

NEWHAM CYCLISTS (NC) ANNUAL REPORT 2015/6

An active year of campaigning and rides. We have made a good start to our efforts for greater contact with like-minded organisations and had some positive engagement with a number of Newham Councillors.

We have had the benefit of wide participation throughout the group. Thanks to all who have contributed.

For a list of infrastructure issues see the “Outstanding Stuff” chart.

Responses to consultations

- **Quietway 6 QW6 (Aldgate to Hainault) – LB Newham section.** NC met with, and provided input to, the Sustrans design consultant, stressing the importance of getting the junctions right. NC subsequently responded to the LB Newham council QW6 consultations. NC also rode the route with Forest Gate North Councillor Seyi Akiwowo.
- The present QW6 (LB Newham section) route proposals lack provision for the separation of cycling traffic by space and/or time through the major route junctions. This has led to a current NC recommendation of official non-support designation for the QW6 LB Newham section as a London Cycling Campaign (LCC) supported quietway.
- **Stratford Gyrotory (SG) plan.** NC attended stakeholder meetings in July 2015 and March 2016 on the TfL funded proposals with LB Newham officials to replace the current Stratford Gyrotory (SG) arrangements as part of their Road Modernisation Programme. The design plans are an ongoing process but NC have reasons to be optimistic that they are heading in a positive direction with regards to better and safer space/facilities for pedestrian and cycling traffic around and through the SG area.
- **Manor Park and Forest Gate Crossrail Station Area Improvement plans.** NC submitted consultation responses to the Forest Gate and Manor Park plans and had several meetings with LB Newham council officers and Forest Gate North councillor Rachel Tripp. NC are in process of consulting with LB Newham in favour of protected cycling traffic provision with regards to the Forest Gate plan and have expressed strong reservations about the lack of a 20 mph speed limit restriction along Forest Drive as part of the Manor Park plans.

- NC submitted detailed responses on the **Silvertown Way/Viaduct cycle traffic improvement plan** which currently looks promising. The design process is ongoing.
- NC recorded opposition to the proposed **Silvertown Tunnel** in the latest consultation and expressed support for priority to be given to pedestrians, cycling traffic and public transport options in future east London crossings plans.
- NC supported the scheme in the **East Ham South** area of a 20mph speed limit and two-way cycling on one-way roads. NC asked for an audit and a wider roll out of the scheme.
- NC asked for the pavement at the corner of Stratford high Street A118/Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach A12 to be made shared use for pedestrians and cycling traffic to facilitate an easy and safe connection between Stratford High Street westbound cycle track (Cycle superhighway 2) and the Lea Navigation towpath as part of the Bow junction Interim Proposals which have commenced construction in January 2016.
- NC did not support the LB Newham council proposal for the removal of the point closures on **St Anthony's Road and Glenpeake/Palmerston Road** in the Green Street West area. These point closures are still in existence but further clarification of their situation is needed from the council.
- NC did not support pavement vehicle parking proposals on **Stopford Road** in the Upton Park Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) extension plans.
- NC suggested some additions to the planned network of strategic cycling and walking routes in the **Newham Local Plan**.

Other Campaigning/Publicity Activity

- NC rode with LBN Officers around the **Greenway diversion** and pressed for signage and minor improvements which were (slowly) provided. We also rode the diversion and looked at alternatives with Stratford and New Town Councillor Terence Paul and West Ham Councillor John Gray in December 2015.
- In May NC rode potential local quietway routes with TfL and LBN officers.
- In December we had a second meeting with Councillors Paul and Gray to consider all the issues surrounding **Stratford High Street and Gyrotory** (including Tramway Ave, Sugarhouse Lane, Warton Rd, Carpenters Rd, Greenway closures, removal of cycle parking) and provided a briefing for

them to which there has not yet been any response.

- We kept in regular contact (including two catch up meetings) with LBN Sustainable Transport Officer, pressing for **implementation of minor schemes** as per the ward audit.
- The **website** recorded monthly meetings and rides. We provided a **borough insert** for each quarterly LCC magazine. We piloted use of Slack for internal communications.
- We manned a stall at the **Forest Gate Festival** the **Forest Community Centre** table top sale.
- We have leafleted on behalf of the LCC's **Sign for Cycling** campaign.

Outreach

- NC participated in *Friends of Greenwich & Woolwich Foot Tunnels* (fogwoft), an organisation seeking to improve the Greenwich and Woolwich foot tunnels.
- NC held a joint public meeting in November 2015 with *Living Streets* and attended a *Living Streets* street audit event for Ilford Hill/Romford Road A114/North Circular Road A406 junction in February 2016.
- In October we met with **Rosalind Redhead** who was proposing to be an independent mayoral candidate for London, seeking active travel and car free days.
- We offered to assist the **Client Earth** clean air campaign but received no reply.
- We have made useful contact with **E20 Org** which is run by the owners of Pave Velo and runs regular Sunday Rides.

Rides

- We continued in 2015 our tradition of combining our summer meetings with **evening rides**.
- We had a record number of participants for our feeder ride to the central **London Freecycle** in August.
- We expanded our four **Newham Rides** to provide some variation and even some exploration beyond the borough and south of the river. This format was

considered to be a success.

- We were blessed traditional good weather for the traditional autumn **Rainham ride**.
- We have planned a full programme of rides for **2016** which will include the new variety of Newham Rides and more regular serious rides. This has already borne fruit with successful rides to Greenstead Church and to Broxbourne. The first in the series of Newham Rides is 10 April.

The Year Ahead

The next few months see **critical local elections** and the LCC Sign for Cycling Campaign.

Infrastructure issues are likely to predominate, in particular:

- Stratford Gyratory.
- Westfield improvements (which are in prospect).
- QW 6 (the Dames Rd junction remains undersigned and other junctions are below LCC requirements).
- The Greenway (where a pilot lighting scheme has been installed and there is funding for adding some new ramps).
- *Crossrail* stations related “improvements” – Maryland has yet to be put out for consultation, work still needs to be done on Forest Gate and Manor Park.
- The Lea Valley way needs its connector between Cody Dock and Canning Town.

Newham Cycle Strategy/audit is a work in progress. It includes a London Cycling Design Standards *Cycle Level of Service (CLOS)* assessment of routes (excluding junctions) throughout the Borough, which should bring cycle infrastructure provision more into sight when future road improvement schemes are undertaken, particularly in the light of the Mayor’s “Keep Newham Moving” programme:

“His proposals include investing £100 million over the next ten years in improving all of the borough’s roads, pavements and lights; additional resources to keep Newham clean including an extra £1m a year on enforcement; and continuing to fund 40 additional police officers to help keep residents safe.”

LIP (transport funding from TfL) shows funding available 2016/7 for Upton Corridor accident treatment (£100,000) High St North accident treatment (£100,000) Royal Docks walking and cycling (£315,000), cycle permeability (£100,000) plus funding for cycle training, a Bike it Officer and for schools active travel/safety.

We will run our expanded **ride programme** and look for further **outreach**.

Newham Cyclists Annual accounts 2015-16

Date	Description	Details	Serial No	Debits	Credits	Balance	
01-Apr-15		opening balance				1028.26	
01-May-15	Cafe organic ltd	Coffee7 meeting exp	B/P	-20			
11-Jun-15	LCC main office	Bunting	B/P	-12			
30-Jun-15	Credit Interest				0.57		
24-Jul-15	Bill	FG fest stall & leaflets	B/P	-86.55			
04-Aug-15	LONDON CYCLING CAM	grant			241.1		
30-Sep-15	Credit Interest				0.62		
30-Sep-15	LONDON CYCLING CAM	Freeride ride leader payment			180		
01-Oct-15	Cafe organic ltd	Coffee7 meeting exp	B/P	-20			
06-Nov-15	Cafe organic ltd	Coffee7 meeting exp	B/P	-20			
31-Dec-15	Credit Interest				0.74		
26-Jan-16	Cafe organic ltd	Coffee7 meeting exp	B/P	-20			
22-Feb-16	Bill	Ride support kit	B/P	-79.27			
07-Mar-16	Cafe organic ltd	Coffee7 meeting exp	B/P	-20			
16-Mar-16	Bill	Banner	B/P	-40			
16-Mar-16	Mrs SJ Ruiz	Eat16 AGM expenses	B/P	-130			
31-Mar-16	Bill	indoor bootsale receipts			27.85		
31-Mar-16	LCC main office	Bootsale donation	B/P	-27.85			
31-Mar-16	Credit Interest				0.70	1,004.17	
		closing balance				1004.17	
				expenditure	income	diff	surplus/ deficit
income over exp 2015-16				-475.67	451.58	-24.09	-24.09