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BROMLEY
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The borough group of the
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Where do we stand after the local elections?

In the run up to the May council elections, Bromley Cyclists asked candidates to sign up to our Active Travel statement:

- Support for the main elements of the London mayor's transport strategy
- A major increase in spending on cycling from 2019/20, and rising thereafter
- Prioritise winning Liveable Neighbourhoods bids
- Safe cycle routes to schools and railway stations
- Secure cycle parking facilities at schools and railway stations
- Speed limits of 20 mph close to schools and in high streets
- Speed limits of 30 mph on residential and rural roads (excluding some main thoroughfares)

We received full, borough-wide support from the Greens, Labour, Lib Dems and Women's Equality Party. We received qualified support from Conservative candidates in Bromley town.

In the final days before the election, we wrote to the 62 candidates who had not committed to our Active Travel statement. This generated one voicemail response and two email responses. Worryingly, out of those 62 candidates, 52 were elected.

The election result in Bromley was 50 Conservative, eight Labour and two independent councillors. Since the election, the leaders of the two main parties have published statements in the local press. Neither mentioned active travel.

The office will be writing to council leader Colin Smith to congratulate him on his electoral success and to seek assurance that the council plans to bid for a Liveable Neighbourhoods project.

William Huntington-Thresher has been reappointed portfolio holder for environment and community services.

We have written to councillors urging them to attend a Sustrans event called "Delivering Streets for People". Attendees will gain insight from fellow councillors into how to make their borough a better place to live (goo.gl/BcrEiC).

John Wood, Borough coordinator



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Come and join our free rides...

Wednesday Weekly Wanders

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm, we meet outside Bromley South station for an easy-paced ride to a different pub, where we enjoy a drink and a chat. Our wanders always finish within four miles of

the start to avoid anyone having a long ride home. Why not make the most of the lovely, long summer days and come and join us on one of these popular social rides?

Cycling commissioner assesses the borough

Following our invitation, Will Norman, the London mayor's walking and cycling commissioner, came on a cycle ride with Bromley Cyclists. The outing was designed to show Norman the scope for boosting cycling in the borough. Norman (pictured right, at centre) said the outer London boroughs had the greatest potential for increasing the number of people walking and cycling, particularly on shorter trips, and that the Liveable Neighbourhoods fund was available to make this happen. He added that Bromley Cyclists should continue to encourage the council to develop and submit high-quality winning plans to attract the resources available and that he would be pleased to support a suitable bid (see goo.gl/TQN6zG for more on the trip).



Ride double header

Two popular community rides the group supports are fast approaching. First up is the world-famous Tour de Penge on Sunday 10 June (goo.gl/MHWchn), a guided 16-mile route along the Waterlink Way to Greenwich and back. We need ride leaders and marshals to assist with this outing. The group is also leading a feeder ride to the RideLondon FreeCycle on Saturday 28 July (goo.gl/RsbyCg), where cyclists can experience the fun and freedom of riding on traffic-free roads. We will need some marshals to help us on our cycle from Bromley South station to central London and back. If you can help with either ride, please email rides@bromleycyclists.org

For further information on Bromley Cyclists rides, [visit our website](http://www.bromleycyclists.org) or email rides@bromleycyclists.org

Other news

A BIG SLICE OF INSPIRATION A tour of cycling friendly road layouts and bike infrastructure in north-east London proved eye-opening. The ride, organised by Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign, provided valuable lessons on the borough's experience with its "Mini-Holland" project and associated investments. The audacious spirit at work and the willingness to think radically and try new things - and to do so on a large scale - were all inspirational. The visit offered much to ponder given our hope that Bromley Council will apply for funding from Transport for London's Liveable Neighbourhoods programme (for a full report on the visit, see goo.gl/uNpxb8).

RATRUNNING Cars using rat runs are a major barrier to getting people cycling. There often seems to be a resigned acceptance that the motor vehicle is supreme and cannot be challenged. But a pair of new documents help to shake up this assumption by explaining what happens when you take the through traffic out of an area. Hint: it's a big win for walking, cycling and the local community. The documents, put together by the London Cycling Campaign and charity Living Streets, also suggest how concerned local communities might go about closing rat runs (see goo.gl/iu8d6n for more).

CALLING RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS We are currently considering how we might better engage with residents associations. We know that the council listens to these organisations. One of our members is a member of a residents association and he has been elected onto the Borough Road Safety Panel (a panel we have asked to join as an interested body and thus far been refused). If any of our readers are able to assist, then we would love to hear from you.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? If you have any suggestions for any rides you would like us to run or things we could do to improve cycling in your part of the borough, please drop us a line on info@bromleycyclists.org

Our next public meeting

Bromley Cyclists hold group meetings four times a year, typically in August, November, February and May. They are open to all. We look forward to seeing you for a relaxed catch-up on cycling-related matters in the borough. Keep an eye on our [website](http://www.bromleycyclists.org) for further details.

Bromley Cyclists' management committee (Core officers in bold):

Borough coordinator & rides coordinator ...John Wood	Chair	Derek Mark	
Treasurer	Linda Rampling	Communications & TTI*	Richard Gibbons
Secretary & media officer	Tom Campbell	*Transport, traffic & infrastructure	Jonathan Coulter

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