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**BROMLEY
CYCLISTS**

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Shortlands scheme must be handled with care

A few days ago – and just after these words were written – a launch event took place for an exciting project that could do wonders for cycling in Bromley (see over). At the heart of the Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme will be an effort to improve the horrible Shortlands station junction, where five roads, all on different ratruns, intersect below three rail bridges.

The London mayor will release money for the project in tranches. At each stage, the council must satisfy the mayor that the scheme is progressing in line with his vision. This isn't the only hurdle it faces. The response to the now-approved Crofton Road cycle path in Orpington involved a concerted and, to my eyes, irrational "bikelash". I'm guessing the council are eager to avoid a repeat.

We have approached the council for more information on the plans,

but so far have been unable to establish much detail. The council have, however, revealed that they are considering some quite radical interventions to improve the walking and cycling experience in this part of the borough.

At the moment, Bromley Cyclists wish to keep a low profile with this project to try and lessen the risk of the sort of reaction seen with the Crofton Road plans. But there will come a time when our engagement will be vital to ensure this chance to deliver a major improvement for cyclists is fully grasped.

E-bikes for hire

A 12-month trial of Lime e-bikes (one seen below) has begun in the borough. The dockless bikes, which can be located using a smartphone app, cost £1 plus 15 pence per minute to hire. At that price, they may only prove popular for shorter journeys.

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. Why not join one of these popular rides?

Viking Trail

Last month, Bromley Cyclists took 26 people on the Viking Trail (pictured), a lovely loop on the Isle of Thanet that encompasses pretty villages, delightful bays, coastal resorts and a Viking longship, all under big skies. Read the ride report at bit.ly/vikingtr.



For more information on the group's rides, [visit our website](http://visitourwebsite) or email rides@bromleycyclists.org

Other news

Going digital This will be the last Bromley Cyclists insert that will be printed and sent out with the London Cyclist magazine. Provided you have said that we can contact you by email (see "Sign up for email news", below), we will continue to keep you informed electronically. And remember to keep an eye on our website and social media.

Tour de Penge This free ride will be on Sunday 16 June, taking up to 300 cyclists of all ages and abilities on a safe, guided and off-road route from Penge to the Cutty Sark in Greenwich and back, a round trip of 16 flat miles. It is run by Penge Cycle Club, but is open to non-members. For more info, visit the club's event page (bit.ly/TdP19).

A21 segregated track A top strategic priority for Bromley Council is a segregated cycle route along the A21. The plans are set to be developed in coordination with Lewisham Council. Bromley Cyclists will be working to hold the council to this commitment, and will shortly be discussing it with the environment portfolio holder, William Huntington-Thresher.

Change is in the air Two promising events for local cycling took place just after this newsletter went to the printers. On Sunday 2 June came the launch of Bromley's Liveable Neighbourhoods project, designed to encourage active travel in the Shortlands area. As part of this, Station Road was filled with free, fun activities rather than cars. Then, on Monday 3 June, walking charity Bromley Living Streets hosted a meeting on how low-traffic neighbourhoods can improve children's health, allow residents to enjoy their streets, aid local shops and make Bromley "clean and green" again.

Sign up for email news If you are a member and you don't get our emails, it may be because you haven't given us the OK to contact you. To do so, go to the membership part of the LCC website (membership.lcc.org.uk). Log in, click on the "My LCC / Renew" tab at the top and then the "update your contact preferences" link. Under the "Privacy preferences" section, make sure the "Do not email" and the "NO BULK EMAILS (User Opt Out)" options are NOT ticked. Likewise, ensure the "Do you wish to hear from your local borough group?" question is answered with a "Yes".

Our public meetings

Bromley Cyclists hold four public meetings a year, on the second Monday of February (our Annual Meeting), May, August and November. We look forward to seeing you for a relaxed catch-up on cycling-related matters in the borough.

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

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

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