



What's New?

Portsmouth Cycle Forum Newsletter

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Next Meeting: Thursday 19th November
7 pm, Meeting Room 1 - Guildhall

Southsea Seafront Cycle Route Update

The report on the seafront cycle route will go before the Portsmouth City Council Cabinet on 9 November and it will be posted on the PCC Web site, www.portsmouth.gov.uk, at least one week before the meeting. We would welcome your support in calling for a safe on road solution that is suitable for all users including families and less confident cyclists.

Ideally we would like to see a route that is separated from the vehicles on the road.

However, we would be pleased to see improvements to the current situation that make the seafront road safer for cycling.

Lakeside Planning Application

We made a deputation to the PCC Planning Committee on the proposals to build a business park on the land next to Lakeside offices at North Harbour (formerly IBM). A huge development with no fewer than 6000 car parking spaces was billed as "green and environmentally friendly" but with scant regard to the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and bus users.

We have managed to secure improvements to the cycleway along Western Road and the grand sum of £34,000 has been promised by the developers to improve the pedestrian and cycle links to Cosham and Hilsea. Councillors were not impressed at the transport plans and deferred granting permission pending further studies

CTC Affiliation

PCF is applying to affiliate to the CTC, the national organisation representing cycling and cyclists. We will benefit from having public liability insurance so that we can organise rides and events. We will also be able to offer membership of the CTC at a reduced rate of £12. If you'd like to take advantage of this offer, please contact John at cycleforum@southern.plus.com or phone 07787 550655. The offer is available for a limited time.



Right to Ride

We are fortunate in Portsmouth to have two new volunteers to represent cyclists locally as CTC Right to Ride Representatives. Hilary Reed and Jon Spencer are both local cyclists and will certainly represent a wide range of riders. We are hoping they will introduce themselves at the next meeting and tell us a little about what they are going to be doing as RTR Reps.

Awards for All

We are working on an application for Awards for All funding for an exciting project at Bransbury Park.

This will be a joint project in partnership with Groundwork Solent and Portsmouth City Council. We plan to set up a facility with a wide range of different types of cycles to try for ALL people of ALL ability, background, age, ethnicity, gender. With tricycles, tandems, trailers, baby seats, specialist bikes, everything! With cycle skills and safety, maintenance and route planning workshops and guided rides to get you all out enjoying cycling.... watch this space!

Several Cycle Forum members have been trained as guided ride leaders so that they can lead bike rides organised by PCC and the Forum. Others have been trained to maintain and repair bicycles and will help at bike repair workshops held throughout the city.



Well Done!!!!

Kathy Azopardi took part in the Brompton World Championships held in October at Blenheim Palace and was the 13th female (of 87) to finish. Riders had to wear suits and ties and were required to start the race with their bicycles in the folded position.

Trafalgar Link Road

The Trafalgar Link is a PCC project which will see the building of a new dual carriageway from just south of the Shell Garage on Mile End Road to the Trafalgar Gate in Flathouse Road. The intention is that this will replace Nelson Gate as the main entrance to the dockyard.

Unfortunately, the new road will cut across the existing cycleway which passes along the eastern side of Mile End Road. We have had meetings with the project team with the purpose of minimising the disruption to cyclists and to ensure that people cycling and walking to the dockyard can do so easily and safely.

A planning application has now been submitted and you can view and comment on it at www.portsmouth.gov.uk. Planning reference is 09/01375/FUL and the closing date for comments is 9 November.

Don't forget..... our 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.

The next open meeting of the Portsmouth Cycle Forum will be on **Thursday 19 November at 7pm** in Meeting Room 1 on the 3rd floor of Portsmouth Guildhall



Future meetings 2010

Thursday 14th January

Thursday 4th March

Thursday 13th May

Thursday 9th September

Thursday 11th November

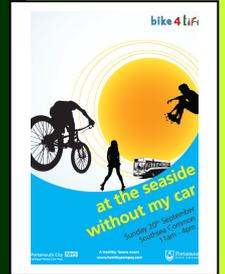
Plus some informal meets at King Street Tavern:
Feb 11th, April 8th, August 12th,
Oct 14th and Dec 9th



Summer Cycling Events

Sunday 20th September
**'at the seaside
without my car day'
did you go to the seaside
without your car?**

The cycle forum was there asking people for their views on cycling in Portsmouth. Bikes were mended for free and some of us joined in the Strong Island Cycle Ride. Guided walks, guided rides, bicycle try-out sessions cycle training and public transport information were all available.



Portsmouth Green Fair

PCF attended the Green Fair in the Guildhall Square. We talked to lots of people and helped mend bikes. We also spoke to the Leader of the Council – Gerald Vernon-Jackson about seafront cycling.



LTP 3

What's LTP3? Well it's the new round of Local Transport Plans to take effect from 2011.

Portsmouth's plan is being prepared now. It is vitally important that we ensure that cycling is an integral part of the solution to the city's transport and environmental needs. Three members of the Forum attended a briefing in London organised by Friends of the Earth, CTC and Campaign for Better Transport.

Winter Draws On

It's that time of year again when the days are short and the nights are long. Please be safe when you're out on your bike. Make sure your lights are bright wear light coloured clothing. Happy cycling!

Do you know a place with bikes locked to railings, trees or lamp posts.....?

Last year PCC installed many new cycle stands across the city...

We have been asked for some locations for more racks again this year.

So if you think you know a place that could do with a rack or two, let us know and we'll pass it on!

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