***Newham Cyclists (NC)* Readout from Monday 26th of February 2024 Meeting**

**Social Rides**

The ***LCC Women’s Freedom Ride*** takes place on 3rd of March 2024. The risk assessment has been done for our feeder ride. The main ride has over 600 signed up although there is not a huge number for the feeder ride, which will start at 10.30 am from the View Tube. There is unlikely to be a feeder ride back.

A ***Call the Midwife*** ride has been added to the calendar for Sunday, 21st of July 2024.

***Redbridge Cycling Campaign*** and ***Havering Cycling Campaign*** groups are planning a social ride on the Saturday, 16th of March 2024. Details are not available yet.

***Ambition, Aspire, Achieve***

The ride for the *AAA/ARC* children’s cycling club which took place on Saturday 24th of February 2024 took in the Greenway, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Hackney Marshes. It was enjoyed by the children.

Maintenance is still required on for the bikes at the *ARC* and *Abbey Road* centres. If you are able to help contact us with the days and times that would be convenient for you.

***Fix Your Ride(FYR)* programme, *Newham Green Fair* and NC financial issues**

Starting on 9 March. Two more signatories have been added to the account which will facilitate paying for the market space.

An expenditure NC budget for 2024/25 period should be formulated by the NC Committee for consideration at the April 2024 NC Annual General Meeting. In the meantime any outstanding requests for legitimate NC expenses should be made before the end of March 2024 to the NC treasurer to make the annual accounts collation simpler.

We decided to explore alternatives to renewing *Zoom* and alternatives for website hosting.

We have agreed to run a ***Fix Your Ride(FYR)***/outreach stall at the Newham Green Fair on 6 May 2024 at ***West Ham Park***. A volunteer to organise our participation is needed.

***Newham Cyclists* Public Engagement**

A fruitful meeting took place by NC group interested in ‘outreach issues on the 23rdof February 2024.

It looked at increasing the number of activists as well as increasing ***London Cyclists Campaign (LCC)/Newham Cyclists*** membership. Ideas included (a) changing the current NC monthly meeting day/date/start time. This will cover NC March 2024 meeting and the AGM in April 2024 – details to be decided by the Committee; (b) moving details to other for a or focus groups to make monthly meetings more general and social and with guests, particularly counsellors; (c) combining meetings with rides and an induction for new participants; (d) hybrid meetings to facilitate accessibility; (e) publicising meetings well in advance; (f) measuring the effectiveness of our activities.

Outreach to non NC members might be improved by (a) having a small family ride publicised at schools; (b) reaching out to logistics couriers and delivery riders; (c) liaising with bike shops; (d) talking to *CycleHoop* or the Newham council on possibilities for publicity on the parking boxes;(e) refining our offer to potential LCC members both Newham specific and more generally on behalf of LCC; (f) cycle buddies; (g) targeting local Newham university campus students e.g. at freshers fairs; upgrading our publicity materials; (h) better exploitation of social media; (i) conducting a survey at the *Newham Green Fair*; (j)engaging with non-cycling groups.

**Infrastructure**

* ***Romford Road Active Travel Scheme (RRATS)****.* The consultation on the full scheme has been [published](https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/luf-romford). It appears well designed. Individual responses are required and it is key that there is a good response. NC are able to take individual points to the RRATS Project Manager.

There was a NC monthly meeting with the RRATS team on Friday 23rd of February 2024. Related report sent out.
* ***Liveable Neighbourhoods.*** There have been workshops on the West Ham Low Traffic Neighbourhood which members have attended. A filter improvement scheme for the Atherton LTN was completed in February 2024.
* A cycle audit ride was taken on the Tuesday, 6th of February 2024 with Newham Council officials through the ***Royal Docks Corridor*** and the area of the ***Beckton Walking and Cycling Project***. Both could be a step change improvement for cycling in the area. Major outstanding issues are connectivity with Cycleway 3 (C3)/A13 at Canning Town, junctions of access roads heavily used by Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and the roads around the Canning Town *London Underground/Docklands Light Rail*/bus station.
* ***East Village Connections(EVC)* Olympic Park project:** There is a ride around with LLDC scheduled very soon.
* ***Westfield Avenue* project:** Work progressing.

**Any Other Business (AOB)**

Atthe NC April 2024 AGM, all elected and committee members positions have to be re-elected as all posts are up for re-election. There are some existing NC vacant committee posts and there will be some new vacant ones as stated at the meeting.

**NC March 2024 Monthly Next Meeting**

To be confirmed.