



Reading Cycle Campaign RBC Campaigning Officer's Report for AGM 2011

1. Cycle Liaison Group

The Cycle Liaison Group (CLG) comprising Councillors, RBC Transport Officers and representatives from Reading Cycle Campaign, CTC and Sustrans, continued to meet quarterly. Following the change of party after the local elections in May, the Conservative Lead Councillor for Transport, Richard Willis, now chairs the CLG.

Reading Cycle Campaign recently expressed concern to the Lead Councillor for Transport on the lack of democracy in setting the agenda for the CLG meetings.

2. Cycling Strategy – New Designated Cycling Routes

As part of its Cycling Strategy, Reading Borough Council has completed mapping and signing the new Cycle Network on the east side of Reading to supplement the southern and western routes already established. Routes in Caversham will be signed in 2011. RCC audited the routes on the western and southern sides of Reading and provided suggestions for improvements to the Council; these suggestions have not been implemented.

RBC's Cycling Strategy Action Plan includes a number of infrastructure improvements on the cycle routes. The main improvement undertaken over the last year has been paving part of route R6 in Coley. Other infrastructure improvements planned for the cycle routes are behind schedule.

3. Quick Win Cycle improvements

After last year's local elections the new Lead Councillor for Transport asked Reading Cycle Campaign to suggest 'quick win' cycle improvements. In June 2010 we suggested 7 improvements across the town. None of the suggestions have been pursued by RBC.

4. Local Transport Plan 2011-25

Reading Cycle Campaign commented on the draft Local Transport Plan 2011-25 requesting more detailed commitments to cycle infrastructure improvements.

5. Oxford Road

Reading Cycle Campaign has lobbied Battle and Abbey ward councilors for improvements to Oxford Road at the junction with Bedford Rd.

6. Bike Week

Bike Week in 2010 was co-ordinated by the CTC funded Cycling Development Officer for RBC, Mark Tancock. Our activities in Bike Week included a stall at the Prospect Park cycle festival, a social evening curry ride and the annual cycle census.

A cycling information stall to be held in Broad St in Bike Week was postponed to September 2010.

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