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Sustrans Ucycle Project funding extended



Following the success of the City Council's bid to the Department for Transport Local Sustainable Transport Fund, the Sustrans Ucycle Project is now to be extended, to 2014, which is very good news.

As well as continuing to promote cycling in our two local Universities and at the QMC it will now be extended to include local Further Education Colleges.

More information at www.sustrans.org.uk/ucyclenottingham

Free New City cycle maps now available:

The City cycle maps have been completely revised and all members should receive a copy with this newsletter.



More copies can be obtained from Keith Morgan at the City Council, who would also welcome detailed feedback. Email: Keith.Morgan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Electronic versions of the map can be downloaded from www.mynottingham.gov.uk/cycling

New City Charge Card Bike Hire and Storage scheme

Nottingham's LTSF bid success also means good news for the development of the City Charge Card Bike Hire and Storage scheme, as described in detail on our website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/citycard_cycle_hire



This scheme, using Pashley bikes as in the photo above is being developed by Andy Gibbons, the City Council's Public Transport Manager and a keen cyclist.

The bikes, based at a series of hubs, such as the Broad Marsh bus station, which serve several local employment areas, would be available for hire by people with Citycards, and there would also be opportunities for people who preferred to use their own bikes in combination with buses, for longer journeys.

90 bikes were delivered by the end of September and covered, secure pick-up and storage facilities installed at various hubs, starting with the Broad Marsh and Queen's Drive Park and Ride site. Meanwhile, a first standalone docking station has been installed at the Broad Marsh bus station, using smartcards to lock and release bikes. You can use this with your own bikes.

This is now working and is on loan for demonstration purposes. If you want to be part of the trial, please register in the BM Travel Centre and you'll be given a designated smartcard – there is a limited number. Please note that this is being trialled for OWN bikes only and is not part of the Cycle Hire scheme at this stage. If it works for own bikes the City Council will look – subject to tendering regulations etc – to see how it might be adapted for cycle hire.

The whole scheme is due to start in April 2012.



more information at

http://www.pedals.org.uk/citycard_cycle_hire

Erewash Valley Trail opening success



This circular route for walkers and cyclists, taking in over 30 miles of waterway and countryside on the Notts/Derbyshire border, opened in June with a ribbon cutting and launch ceremony at the Attenborough Wildlife Centre which is on the route



*Keith Morgan of the City Council with Clyde Hinton, local Sustrans Ranger and Hugh McClintock of Pedals enjoying a chat and a bite at the launch at Attenborough in June.
(photos: Steve Fisher, Broxtowe BC)*



(photo: Barry Shaw)

For further information on the EVT:

- see the website:
www.erewashvalleytrail.co.uk
- contact Steve Fisher at Broxtowe BC on
(0115) 917 7777
email: steve.fisher@broxtowe.gov.uk
- pick up the handy leaflet / map at
various locations including the Notts.
Wildlife Trust office at the Old Ragged
School in Sneinton Market

EVT user feedback welcome please

See the request for user
feedback on the Pedals
website at
[http://www.pedals.org.uk/
erewash_valley_trail_feedback](http://www.pedals.org.uk/erewash_valley_trail_feedback)



Great Notts Bike Ride 2012



As we go to press the date for
next year's GNBR has not
been fixed but we will
publicise it on the website as
soon as we know it.

Meanwhile, we know that Perfect Motion,
who now run the event, are working on
plans to extend the appeal of the Ride with
a series of cycling events over the same
weekend. Watch this space!



Pedals-Ridewise Rural Rides for All Programme beats all its targets!

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Helen
McCullen, the Pedals-Ridewise Rural Rides

for All Promotion and Marketing officer, we
have easily met our targets this year for
numbers of rides, leaders and riders.
Helen's part-time Sessional Worker post
continues until December, funded by an
Awards for All Lottery grant.



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To help celebrate this
success, and to discuss
possible changes for next
year (IF funding can be secured for
continuing the programme!) there will a
special event for all ride leaders on the
evening of Tuesday 6 December at the
Lenton Centre, with catering provided by
the Crocus Café.

To find out more contact Helen McCullen:
ruralridesforall@ridewise.org.uk

To find out more about the Rural Rides for
All programme go to www.ridewise.org.uk
and click on the 'Rural Rides' button.



Nottingham Station cycle compound – smartcard area access proposal

To help further with the security of the
Nottingham Station Bike Compound opened
in July 2010 on the north side of the Station
there plans for the eastern half to be
accessible only by smart cards from later
this autumn.

Clifton-Wilford cycling commuter corridor improvements

Pedals has welcomed most of the improvements for cyclists on the 'commuter corridor' route between Clifton and the City Centre via Wilford.



There are also plans to improve signing of the Compound from outside the Station and we also want to see its existence publicised clearly on internal signs.

With a recent spate of thefts of bikes from the cycle stands from the Porte Cochere area just inside the front of the Station British Transport Police were adamant that these must be removed and all cyclists encouraged to use the Bike Compound.

This area is anyway to be redeveloped for shops and cafes only as part of the 'Hub' Station redevelopment, with only a few stands then included, for very short term visits to make enquiries or make tickets etc.

We had to lobby hard to get these stands provided and we have also now been lobbying for good cycling provision within the main 'Hub' project including stands on the southern (Queen's Road) side of the Station.

- *For more information on these plans contact Keith Morgan at the City Council:*
Keith.Morgan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk



These improved cycle facilities at the junction of Main Road, Wilford and Wilford Lane, and toucan crossing and Advanced Stop Lanes at the junction of Maid Marian Way with Canal Street.



Our main criticism however was of the lack of provision for direct right turns from Main Road on to the cycle path by Clifton Lane towards Clifton Bridge.

New 'Big Track' section open by Clifton Bridge

We were glad to see the completion this summer of a new off-road stretch of The Big Track route on the north bank of the Trent between Clifton Bridge and Grove Farm.



Problems for cyclists with Wigman Road layout changes

We were appalled to see the new problems for cyclists in the basically welcome new 20mph road safety scheme on Wigman Road near the Harvey Hadden Stadium.



For various reasons Pedals was not consulted about this scheme which has created new pinchpoints (as on part of the new Trowell Road cycle lanes earlier this year) and other problems for cyclists, especially those with trailers or adult bikes.

We have now made the City Council aware of these and are discussing the scope for possible improvements.

Lenton Lane car parking obstructive pose more and more danger to cyclists and other road users

Cyclists and other road users are now more and more at risk from the obstruction of often very hazardous car parking on Gregory Street and Lenton Lane between the QMC and the railway bridge.



We are now pressing the City Council and Police for urgent action to tackle this without waiting for the changes to the road layout when the NET extension to Beeston and Chilwell is built along this route.

Other City Council consultations with Pedals

Recent detailed responses have included a series of local highway schemes (e.g. Aspley Lane), the new City Local Plan and the draft statement of Policy on the use of cycle paths by Horseriders.



More information on this from John Lee, City Council Rights of Way, email: john.lee@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

A52 between the Bramcote and Dunkirk flyover islands:



We have made a detailed response to the Highways Agency's recent and very disappointing 'Non-Motorised User Study' for the stretch of the A52 Trunk Road (Derby Road and Clifton Boulevard) between the Bramcote and Dunkirk islands, and including the QMC roundabout.

We coordinated our response with several other interested organisations including the Sustrans Ucycle Project.

Cycle lanes removal protest to County Council



Rectory Road junction with Musters Rd: before (above) and after (below)



We reacted with a strong protest in May to the County Council's removal of two very well used and helpful cycle lanes on Musters Road in West Bridgford at its junctions with Melton Road and Rectory Road.

This protest included an online petition signed by well over 100 local people (and not just cyclists) complaining that the layout had been made much more dangerous again.

Since then it is clear that many less confident cyclists have given up riding through the junction or taken to the pavements while even more confident cyclists, continuing to stick to the road, can often find it quite intimidating, especially when drivers cant squeeze past you in the narrower lanes and then do dangerous zig-zag manoeuvres to get past!

We also pointed out all these problems at a site meeting with Councillor Richard Jackson, the County Council's Portfolio Holder for Transport and Highways but with very little benefit.

The County Council introduced this disastrous change because their main concern was to squeeze in a bit more capacity for general traffic, of higher priority to them than the safety of cyclists or other road users!

Beeston cycle parking improvements on the way

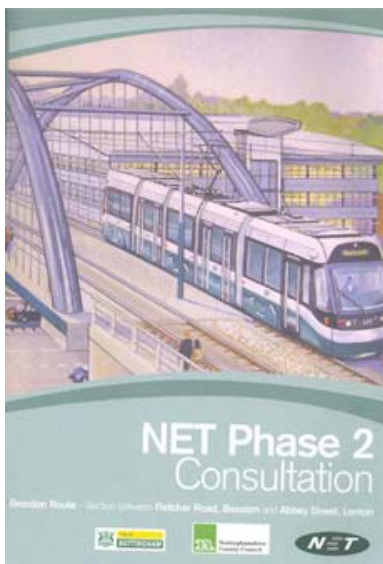
Following Pedals pressure for improved cycle parking in Beeston, John Delaney of Broxtowe Borough Council has recently said that improvements are at last on the way, starting with 5 stands outside Specsavers in

Beeston Square and then 2/3 stands as part of the new Borough-operated Beeston railway station car park (under the flyover so will be covered, CCTV'd and lit).



Additional covered cycle parking outside the council offices should appear before March next year and possibly also on the "Tesco jitty" between the High Road, and the Tesco store (subject to agreement with Tesco)

Cyclists and the NET extension plans to Chilwell and Clifton



Potential cycle routes alongside the two NET extension lines



With work due to start soon on the two NET extension lines, we have been renewing our pleas for cycle routes

alongside these, where space permits.

In particular we want to see cycle paths alongside the new tram lines from Chilwell to Toton, and from Coronation Avenue (Wilford) along the former railway through to Ruddington Lane (Silverdale) and the South Nottingham and Wilford Industrial Estate, shown in the photo below.



Both these links would help augment the local cycle network and, in the case of the Wilford route (on the former railway) would fill in a 'missing link' in the longer route from the City Centre to Ruddington.

We are also keeping a close eye on the latest detailed tram alignment plans on sections such as Chilwell Road (Beeston) and the High Road where there is very little room for cycle lanes alongside the tram and more potential for cyclists to get their wheels stuck in tram tracks.



To help address such potential problems particular care is needed in the detailed

road layouts as well other measures to educate cyclists and other road users on how to minimise potential hazards.

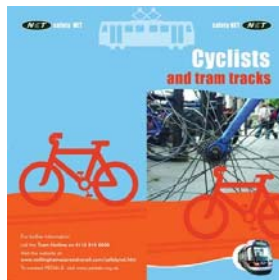


On this particular stretch kerbside motor vehicle parking will be greatly restricted and this also should help cyclists

We have learned much from cyclists experience of NET Line One, opened in 2004, and this has informed our detailed discussions on the two extension lines.



We worked with the NET Project Team on an advice note for cyclists when Line One opened and we will be reviewing this as work progresses on the new lines.



New Police 'Think Bike' car sticker campaign



With this newsletter we are distributing to all Pedals members one of the new 'Think Bike – Give Cyclists Space' car stickers, recently produced by the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership, and available from main local police stations.

More information on our website at:

http://www.pedals.org.uk/notts_police_car_sticker

OpenStreetMap: Help needed!

Appeal for help from local cyclists with making the mapping data accurate, comprehensive and up to date.



At the October Pedals meeting we had a very useful discussion with Jerry Clough of the Nottingham OpenStreetMap group, who is very keen to get more input from cyclists.

Some areas such as Stapleford, Wollaton Park and West Bridgford are relatively well-covered but more help is needed from other areas such as Sherwood with much patchier coverage.

For more information on his talk see the slides he used at:

<http://www.slideshare.net/SK53/putting-nottingham-on-the-map>

More information from Jerry Clough:

SK53_osm@yahoo.co.uk

Reporting cycle thefts



Following the recent increase in local bike thefts we have added contact information for reporting thefts to the FAQ section of the Pedals website at www.pedals.org.uk/faq

Reporting maintenance issues:



With more complaints recently about poor maintenance of cycle facilities we have also

made the contact information for reporting maintenance issues more prominent on the website at

http://www.pedals.org.uk/report_a_pothole_county



Do please send in your detailed reports of potholes, loose or missing cycle signs, broken glass and overhanging or intruding vegetation, etc.

Please give as much detail as possible on the problems and their location.

Make sure your lights are working!

Very good advice on bike lights can be found on the website of the Cambridge Cycling Campaign at:

http://www.camcycle.org.uk/resources/lights/

Help Raleigh celebrate 125 years!



In 2012, Raleigh Cycles will be 125 years old. The University of Nottingham and Raleigh (UK) Ltd have a number of community based activities planned for Jubilee Campus, Ilkeston Road, site of Raleigh for many years. These include a Cycling Proficiency Test for local schoolchildren; film nights; talks and story sharing about Raleigh led by current and ex-employees and cycle enthusiasts; a grand cycle ride around the old sites, hopefully with many old Raleigh bikes being aired and an exhibition of Raleigh memorabilia. The celebrations will culminate with a grand finale with fireworks and a play by local writers Hanby & Barrett and starring people from the Raleigh and local community. See

<http://www.hanbyandbarrett.com/> for details on their approach to inclusive live performances.

The programme is not yet finalised and we need your help.

- Do you have any stories about Raleigh, or memories of owning a Raleigh bike? Do you collect Raleigh bikes? Do you remember the making of 'Saturday Night and Sunday Morning?' Did anyone in your family work there?

- Do you have any memorabilia, no matter how large or small that we could use in our exhibition? These could be photographs, old invitations, newspaper cuttings – or a classic Raleigh bike - anything that would interest others in the community.
- Would you like to be involved in the play in any way?
- Would you like to be put on a mailing list when the events have been finalised?

This project is about Raleigh and what it means or meant to the people of Nottingham, so please come and be involved.

If you would like to help, please contact Carole Mallia, the researcher on carole.mallia@nottingham.ac.uk or telephone 0115 914 0757.

More information on our website at:
http://www.pedals.org.uk/raleigh_memories

Ridewise News



Ridewise Transition Funding

Bid success update from Gary Smerdon-White, Chair of Ridewise

Good news from Ridewise is that they have been successful in applying for £50k of Transition Funds from BIG Lottery. Unfortunately this does not allow them to directly carry on or expand its existing services this year because the funding is to help.

- Develop a more resilient mix of public, subsidised and commercial funding and ensure future sustainability with a package of high quality services
- Provide frontline neighbourhood services more effectively to the needy without reducing quality or impact
- Respond more professionally to service and funding opportunities in the public and private sectors

The sort of work to be undertaken this year includes:-

- Business Development – to look at existing services and opportunities with a view to extending and developing new services
- Monitoring and Evaluation – implement a system to evidence the benefit RideWise provides over a wide range of areas such as health, environment, employee well-being and road congestion.
- Develop some best practice pilots in neighbourhoods covering cycle instruction and group rides, developing volunteer networks and bike recycling schemes.
- Seek funding in areas which RideWise has not traditionally engaged

From this work they will be aiming to greatly improve and extend their health and schools programmes plus develop new services to paying individuals, community groups and public and private sector organisations. The work will also provide valuable input into the City Council's successful £4.9m Local Sustainable Transport Fund programme.

Bike Maintenance Classes

Hands-on bike maintenance classes, with people working on their own bikes, continue to be run by Julian Bentley at the Lenton Centre –



Details from Julian on 07824 508535, email: dr_jools@hotmail.com or at www.pedals.org.uk/looking_after_your_bike

Local bike recycling booming!



We understand that the local Bike Club, the bike recycling scheme, based in Bulwell, and operated by the Framework Housing Association, is now doing really well, with increased numbers of old and unwanted bikes being offered as word gets around.

We also gather that the Bike Club is sometimes able to donate bikes to certain local charities e.g. for use by service users.

More information from 0800 1114262, email: thebikeclub@frameworkha.org and on the Pedals website at: http://www.pedals.org.uk/bike_recycling

Pedals meetings and other events

See our website for details of meetings and general updates

www.pedals.org.uk/meetings

The 2012 AGM will be held on Saturday 31 March at the Friends Meeting House, followed by a ride. Watch the website for more details nearer the time.

Membership renewals

All membership renewals were due on 1 May. Those members who have not yet renewed should do so without further delay or will not receive future newsletters.

You can rejoin (or join) by downloading a membership form from our website at www.pedals.org.uk/how_to_join

Anyone joining, or renewing, can pay via Paypal. We now also very much encourage people, whether joining or renewing to complete a standing order form.

Don't forget the 10% discount for Pedals members at several local bike shops.

Contact details for Pete Elderton

(Membership Secretary since our last AGM)

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For more Pedals contact information visit:
www.pedals.org.uk/contacts_list

Appeal for help in finding new home for Pedals displays

Dave Clark stepped down in July after many years of devoted service as our Events / Stalls coordinator and we would much welcome any offers to take this over please!

We also urgently need a new permanent home for the Pedals display and stocks.



These are being temporarily stored in the back of Chris Gardner's garage in Bradmore. but this is not a permanent solution!

If you can help with this or any other way, with stalls please contact the Secretary, Peter Osborne : peterozz@hotmail.co.uk

The next issue of the Pedals newsletter will appear in May 2012

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