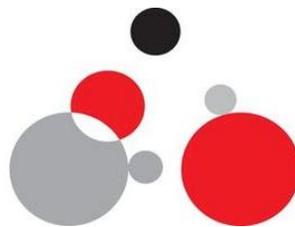


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End of an era

Sadly for us, this is the last borough insert that we'll be producing. LCC have decided to encourage groups to communicate electronically with their members and supporters, so that's what we'll be doing in future. We'll be emailing you all regularly to keep you up to date with what we've been doing, our campaigning successes, and our events.

If you're not sure whether you've subscribed to our email updates (and following the new GDPR legislation, you need to "opt in" rather than "opt out") please contact LCC head office to check. You can ask them to ensure you're on the mailing list to receive emails specifically about issues relating to Haringey, as well as any other issues that interest you. Simply email membership@lcc.org.uk or call them on 020 7234 9310.

You can also follow us on Twitter or Facebook, and you are all very welcome to join us at our monthly meetings - details at the bottom of the page. If you can't make it along but would still like to support us, get in touch by email and we'll let you know how you can help.

Dr Bike maintenance sessions

This summer sees the welcome return of free "Dr Bike" maintenance sessions in some of Haringey's parks on Sunday afternoons. They usually take place near the park cafe, from 2-4pm. The mechanics will be able to undertake basic maintenance tasks at these drop in sessions, but if the problem is too complex to be fixed there and then, they'll advise you on the best course of action. If you know what's wrong with your bike, please consider bringing the spare parts with you as the mechanics will carry only a limited number of spares.

Dates for these sessions are as follows:

Finsbury Park	Priory Park	Bruce Castle Park
- 16th June*	- 23rd June	- 30th June
- 14th July	- 21st July	- 28th July
- 11th August	- 18th August	- 25th August

* at the Finsbury Park Cycling and Walking Festival

There is also a session at Alexandra Park from 2-4pm on Wednesday 10th July.

Finsbury Park festival of walking and cycling



The official flyer for the Finsbury Park Festival

This event will take place this year on Sunday 16th June in Finsbury Park from 12-6pm. We'll be running a stall together with Hackney Cycling Campaign and Cycle Islington, so come along and say hello!

There will be lots to do and see, including 5km bike rides (register on the day), a Dr Bike maintenance session, all ability cycling from Pedal Power, information about cycle skills training, refurbished bikes and bike swap, free bike security marking, and the second London Cargo Bike Championship, organised by Hackney Cycling Campaign – why not come along and try out your skills at cycling a cargo bike? Islington Cycling Club will also be running their annual 100km challenge 'The Italian Job' from 8.30am on the day, but if you want to take part, you will need to register in advance at www.islington.cc

We meet the 2nd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the upstairs bar of the Great Northern Railway Tavern, 67 Hornsey High Street, London N8 7QB. Drop in and say hello!

Liveable Crouch End

Now that the community engagement and the co-design workshops have taken place, what can we expect next for Liveable Crouch End? We know that a number of things came up at the workshops that were important for many people who took part. Many people want Crouch End to feel more like a proper town centre, and wanted measures put in place to reflect this: better street scene with reduced 'street furniture' and improved materials were popular suggestions, as were an increase in pedestrian space through wider pavements, parklets and some small areas of pedestrianisation. It was also encouraging to hear calls for safe space for cycling coming from people who don't currently cycle, but would do so if routes are developed of a high enough quality. The suggestions for the filtering of residential areas (where roads are closed to through traffic, but residents can still access their roads by car) looked very ambitious, and sure to enable more people to feel comfortable walking and cycling in their local area.

Those short local journeys that a number of people currently choose to make by car could so easily be made by active travel, and the Liveable Crouch End Project should go a long way to enabling that.

But the good news is that the vast majority of people travel to Crouch End on foot, by public transport and by bike, with only 14% of visitors to Crouch End arriving by car. And a whopping 89% of the motor vehicle traffic that goes through Crouch End doesn't even stop there. We're campaigning to reduce motor vehicle traffic to make local streets accessible to all users. Part of what we'd like to see from this project is protected cycle routes for people who choose to go to or through Crouch End by bike, so that they can access the shops, cafes, cinemas, pubs, restaurants easily, but more importantly, safely. Research always shows that those who cycle to the shops spend more in total than those who come by car. By reducing the amount of motor vehicle traffic, not only will people be able to travel safely, they'll want to spend more time - and money - in the area as well.

The Mayor's transport strategy contains targets for the number of journeys undertaken by bike, on foot and by public transport, and with a climate emergency having been declared by Haringey Council, it will be vital to respond to that by enabling active travel as the default option.

Future Cycle Route 2 – Tottenham Hale to Camden Town

As we've mentioned in previous issues of this newsletter, Future Cycle Route 2 (FCR2, from Tottenham Hale to Camden Town), is an ambitious project designed to open up this at times dangerous and unpleasant route to people on bikes of all ages, from 8-80. Although we reported on this in our last newsletter, there's not much to report on progress in getting this route underway. The general alignment of the route has been publicised but the fine details have yet to be decided, and we are unaware of any definite plans to consult on the route as yet.

There is some controversy surrounding the placement of the route and we have made our views known on this. Specifically on Finsbury Park, in our opinion a route through the park itself is not possible for a number of reasons, primarily the fact that the route would probably be unusable for most of the summer due to events taking over that area of the park, and also because everyone using the route needs to feel safe, and for many, routes through parks do not feel safe.

Our preference is for the route to be aligned along Seven Sisters Road, and we have a general preference for road space to be reallocated for cycle tracks. We understand some more creative options are being considered by TfL, such as using the current pavement as space for a cycle track, with a new accessible pedestrian path being created just inside the park boundary, with possible benefits for an under-used part of the park, including biodiversity and aesthetic benefits as well as maintaining access to this part of the park during events.

We have also made our views clear on TfL's suggestion to align the route along CSI rather than continuing it along Seven Sisters Road to the High Road. We feel that such a deviation, although useful for those living near South Tottenham, may be underused by the majority of people who wish to continue their journey to Tottenham Hale in the most convenient way possible. We are also clear that CSI needs a huge upgrade if it is to meet the standards required for a strategic cycle route.

As this newsletter goes to print, we are awaiting a decision by TfL on the next steps. In the meantime, we encourage our members to support this route, but to comment on the need for as direct and as safe a route as possible.

Helping our group grow and achieve its goals

Haringey Cycling Campaign is an active local group, with a hard working committee. We achieve a lot in the borough, but there is so much more we'd like to do, but currently lack the resources for.

If you'd like to get involved in the group, or just find out a bit more about what we do and how you can help, why not come along to one of our monthly meetings? Details at the foot of the page. All are welcome, and you really don't need to have any prior knowledge of cycle campaigning. You never know, you may have vital skills that we need!

If you can't join us at a meeting, you can email us – haringey@lcc.org.uk – letting us know how you might want to get involved.

We've really enjoyed writing these newsletters and letting you know what we've been doing. If you'd like to continue hearing from us, don't forget to sign up for our emails if you haven't already done so! membership@lcc.org.uk or 020 7234 9310