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Reading Cycle Campaign RBC Campaigning Officer's Report for AGM 2010

Cycle Liaison Group

The year 2009/10 saw a strengthening of the quarterly Cycle Liaison Group (CLG) meeting with Reading Borough Council (RBC). Re-launched in October 2008, the CLG is chaired by the Labour Lead Councillor for Transport, Tony Page. The meetings are now also regularly attended by RBC's Head of Transport, Pat Baxter, as well as the relevant Councillors and Transport Strategy officers.

Cycling Strategy – New Designated Cycling Routes

As part of its Cycling Strategy, Reading Borough Council has mapped out and started to sign the new Cycle Network. RCC has audited some of the routes and provided suggestions for improvements. Some minor infrastructure improvements have been undertaken on the routes in West Reading. We managed to stop RBC's plans to create a shared use footpath on Bath Rd.

Duke St / London St Crossing on NCN 4

RBC removed the Toucan crossing here as part of a simplification of this junction, which has a bad accident history. We failed to persuade RBC to create a cycle friendly crossing where NCN 4 crosses Duke St. We flagged this issue in the local media and did manage to get a consolation of some better signage.

Town Centre One-Way Re-organisation

RBC consulted us on the proposed reorganization of the one-way system in the town centre. One of the benefits of this will be that Friar St will become two-way for cyclists. We also managed to successfully lobby for Greyfriars Rd to become two-way for cyclist over its full length.

Traffic Regulation Orders

RBC took up our suggestion that Traffic Regulation Orders (which give the public the opportunity to comment / object to proposed highway changes) are posted on the RBC website.

Cycle Audits

We failed in our attempts to get RBC to undertake cycle audits at the design stage of highway schemes (as recommended by the Department of Transport). Only the Liberal Democrat Councillor on the CLG supported us on this issue. Consequently we are likely to continue to see badly designed highway works that cause danger and inconvenience to cyclists.

Bike Week

Bike Week in 2009 was co-ordinated by the CTC funded Cycling Development Officer for RBC. Our activities in Bike Week included stalls in the town centre and Arlingto Business Park, a Freewheel and stall at the Prospect Park cycle festival, and a led ride at Green Park.

Ros Furley

Long standing cycle campaigner Ros Furley stood down from her post as RBC Campaign Officer due to her moving away from Reading. Thanks go to Ros for her years of dedication to improving cycle facilities.

Keith Elliott
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