

Forthcoming Rides, Meetings and other Events

Saturday 19 September Tour of Britain

Watch the riders race around the central London circuit, further information at www.tourofbritain.co.uk

Sunday 20 September London Sky Ride

Details overleaf

Sunday 20 September Urban Green Fair: Brockwell Park 11am-7pm

Come along to the Lambeth Cyclists stall at the urban green fair – see www.urbangreenfair.org for further information

Tuesday 22 September Lambeth Council Dr Bike: Streatham Common 5:30-7:30pm

Saturday 26 September Lambeth Cyclists Architecture Ride: fire stations Look out for further information on our website or email group or contact Janet (janet.paske@gmail.com/ 07740 457 528)

Tuesday 20 October 2009 Lambeth Cyclists meeting

7:30pm upstairs at The Priory Arms, 83 Lansdowne Way, London SW8

Saturday 24 October 2009 Lambeth Cyclists Architecture Ride: Edwardian Baroque Look out for further information on our website or email group or contact Janet (janet.paske@gmail.com/ 07740 457 528)

Tuesday 17 November 2009 Lambeth Cyclists meeting

7:30pm upstairs at The Priory Arms, 83 Lansdowne Way, London SW8

Saturday 28 November Lambeth Cyclists Architecture Ride: One-offs Look out for further information on our website or email group or contact Mark Knox 07765 945530.

Lambeth Cyclists email group

Details of meetings, rides planned and other announcements are circulated on the email group as well as discussion of matters of Lambeth cycling interest – sign up today by sending a blank email to Lambeth_cyclists-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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Lambeth all set for Skyride



As we went to press final preparations were being made for the Lambeth feeder ride to the annual cycling event in central London now known as Skyride (formerly Freewheel).

Skyride takes place on Sunday 20 September 2009 – Come and join us for the Skyride. As in previous years we will be running a feeder ride. We will have 3 joining locations in the borough – Streatham Hill, Brixton and Clapham.

Everyone, young, old, novice or experienced cyclist is welcome. The ride will be marshalled by the Lambeth cyclists and is designed to enable everyone to have a fun day out along with thousands of other cyclists in central London.

Departure points (please be at departure 5 minutes beforehand)

10 am departure from Drewstead Road Railway bridge, behind Streatham Hill Station

10:20 pick up outside Lambeth Town Hall on Acre Lane

10:40 final pick up at Bandstand on Clapham Common.

Alternatively make your own way up to car-free central London – the 15km route is shut to motor traffic between 10am and 4pm. For further information see www.goskyride.com.



Cycle Hire Scheme brings £500,000 for cycling in Lambeth

Transport for London's cycle hire scheme is set to be launched next May with approximately 6,000 bikes spread over 400 docking stations including 26 located in the North of Lambeth. Last February Lambeth Cyclists attended an exhibition showing the proposed locations and we were unanimous in our feedback on the scheme: whilst welcoming it we felt that sending inexperienced cyclists out onto the main roads around Vauxhall, the Oval and Waterloo was insane - as local residents we had problems negotiating the network of one way streets in the area.



Lobbying by Lambeth Cyclists and LCC centrally persuaded the Mayor to fund "associated measures" which would make the area more cycle friendly. One hot June afternoon two of us cycled up and down the streets in the area bounded by Waterloo, Harleyford Road and the river identifying barriers to cycling such as one way streets, no entry signs and curbs that prevent cycle journeys.

Lambeth Transport officers working to a tight timetable jumped on our list of proposals and inserted them into the application document for which Lambeth has now obtained funding from TfL. Announcing the funding Lambeth's Cycle Projects Officer Richard Ambler confirmed that returning one way streets to two way for cycling to create permeability throughout the area is a blue print for similar treatment across the borough. The works will include road resurfacing and other measures so that everyone who cycles in the area will benefit. In addition Lambeth are in the process of submitting bids for an additional £200,000 for cycle training associated with the hire scheme - this is on top of existing training funding.

We hope that the cycle hire scheme will be extended southwards into the borough increasing the number of people on bikes and bringing further benefits for all cyclists.

Lambeth Cyclists to produce manifesto for cycling

Building on our experience of working with officers and councillors of all parties on Lambeth Borough Council we will be working over the next month to produce a manifesto for cycling in Lambeth.

As you may be aware in May 2010 there are elections to Lambeth Borough Council (and across all London boroughs) and through consultation with members we will be drawing up a list of priorities that we would like to see addressed by the new council. By initiating the discussion now we hope to produce a document that can be adopted by all the political parties in Lambeth reflecting the cross-party support that cycling and sustainable transport has received in the borough.

Our list of priorities will, we anticipate, include continuation of policies such as providing subsidised cycle training and giving priority to cyclists and pedestrians in transport policy, in addition we will be looking for commitments to increase permeability for cyclists. Come along to our meeting/ see the email group for discussion.

Ride reports: Lambeth Cyclists see Sussex in Style

In August we had another summer 'weekender' with an overnight stay in Chichester.

Saturday's weather was a bit drizzly but that was no problem as we headed for the local art gallery, museum, and cathedral, with a pub dinner. Sunday's weather was glorious however and we explored the beautiful countryside of the South Downs, with a visit to the fascinating Downland Museum and of course tea stops. Our thanks go to Mark Knox and Janet Paske for organising and leading the ride.



Parks, Pimms and a picnic

Two cyclists who came on our Ealing suburbs ride in May were so impressed with our rides that they wanted to run one of their own!

So we had an extra ride in August to the farmers' market in Pimlico and a picnic in St James' Park, cycling through Battersea and Hyde Parks. The day ended with Pimms at the Windmill on Clapham Common. Thanks to David Rabin for suggesting and leading the ride.



Forthcoming Rides: Saturday 24 October Edwardian Baroque

Join us for a trip around the best Edwardian Baroque that London has to offer: this style of architecture looked back to Baroque architecture of the 17th and 18th centuries and accounted for many of the public buildings built in the early 20th century including County Hall, Westminster Central hall and the Old Bailey. Details of this ride were being finalised as we went to press - check our website or the email group for further information nearer the time.

Saturday 28 November: One-Offs - Architectural Freaks and Fantasies.

November's ride will be seeking out buildings that can't be pigeonholed in one architectural style or another, buildings where architectural imagination ran away with itself. So expect the tasteless, the bizarre, the eccentric, the curious. Again check our website/ email group for details or contact Mark Knox 07765 945530.

Do have an idea for a ride?

We are always on the look out for new ideas for Lambeth Cyclists rides. In recent months we have been focussing on the architecture of London we welcome suggestions for all rides. If you have an idea that you think would lead to an interesting ride in London or the surrounding area (including train trips out of London) do get in touch - we will shortly be putting together the programme of rides for next year. We can help you devise a route and offer support in developing the ride. Contact Borough Coordinator Philip Loy - 020 8624 8677/ Lambeth_cyclists@hotmail.com.