

Cycleways Newsletter

Eco Fest Edition 2021



Chairman's Report



Welcome to our Eco fest Newsletter.

I hope you will have seen the Visionary Cycle Network (VCN) for Warwick District that we have launched with Clean Air for Leamington and Clean Air Warwick. It gives the vision of the type of network we will need to enable people to cycle more. It's high level at the moment but, will be developed in more detail.

Coventry are about to open the Coundon Cycleway which gives the type of provision we would like here - fully segregated, with priority over side roads etc. It probably isn't perfect, but should be a big step forward and shows what can be done if there is the will.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Wednesday 10th November 7.30 pm.

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As a member of Cycleways, you get great support from:

John Atkins Cycles

Mike Vaughan Cycles

Giant Leamington

including a discount (usually 10% on non-sale items) for members showing a current membership card. Membership is just £10 (per household) annually.

Find out more visit the website:

www.cycleways.org.uk

Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, we have the option of meeting in person again. Not everyone will want to do this so we can hold hybrid meetings with people in the room at the Fat Pug and others on a Zoom meeting on the large screen there. This was the most popular option in a recent poll put out to members. We will trial this in October and if successful we will adopt this going forward. The November meeting will be our AGM. The details are on the Cycleways website. If you fancy standing for one of the 'committee' positions, please put your name forward. Cycleways is run by volunteers, so the more we have the better. If you are not already a member, please support us and sign up. Membership is just £10 per year. Collectively we are stronger.
Tony

Visionary Cycle Network

Thanks go to Mark Lever who has produced a very colourful and creative cycle map to promote the strategic principles of cycling around our district, just like the underground tube map it will help us decide on the best route to get from A to B. The vision is to create a network of cycle routes for all abilities, linking the places people want to travel. The map was prepared in conjunction with Clean Air for Leamington. Please pick up a leaflet at the Eco Fest. Cycleways intend to build on this initiative over the coming months. Please support our campaign.

Barriers to cycling campaign

See the Cycleways website to identify some physical barrier to cycling that could be quickly and easily removed such as bollards or kissing gates. Please flag up any new ones that you are aware of when you are out cycling.

K2L Kenilworth to Leamington

Cycleways campaigned to create a safe cycling route between Leamington and Kenilworth. Warwickshire County Council has told us it has approved plans and work is due to start in 2021/22. Thank you if you signed our petition at last year's Eco Fest. Traffic is back on the Kenilworth Road and it is unsafe to cycle direct to Kenilworth. We are still battling to see some definite dates and plans put in place. For updates on our other campaigns please see our website www.cycleways.org.uk

Work to extend the Cycle Route in Warwick



Stratford Road,
Warwick

View from the
crossing opposite
Shakespeare
Avenue towards
the existing cycle
route.

Roadworks on the A46 mean that travelling through Warwick is currently a nightmare for cyclists, motorists, and pedestrians! Some good news is that construction work has started to extend the existing cycle path on the A429 (Stratford Road).

If you manage to safely cycle through Warwick it is great to use the route to get out to the country lanes of Sherbourne and Charlecote. Heading into Warwick the current cycle path comes to an abrupt stop on the Stratford Road. It will soon be possible to get to the toucan crossing point just opposite Shakespeare Avenue.

Funding secured to help more people cycle



In association with Clean Air Warwick, Clean Air for Leamington & Action 21, Warwickshire Cycle Buddies are pleased to announce that they have secured funding from Warwickshire County Council's 2021 Green Shoots Community Climate Change Fund to launch a Cycle Buddies programme in Warwickshire.

Cycle Buddies is a free service that connects novice adult cyclists with experienced riders to help build confidence in cycling around the local area. The hope is that this will lead to more people choosing to cycle rather than take the car for local journeys, cutting down on congestion and reducing air pollution in our towns. Similar programmes are currently running successfully in London and Bristol, and we are excited that we will soon have one up and running here.

A website is currently being built for the initiative and we are hoping that some of you will volunteer to be buddies, helping more people discover the joys and benefits of cycling. More details will be released in the coming month.

Hazel , Warwickshire Cycle Buddies

If you are interested in volunteering to be a buddy or want to sign up for the scheme just let Cycleways know and we will pass on your details. *Thank you Hazel for this article*

Consultation

<https://warksroadsafety.org/>

Have your say on new road safety 'Strategy to 2030'



Cycleways urges you to take part in this consultation closes on 15th September. Link is here:

[Transport decarbonisation plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transport-decarbonisation-plan)

Gear Change



“Over £220 million to local authorities through two tranches of the Active Travel Fund to reallocate road space and create dedicated routes for cycling and walking.”

This report is definitely worth reading. Let's challenge our councillors to change gear!

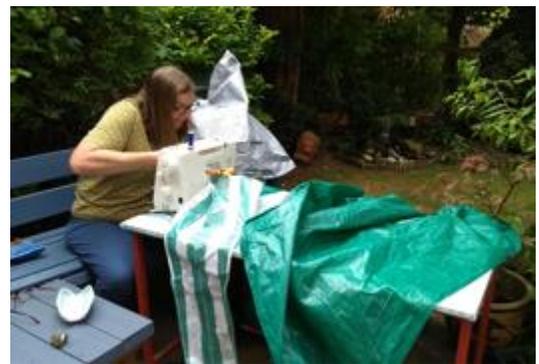
Future Learn

As well as cycling exercise your brain by signing up for a course. Future Learn have free courses that you can do in your own time. The following course is still available on line.



Time to change!

Eco Fest Gazebo



Cycleways have been keen to Reduce, Re-use and Repair. In particular a big thank you goes to Tony's support team (pictured) who have been able to repair the Gazebo for the Eco Fest.

Thank you.

Please continue to support our local cycle shops

John Atkins Cycles (01926) 430211 or 883122

GIANT LEAMINGTON SPA (01926) 460089

MIKE VAUGHAN CYCLES (01926) 853944.

Their workshops have been extremely busy. See Facebook or online forms on their websites, or ring to book appointments. Cycleways are valued customers and they have special measures in place for you. Please support them and use them as a first option rather than ordering from other large market place or on-line dealers.

Dates for your diary:

Peace Festival –was cancelled this year we look forward to 2022

Tour of Britain race dates are 5th to 13th September 2020. It starts in Cornwall and ends in Edinburgh. Seems to have skipped the Midlands this year.

Ovo Women’s Tour is planned for 4th October to 9th October 2021. Stage 1 is Bicester to Banbury and stage 3 starts at Atherstone on Wednesday 6 October 2021. No Burton Dassett this year.

Up and coming rides:

Charity Rides:

Myton hospice successfully held their cycling challenge on 1st August 2021 this year. These events are slowly creeping back onto our calendars and charities are in need of support so feel free to donate at any time.

The Hidden Hut

Have you found The Hidden Hut yet? A friendly outside pit stop that has catered for cyclists on Saturdays and Sundays during lock down. A number of cyclists have made their way to (Woodbine Riding Stables) Grandborough Fields Road, Grandborough, Rugby CV23 8BA to sample the lovely cakes and to cycle the quiet local lanes. Link to the Facebook page:

[The Hidden Hut | Facebook](#)



Saturday 18th September -10.30am. Starting from Coventry Visitor Centre, Station Square, Coventry CV1 2GT. 3miles. Adults and children 5- 15 years of age. The cycle is free but please sign up on the following link: <https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/coventry-heritage-cycle-trail>

- Sustrans have online route mapping here: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/>
- Links to the local Cycling Guide Route 41: <https://apps.warwickshire.gov.uk/api/documents/WCCC-930-178> This is particularly useful as it shows the traffic free cycle paths and cycle lanes on roads.

Have your say

Hope you enjoyed reading this newsletter. We are keen to get your feedback or your thoughts on current issues please use the following email address to submit any comments or ideas for articles to: editor@cycleways.org.uk.

AGM Save the Date

Wednesday 10th November 2021 at 7.30 pm at The Fat Pug, 23 Guy’s Cliffe Road, Leamington Spa CV32 5BZ or on line - see our website for details. Please let us know if you would like to be involved.

Committee Members

Below is a list of our current Committee Members:

- Tony Lewenz - Chairman
- Rodney King - Secretary
- Beverley Coupe -- Treasurer
- Marie O’Riley - Campaign Co-ordinator and Membership Secretary

Sandra Stokes -Newsletter Co-ordinator
Link to website

www.cycleways.org.uk

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