



What's New?

Portsmouth Cycle Forum Newsletter
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Next Meeting: Thursday 10th September
7 pm, Meeting Room 1 - Guildhall

Seafront Cycle Route

Portsmouth Cycle Forum was invited to look at the draft drawings of the first phase of the on-road cycle route along Southsea seafront. This section extends from South Parade Pier to Henderson Road along Southsea Esplanade and Eastney Esplanade.

Having seen these drawings and after clarification on some of the plans, we submitted our comments to councillors for consideration. We are particularly concerned that cycle lanes will pass directly behind the echelon car parking for much of the way. In our view this is extremely dangerous since drivers reversing from them simply cannot see cyclists approaching. In addition, the cycle route will be suitable for fast commuter and utility cyclists only; inexperienced, leisure and child cyclists are not catered for. You can view our comments on our website

www.pompeybug.org.uk

This is an extremely important local cycling issue. Contact your local councillor and make YOUR VIEWS known!

Find your councillors at: www.portsmouth.gov.uk/yourcouncil/1120.html

Summer Cycling Events

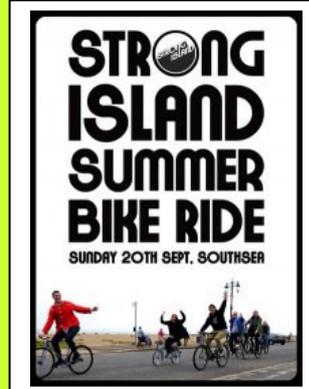
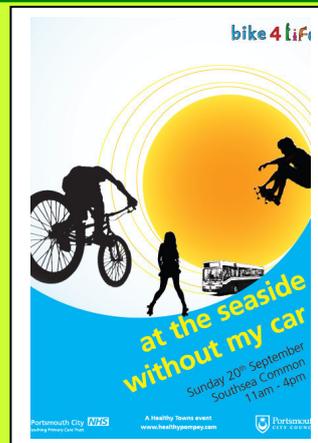
Round the Island Ride



Round the Harbours



An excellent weekend of cycling was enjoyed in June
We need more weekends like these!



Sunday 20th September 11-4

Plans are afoot for:

'at the seaside without my car'
On the seafront (near the cenotaph) a celebration of travel other than in a car!
www.portsmouth.gov.uk/living/7978.html

Why not enjoy the Strong Island Summer bike ride? Details at www.strong-island.co.uk



Portsmouth Cycle forum attended the Round the Island and the Round the Harbours bike rides and met many cyclists, many of whom added comments and suggestions on our 'What would make cycling better in Portsmouth' 'post-it' board.

You can help us

Log onto our website and tell us about your biggest issue with cycling around Portsmouth
www.pompeybug.org.uk

What else have we been doing?

- Helping put anti-theft education stickers on bike racks... have you seen them?
- Speaking to councillors, making deputations & liaising with the media.
- Attending the LSP conference, speaking at the Cultural Consortium, taking part in the Seafront, The Hard and North End public consultations.
- Training to be local Ride Guides – a diary of guided rides will be available soon...
- Getting involved in bike recycling & refurb. projects - for more info email: travel@healthypompey.com

Portsmouth City Council is forming community transport focus groups to shape future policies. If you're interested in taking part, call 023 9283 4922 or email engineers@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Family Christmas Cycle Ride

Meet at the Hayling Ferry, Eastney at **10.00 am on Sunday 6th December** for a ride around Langstone Harbour including the Hayling Billy route. We'll return via the Hayling Ferry.

We are also planning a 'Frostbike' Ride to Stokes Bay and Lee-on-Solent
Details in the next newsletter.



The next open meeting of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum will be on **Thursday 10 September at 7pm** in Meeting Room 1 on the 3rd floor of Portsmouth Guildhall

The main item will be the seafront cycle route and we'll also hear from Steve Elliot of Portsmouth City Council on the plans for the Trafalgar Link Road which cuts across the cycle route running along Mile End Road.

Future meetings 2009
Thursday 19 November



Local success.... National Issue Two-way cycling in one way roads

In our last newsletter we included a short piece on two-way cycling in one-way streets.

We attended the recent Traffic and Transportation Decision Meeting and spoke in favour of two-way cycling in one-way roads.

The decision made was to consider two-way cycling in new and proposed one-way roads and to review existing roads that are considered to be of strategic importance to the cycle network.

However....

There is a problem with signage. We are told that the cheapest and easiest solution is to use the 'No Entry' sign with an 'except cycles' exemption plate.



Except Cycles

But

the Department for Transport does not allow the use of 'except cycles' with the 'no entry' sign but although it does allow 'except buses'.

YOU can help change this by contacting your MP

MP for Portsmouth North:
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023 9265 8291

Email: mccarthyfrys@parliament.uk

MP for Portsmouth South:
Mike Hancock
023 9286 1055

Email: portsmouthldp@cix.co.uk

Goodbye Charlie, Hello Simon!

The Head of Transport and Street Management at Portsmouth City Council has changed.

We wish Charles Stunell a happy retirement.

Simon Moon has taken over and promises more cycle and bus lanes – great news!

www.portsmouth.co.uk/portsmouth/Bike-lanes-and-buses-39will.5559646.jp