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**BROMLEY
CYCLISTS**

**The borough group of the
LONDON
CYCLING
CAMPAIGN**



How do we build better neighbourhoods in the borough?

In July, Bromley Cyclists hosted a public meeting asking this question. There were three invited speakers and an audience of 30, including cyclists, council officials, and representatives of Sustrans and residents' associations.

The first speaker was Terry Patterson, the London Cycling Campaign's chair of the board of trustees. She emphasised the successes of the Liveable Neighbourhoods (LN) approach – designed to boost walking, cycling and public transport – elsewhere in London, and drew lessons for campaigners, such as how to deal with objections from a sceptical public.

Terry mentioned that councillors needed courage, persistence and a thick skin to see the process through. She added that it was important not to settle for second best and that area-wide schemes are generally better than small, local improvements, which can simply shift congestion onto other streets.

Next up was Hassan Mohamad, Transport for London's lead officer for LN

funding. He said it has a 5-year budget of £115 million. Boroughs can bid for up to £10 million and must match the funding.

Hassan spoke of the need for LN applicants to implement the Healthy Streets approach, such as people choosing to walk, cycle and use public transport. He said that TfL wants to see high-quality schemes in outer London and for councils to seriously engage with communities about their needs.

Our final speaker was Angus Culverwell, head of transport and road safety at the council. He spoke about his team's work in keeping traffic moving and identifying accident hotspots. Angus also spoke of schemes to help pedestrians and cyclists, including traffic islands, cycle tracks and cycle training.

Angus reported that Bromley's LN bid, which must be submitted in November, may be for a scheme around Shortlands, with the aim of improving pedestrian and cyclist-hostile junctions near the railway bridge, improving the shopping parade and complementing the TfL-funded Beckenham-Bromley South Quietway.

More details about the full meeting, including a lively Q&A session, are available on our website (goo.gl/KcYjGr).

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 late summer by coming along and joining us on one of these popular social rides?

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



Other news

Christmas meal There are limited spaces available for our Xmas meal on Wednesday 12 December, so you are advised to book early. This year, we plan to visit Pink Garlic in Chatterton Village for a curry. The meal will cost £20. For more details or to book a place, email info@bromleycyclists.org

Road safety concern Despite a general fall in the number of people killed or seriously injured on Bromley's roads since 2000, the trend has been upward in the past two years. The 2017 figures are due out shortly and it will be a considerable cause of concern if the rise continues.

Building links At our public meeting (see front page), Terry Patterson, the chair of trustees for the London Cycling Campaign, suggested that one way forward with efforts to improve cycling infrastructure is to establish links with both council officers and individual councillors. Bromley Cyclists have not been particularly successful at this in the past, but we are now working to change this.

In June, John Wood, Richard Gibbons and Jonathan Coulter had a useful meeting with Alexander Baldwin-Smith, senior transport planner at the council. This covered a number of subjects, mainly in relation to the proposed cycle route between Locksbottom and Orpington station. Alexander has offered to meet us more frequently and our next meeting is this month.

In addition, we are inviting councillors to come and join one of our Wednesday Weekly Wanders (see top of the page) or another tailored ride if that is more agreeable. We await their response, but we hope this will open a window of opportunity for us to point out some of the problems cyclists face when trying to get around the borough and encourage councillors to help us work out how to solve them.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU? If you have any suggestions for 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 February, May, August and November. 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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