



On Your Bike

cardiff cycling campaign news

Campaign Roundup

It's been a busy year for the Campaign in the last year, with contributions being made to Cardiff Council's 'Enfys' strategic cycle route network plans, a response to the Welsh Government's consultation on the Active Travel Bill, and development of the website. At last November's Annual Meeting & AGM, the following members were elected:

Chairperson

Richard Nelmes

Secretary

Ken Barker

Treasurer

Richard Evans

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Cardiff Cycling Campaign

Open meeting and AGM

Monday, 7pm., 12th November 2012

At the Welsh Institute of Sport, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff

Speakers:

Ralph Cook

- Executive Councillor, Cardiff Council

Claudine Conway

- Swansea Wheelwrights & CTC Cymru

Carl Sargeant introduces the draft Active Travel Bill



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Membership Secretary

Richard Nelmes

Website Manager

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Newsletter Editor

Ken Barker

Cardiff Council has developed its cycling route strategy, taking forward cycle route schemes in a 'corridor' approach, to which we proposed improvements. The Council adopted a Cycle Design Guide under the guidance of Local Transport Projects. However, it has not been possible to engage fully with the Sustainable Travel projects - with the

demise of the OY Bikes scheme - nor discover whether their measurement of claimed travel achievements are true. Certainly, there has been an increase in cycling, shown by our cycle counts.

Thanks especially to Lewis, our website is increasingly effective. We have still have more to do to update our membership database and use website software to manage payments and communications.

On reduced membership income, we published fewer newsletters, seeking

to make the website the main source of information.

We would like to thank all the members who have taken part in the Campaign's work over the last year. We encourage you to become involved in the developing Campaign at the AGM / members' meeting on 12th November and during next year.

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Campaign Annual General Meeting

Attendance and apologies
Minutes of the AGM held on 14th November 2011
Presentation of the Campaign's Annual Report
Presentation of the Financial Accounts
Appointment of the Independent Examiner
Election of Committee officers and members
Plans for the future

Members and supporters are welcome. Followed by a drink at the Mochyn Du.

Cycling and walking routes to be provided by law in Wales

New plans to legally oblige Welsh local authorities to provide cycling and walking routes were described by Malcolm Shepherd, Chief Executive of Sustrans as a ground-breaking move by the Welsh government that will help people get around more safely, cheaply and healthily. The proposed **Active Travel (Wales) Bill** will make it a legal requirement for local authorities to plan and deliver routes that link up schools, hospitals and shopping areas with traffic-free routes and cycle lanes.

Cardiff Cycling Campaign's response

In its response, Cardiff Cycling Campaign said that, in principle, local authorities should have such a duty. "But it's important

that routes can meet specified criteria for clarity, directness, convenience and safety in travel terms, and that they relate to transport and land use strategies including interchange between modes, and that they conform to a nationally agreed set of criteria for such routes

Ken Barker, for Cardiff Cycling Campaign, commented, "The enhancement of a route network needs to be included in transport and land use development plans, including regional transport strategies and Local Development Plans. For this reason, it is necessary to integrate walking and cycling route development and enhancement in transport assessment, prioritisation, and

funding, and in planning processes, in order to deliver Active Travel objectives." He added, "However, we have concerns that the requirement on local authorities would be interpreted in an insufficiently distinctive way between the needs of walkers and cyclists, and that they would seek to meet the requirement by one route network for both travel modes, without considering route options to meet their respective needs. "The proposals need to recognise the work that has been done over the last few years through the Welsh Government's Walking & Cycling Strategy and Action Plan. Action Plan commitments must be carried forward in support of the local authorities' new duty."

Sharing or separation, which way for streets of the future?

This was the subject of a debate between Ben Hamilton-Baillie and Steve Melia held at the Centre for Transport and Society, UWE, Bristol, last May.

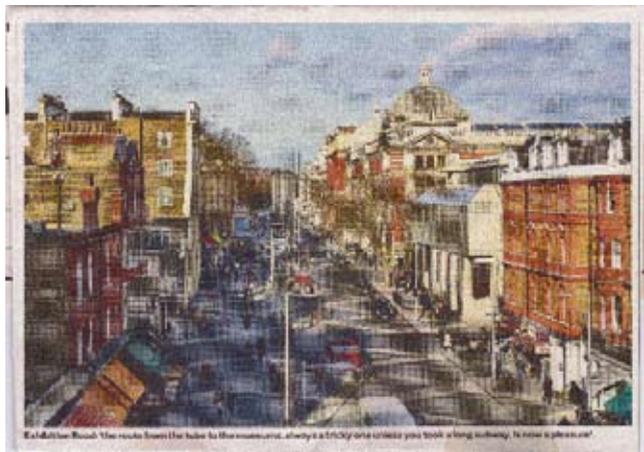
Ben's argument in support of sharing, was that this goes with the grain of behaviour, which is resistant to barriers and rule-based segregation, "It's what life is about – conflict, risk, exposure to hazards". At the city-urban and rural-town / village levels, only simple measures are needed. He acknowledged there needs to be sufficient space to negotiate right of way, and that there can be capacity issues in, for example, a shopping street with many pedestrian movements across cycling or bus routes.

Describing

a traffic scheme in Ashford, Ben claimed, "it works better than before, though pedestrian flows still aren't high enough to overcome the barrier effect of the distributor road." But one contributor said, "It's a step change from highway to the people-centred public realm .. to reduce the highway characteristics of high traffic speed and volume."

Steve questioned whether segregation contributes to 'driver'

culture: "it depends", he said. More research needs to be done on the safety of segregated paths: quality of design is key and inclusivity has to be central." Others commented, that inclusivity is undermined by high traffic flows, leaving pedestrians vulnerable: "safety depends on driver responsibility." Steve responded, "vulnerable road users suffer the consequences of providing for high traffic flows including heavy vehicles; hence a hierarchy of provision.



Exhibition Road, Kensington: shared space

Given the right conditions, shared space is a solution, but only where driver - and cyclist - behaviour can be modified and responsibility reinforced.

Ken Barker

Labour leads Cardiff Council

In last May's elections, Labour took Council control from the Lib Dem – Plaid Cymru administration. Councillor Ralph Cook, due to speak at our Annual Meeting, was appointed Deputy Leader and holder of the Planning and Transport portfolio.

At the Cycling Liaison Group's August meeting, Councillor Cook described proposals to plan housing developments along the lines of the traffic calmed areas of the city of Freiburg, Germany, where

priority is given to walking and cycling and reduced car ownership. This, he said, would be supported in the draft Local Development Plan. Though encouraging, it also

depends on a high quality passenger transport system and reduced car ownership as well as cycling provision. St. Dials in Bristol shows the problem of high car ownership in Woonerf-type developments.

Labour's Manifesto

In their election

manifesto, the Labour Party told Cardiff voters it had an ambitious and challenging vision for the city's future, while remaining "realistic and deliverable". The "disappointing" record of the previous administration, has left Wales' capital city at the bottom of the league for achievement. Transport pledges in the Labour manifesto:

- Reduce traffic congestion by introducing a flexible approach to on-street parking, and look at providing free bus



Dutch Woonerf

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St. Dials housing development, Bristol

travel at peak times for key-workers;

- Create a greener Cardiff by using technology to give residents information about public transport

and provide more opportunities for cycling and walking;

- Create a transport hub with a new bus station north of Cardiff Central railway station.

Ken Barker

Cardiff's Local Development Plan Strategy commits to high growth

Cardiff Local Development Plan, now open for consultation, commits to a high growth strategy with an increase of around 40,000 houses over the 20-year period. The Plan provides the framework for future economic & social development

of Cardiff as a 'city-region' "to meet economic & social needs."

The Plan has to deliver sustainable transportation solutions, "respecting environmental interests and sustainable neighbourhoods." Our interest as a

campaigning group is in cycling and transport. The Plan says that the Cycling Strategy aims to provide strategic routes and linkages, with the new Cycle Design Guide setting out best practice.

"There will be full account of the needs of cyclists and pedestrians in the design and master planning of new development areas."

Cardiff

Council "hopes that by the end of the plan period modal split will be significantly reduced to a 50%/50% split between car-based and non car-based travel, by demand management and widening travel choices". The Campaign will challenge such an insignificant reduction, noting Cardiff's poor carbon footprint performance.

Ken Barker

CTC

Wednesday Wanderers Wales - Wednesday Evening Rides, November - December 2012

As the lighter evenings are fading fast, we'll be staying closer to Cardiff from now on. We always ride as a group and at a steady pace. These rides are definitely not races, but an opportunity for a good ride with a sociable group of fellow cyclists.

Rides start at 6.45pm (for 7.00pm) from the one of the four starting points noted below (or 7.00pm from the secondary point). We shall also aim to arrive at the destination by about 8.30pm, and to leave by about 10.00pm so that we do not arrive back in Cardiff too late. From some destinations we may leave earlier and call somewhere nearer Cardiff on the way back.

The distance indicated is approximately **the shortest route from the start point to the destination**, but if the weather is fine and the group wishes, we usually make the outward journey a few miles longer. Equally, if the weather is bad we may shorten the ride, or change the destination to suit.

Date	Destination	Direction	Direct route distance to destination	OS Grid Ref
14/11	Kings Arms, Pentyrch	North	7	ST 104 818
21/11	Captain's Wife, Swanbridge	West	10	ST 169 674
28/11	Hollybush, Draethen	East	9	ST 221 873
05/12	Otley Arms, Trefforest	North	11	ST 084 887
12/12	Dynefwr Arms, Groesfaen (seasonal celebration meal (£5 deposit please))	West	10	ST 073 808
19/12	Black Cock, Caerphilly	East	5	ST 144 848
26/12	The Gwaelod Inn, Gwaelod y Garth	North	6	ST 116 838
02/01	Horse & Jockey, Twyn yr Odyn	<u>South</u>	6	ST 116 737

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Cycle Cardiff Rides

Cycle Cardiff, a cycling group that encourages riders of mixed abilities, runs rides every Sunday morning at 10.15am from Pedal Power, Pontcanna, Cardiff, and social events. New members are welcome to join. For more information:
www.cyclecardiff.webs.com/events

South Wales Cycle Events is the Facebook page for a social cycling group that does more adventurous rides than those of Cycle Cardiff, though there is overlapping participation.

Cardiff CTC
 website: <http://cardiffctc.com>

Membership Application

I / We wish to join Cardiff Cycling Campaign.

Name(s)

Address

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Postcode Phone

E-mail

**Membership Secretary, Cardiff Cycling Campaign,
33, The Balcony, Castle Arcade, Cardiff, CF10 1BY.**

For one year:	Waged	Unwaged
Individual	£8.00	£3.00
Joint	£10.00	N/A
Affiliation	£30.00	

For two years:	Waged	Unwaged
Individual	£13.00	£4.00
Joint	£16.00	N/A

Please apply for Standing Order rates. Joint membership is for several people living at the same address (e.g families).

Monthly Campaign Meetings

**Meetings are usually held at O'Neill's,
Trinity Street, Cardiff city centre,
on the 2nd Monday of each month
7.30pm. - 9.30pm**

**AGM: Monday, 12th November 2012
Monday, 10th December 2012
Monday, 14th January 2013**



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Cycle Shop Discounts

available to members

Cyclopaedia
116, Crwys Road, Cathays
10% non-discounted items

Damian Harris Cycles
55b, Merthyr Road,
Whitchurch
10% parts / 8% cycles

Don Skene Cycles
769, Newport Rd, Rumney
10% parts / 5% cycles

Muddybum Bikes
5a, Beulah Road, Rhiwbina
10 % parts / 5% cycles

Sunset Mountain Bikes
119-121, Woodville Road,
Cathays
10% parts / 5% cycles

The Bike Shed
245, Cathedral Road,
Pontcanna
10% parts / 5% cycles

Tom Davies Cycles
312a, Cowbridge Road
East, Canton
10% parts / neg. on cycles