	£0
£489		Kenilworth events	£0
£0		Community cycle training (North Leamington community grant)	£0
£60		CTC Affiliated Membership	£75
£0		Travel to external meetings	£32
£967		Total expense	£407
-£628		Surplus for the year	£83
		General Fund	
£4,173		Balance brought forward	£3,545
£4,113		Bank	£3,448
£60		Cash	£97
-£628		Surplus for the year	£83
£3,545		Balance carried forward	£3,628
		Represented by:	
£3,448		Bank	£3,511
£97		Cash	£120
£3,545		Bank and Cash	£3,631
£1,532		Bank and Cash (not ring-fenced)**	£1,618

*In future the Cycleways accounting year will be 1st Oct to 30th Sep to align the end-of-year accounts with the group's Annual General Meeting which is typically in early November.

Visit Cycleways website:

www.cycleways.org.uk

to find out more.

For Cycle training over October half term see

www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/cycle-training

**The Bank and Cash fund of £3,631 includes £2,013 of ring-fenced grant-funding from Warwick District Council of which £1,280 is to be spent on cycle-training for school children in north Leamington and £783 is to be spent on community cycling-related activities in Kenilworth.

Cycleways Social rides - The Parade Pedal & Parks Pedal

These rides took place every Sunday in July and August at 9am from the top of the Parade. Additional dates were added for September. Cycleways members attended a couple of the rides and could report that the rides were well attended and good fun.

The rides were advertised on the sky rides site

www. <https://www.goskyride.com>

Plans are being made for Spring 2017 for additional rides to be undertaken.

From 1st January 2017 new sponsorship has been agreed and HSBC UK will be lead partner for British Cycling. Together they aim to get two million more people cycling by 2020.

Up and coming challenging rides:

Wiggle Snowball Spinner Sportif It is not too late to get training for the Wiggle Snowball Spinner Sportif on Saturday 19th November 2016. It starts at the racecourse in Warwick and is a circular route around Stratford upon Avon out to Alne End, Long Marston and back via Hampton Lucy. The standard route is 47 miles. The Epic is 65 miles (out to Middle Tysoe). www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/

Velo Birmingham 2017 A brand new closed road ride is due to take place in the heart of Birmingham on Sunday 24th September 2017. The route is 100 miles and involves a number of leading charities including the NSPCC, Alzheimer's Society and cureleukaemia. www.velobirmingham.com

Notification of the AGM

Notice is hereby given that the 2016 **Annual General Meeting** of Cycleways will be held on **Wednesday 9th November 2016**, starting at 19.30 at the Fat Pug (upstairs room), Guys Cliffe Road, Leamington Spa.

Agenda

Apologies for absence
Review of 2015-2016 by the Chairman
Review of the draft 2015-2016 accounts, by the Treasurer
Election of Independent Examiner
Election of Officers:
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
Election of committee members:
Social Rides, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor,
Representative to the Warwick District Cycle Forum
Any other business

After the formal business of the AGM, there will be a quiz followed by a talk on a cycle ride through Germany.

Nominations for the Cycleways Committee 2016-2017

Office	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Rodney King	Chris Begg	Jerry Weber
Secretary	Tony Lewenz	Katharina	Anne Wood
Treasurer	Peter Clear	Jef Tuyn	Sandra Stokes

Please note that nominations for Officers and Committee must be forwarded to the Secretary, at Cycleways.editor@googlemail.com not later than Wednesday 19th October 2016.

Any name put forward must be supported by a proposer and seconded.

Rodney