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Borough Coordinator's Notes

Road to Rio

The 'Road to Rio' event was a huge Cycling Success for Bromley.



Bromley's Cycling Community took over Norman Park for a day of cycling fun and events and to cycle the 5760 miles to Rio

de Janeiro supporting the British Athletes preparing for the Olympic Games in August. The Ride to Rio Challenge – to ride the equivalent distance from London to Rio in 4 hours – was warmly praised by Bromley's new Mayor, Cllr Ian Payne. The Mayor then bravely led the riders off on a circuit of the park despite being formally dressed in his morning suit and chain of office – Chapeau to the Mayor. Riders young and old, experienced and newbies pedalled a total of 6779 miles in circuits of the park, beating the target distance by over 1000 miles.

Group Secretary

Following the retirement of Eve Evans as secretary, as reported in our last

newsletter, John Wood has agreed to act as secretary of the group at least until the autumn. John has therefore resigned his Transport, Traffic and Infrastructure brief as he does not feel that he could serve in both roles effectively.

As you can see from overleaf the Transport, Traffic and Infrastructure position is yet to be filled. This is an important role as it is primarily trying to keep track of planning by the borough council and other authorities and leading our responses.

If this role is something that would be of interest to you please contact us to discuss.

We have organised some great rides...

The Viking Trail

The final ride for May was an old favourite when we did a train assisted ride around the eastern tip of the Kent Coast. This has always been a very popular ride.

On a rather grey, cloudy day eight riders cycled the 32 mile route passing the ruins of the Reculver Monastery, enjoying the bracing sea air from high on the cliffs at Botany Bay and North Foreland, then passing Bleak House, favoured home of Charles Dickens in Broadstairs. After lunch we visited the Viking Long Ship at Pegwell before heading inland through the pretty village of Minster to close the loop.

Bigfoot to Brighton

The annual Bigfoot to Brighton ride was another triumph of



organisation for Adam Shepherd. One hundred and fifty riders of all ages and very mixed abilities set off from Hayes for the outing to the Brighton seafront. The route follows the quiet roads over the North and South Downs. Many riders including children rode the journey there and a large part of the way back.

Come and join our Rides...

Wednesday Weekly Wanders

Every Wednesday at 7.30 pm we meet at Bromley South Station to go for a sociable cycle ride to a pub where we enjoy a drink and chat. You can register for the wander on our website (but you don't have to). So why not come and join us.

Some Future Weekly Wanders

08/06/2016... The Bulls Head, Pratts Bottom
 15/06/2016..... The Lamb, Swanley Village
 22/06/2016..... Franks Rooftop
 29/06/2016..... George & Dragon, Downe
 06/07/2016..... The Old Jail, Biggin Hill
 13/07/2016..... The Cutty Sark, Greenwich

20/07/2016..... The White Bear, Fickleshole
 27/07/2016.... Three Horseshoes, Knockholt
 03/08/2016.... One in the Wood, Petts Wood
 10/08/2016..... Pelton Arms, Greenwich
 17/08/2016..... The Swan, West Wickham
 24/08/2016.... The Tigers Head, Chislehurst

Tour de Penge

Le Tour de Penge, now in its 10th year is on Sunday 5 June; it has become a regular part of the annual Penge Festival. Organised nowadays by Penge Cycle Club, it is Bromley's biggest family bike ride. A community ride along the Wonderful Waterlink Way



to Greenwich for a picnic in the grounds of the Historic Royal Naval College and then the return ride to Cator Park for post ride activities and refreshments. The ride is almost completely traffic free and is suitable for all ages and abilities. This is great community event so if you are able to assist with marshalling or in any other way please email us.

Crossness Pumping Station on Father's Day

19 June, 10 am start – this will be popular so please register. The outbound ride takes us through Mottingham, Avery Hill and Welling. We pass the ruins of Lesness Abbey where a visitor centre is being built, then through Thamesmead on some lovely cycle paths. We will stop for a coffee and cake somewhere.



At the pumping station there is a £6 entry fee, there is a cafe serving light refreshments. We will stay at Crossness for about 1½ hours, there is plenty to see. We will then cycle back along the Thames Path and Waterlink Way, hopefully arriving 4.30 – 5.00 pm. Distance is about 35 miles some gentle hills outbound but a flat ride home.

For further information about our rides, please don't hesitate to contact us by email: rides@bromleycyclists.org

Other news

OUR GOALS – (a.) to increase group membership. We are now receiving some helpful statistics from the LCC office and this is allowing us to see the membership fluctuations, it's too early to see how we are faring. (b.) to increase numbers attending our group meetings – at our recent group meeting we enjoyed 2 splendid presentations firstly about the progress to develop a safe cycle route between Orpington and Green Street Green and secondly by our guest speaker Andy Allsop who told about his adventures as a long distance cyclist (c.) to ensure that the council is developing the 'Asks' they have included in the Bromley Cycling Strategy. We have now had two meetings with planners to discuss how to progress key 'Asks' at Green Street Green and Bromley South. Few would argue that the hard fought campaigns led from the office are having a very positive effect in the capital. Please make sure that when the time comes for you to **renew your membership** you make it a priority so that the pressure on the Mayor, TfL and the government for cycling friendly improvements can be maintained and increased.

FLAGS – we have purchased a folding table, a spandex tablecloth and two feather flags for the group which will considerably improve our visibility at events we attend.



Meetings:

Bromley Cyclists hold quarterly meetings on a date and a place that will be notified via the usual communications platforms, please see the website for details of the next meeting. Why not come and join us; you'll make some new cycling friends.

Our Team (Core officers are in bold):

Borough Coordinator **Spencer Harradine**
Treasurer **Linda Rampling**
Secretary (Acting)..... **John Wood**
Chair..... **Derek Mark**

Rides Coordinator Tracey Parker
 Communications Richard Gibbons
 Membership & Goals..... Eve Evans
 Transport, Traffic & Infrastructure.....