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Borough Coordinator's Notes

Adult Cycle Training Courses

We have arranged a programme of adult cycling classes for new and returning cyclists. This programme seems to be popular and we have numerous applications and expressions of interest for the limited number of places. It seems there is significant demand for this type of programme and we are keen to extend it. We would like to recruit competent cyclists to bolster the numbers of leaders and marshals needed to deliver the sessions. The programme lasts for six classes and if we can get a dozen or so leaders / marshals it will spread the load so everyone does perhaps one or two sessions. There's more info on the website, if you think you can help please email us info@bromleycyclists.org.

Group Secretary

At the Annual Meeting in February Eve Evans stood down as secretary of our group and as you can see from overleaf the post is yet to be filled. Eve has held the secretary post since 2011 and has served with distinction. The group wish to place on record their hearty thanks to Eve for all her hard work. However we are delighted to report that we have not lost Eve's talents entirely because in future she will concentrate her energies on recruiting and memberships.

We also take the opportunity to welcome two new group officers: Derek Mark was elected chairperson and Tracey Parker takes over as Rides Coordinator whilst John Wood will concentrate on Transport, Traffic and Infrastructure.

Road to Rio

'Road to Rio' is a community event to celebrate the legacy of 2012 and support our athletes on their 2016 Olympic journey.

'Road to Rio' is on Saturday 14 May and brings together three community events – 'Bromley Biking Buzz', 'Bromley Sports Village' and 'Ride to Rio'. 'Ride to Rio' is a challenge to active and non-active people of Bromley to get on their bikes and collectively ride 5760 miles to Rio 2016. There will be a carnival atmosphere including samba bands, cheerleaders and other attractions in Norman Park. This is a challenge for riders of all ages and abilities.



We have organised some great rides...

Weekly Wander to Chislehurst

In November we visited the Sidney Arms in Perry Street where we probably stayed a little longer than was prudent! The ride itself merits additional comment as it took in the cycle route along Gosshill Road opposite Chislehurst Station where we were surprised to find extensive roadworks in progress to build a carpark. Enquiries have revealed that this has been presented to the PDS Committee as a £289,000 cycling project. There is an unpleasant stench coming from this expenditure of tax-payers money and we are beginning to ask some rather awkward and unwonted questions. Watch this space!!

David Bowie Tribute Wander



Following the death of local legend David Bowie we organised an impromptu tribute ride to a few of the sites in our borough linked to this hero of the glam rock era. We visited Ravenswood School formerly Bromley Technical High in Keston, Zizzi's in Beckenham, formerly the The Three Tuns where Bowie co-founded the Beckenham Arts Lab and the decaying bandstand in Croydon Rd Recreation Ground where Bowie held a concert in 1969.

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

09/03/2016.....The Woodman, Farnborough	27/04/2016.....Queens Head, Chislehurst
16/03/2016..... The Bridge House, Penge	04/05/2016.....The Cricketers, Orpington
23/03/2016..... The Ivy House, Nunhead	11/05/2016.....Blacksmiths Arms, Cudham
30/03/2016..... The Railway, West Wickham	18/05/2016..... The White Bear, Fickleshole
06/04/2016.. Olde White Lion, Locks Bottom	25/05/2016 Change of Horses, Farnborough
13/04/2016..... The Sylvan Post, Sydenham	01/06/2016..... The Crown, Lee
20/04/2016..... The Cock, Halstead	18/06/2016..... The Lamb, Swanley Village

Bigfoot to Brighton



Yes, it's back again! Bigfoot to Brighton (B2B) series of group rides, culminating in the ride from Hayes to Brighton at the same time as the adult Bigfoot Club's ride. As usual there is a programme of preparatory rides to help build stamina and confidence. The rides are on Sundays:- 20 March – 25 miles, 3 April – 30 miles, 17 April – 35 miles and then B DAY! (Brighton Day) – Sunday 1 May – 54 miles to Brighton. Registration for these rides is managed by Bigfoot CC on their website.

Tour de Penge



Le Tour de Penge is on Sunday 5 June; it has become a regular part of the Penge Festival. It is Bromley's biggest family bike ride. A community ride along the Waterlink Way to Greenwich for a picnic in the grounds of the old Royal Naval College and then return to Cator Park for post ride activities and refreshments all are welcome. If you are able to assist with marshalling this great community event please email us.

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

Other news

OUR GOALS – we have organised our first 'Meet the Newbies' event. We will do another in April or May. There is no other useful update on our other 2016 goals at present.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (MANCOM)— the six members listed at the foot of this page form the Management Committee (ManCom). The ManCom will meet monthly on the second Monday.

E-NEWSLETTER - Since our last magazine insert in December we have sent out our first e-newsletter. We hope that you received and liked it – if you did please send it to your friends, if you didn't please contact us.

SIGN FOR CYCLING – In May, London elects its next Mayor and LCC has launched its biggest campaign yet: Sign for Cycling. We want London's next Mayor to make cycling safe and enjoyable for everyone. They must create more space for cycling, encourage more local journeys to be made by bike, and tackle lorry danger.

You can tell the Mayoral candidates that you want a city that is greener, healthier and easier to get about. Please sign the petition today: www.signforcycling.org

ALL CHANGE AT THE COUNCIL - We are sorry to see Transport Planner Caroline Dubarbier, (Borough Cycling Projects & Programmes) leave to become Sustainable Transport Manager at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. Caroline was responsible for establishing the Bromley Cycle Forum, and against formidable odds steering the Borough Cycling Strategy through the maze of red-tape and bureaucracy. On the other hand we are pleased to welcome David Bond as Borough Senior Transport Planner. We wish them both well.

DID U KNOW – A TfL funded *Car Ownership & Use* Exploratory research study in 2008 found travel patterns are dominated by habit so a significant change typically requires something else to happen to get people to think about their travel. Key trigger factors are: changing job; moving house; change in health (especially amongst older people); change in family circumstances (especially amongst younger people); and changes to the transport network and the costs of travel. Two other factors that appear significant are a desire to improve fitness (which typically results in a shift away from the car to more walking and cycling), and a desire to reduce your carbon footprint.

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:

Borough Coordinator **Spencer Harradine**
Chair **Derek Mark**
Treasurer **Linda Rampling**
Secretary

Rides Coordinator Tracey Parker
Communications Richard Gibbons
Transport, Travel & Infrastructure..... John Wood
Elected officers are in **bold**.