



CycleKnutsford

Newsletter

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Chairman's Brief 2017

This year has seen much progress on several fronts:

- A draft of the Neighbourhood Plan has been drawn up and will be out for public consultation in November, please look out for this and make your comments be heard.
- Cheshire East cycle strategy 2017 - 2027 was completed setting out a vision for cycling within CE. Here's the link to the CEC web site



Some new initiatives being brought forward which will keep CycleKnutsford busy with the Town and Borough Councils for the year to come:

- Following on from the Cycle strategy each town within the borough now needs to draw up a 'Town Cycle Plan' a specific plan showing exactly what we would like to see in Knutsford.
- The most exciting news is that the Knutsford Town Council want to work with us over the next three years and actually make Knutsford cycle friendly. After our initial meetings we have come up with some super ideas.. watch this space.

CycleKnutsford committee - as you have seen there have been some changes as we gear up for the next three years and we want to thank all our departing members for all your hard work and a warm welcome to the new members. As ever, if you have a spare hour or two and would like to be involved in actually making some lasting changes in our town please contact us ASAP



Cyclists Only!

A Cycle Holiday in the UK

Chairman Su writes: "Upon arriving in Bournemouth, we parked the car and didn't use it until our return journey. What fun was had! We cycled three miles to the beach every day, along wide roads, down beautiful chines which are pathways with ancient trees and grass areas that run alongside the natural gullies of streams down to the sea. Plus, when exploring, we found an outdoor Velodrome and wow that was fun! It's much harder than you would think. Bournemouth is very cycle friendly and is highly recommended for cycling for everyone of all ages and abilities".



For Speed Freaks

School Buses from Mobberley

Borough chiefs intend to cut school travel services for eight to 11-year-olds who live between two and three miles away from their nearest school.

This proposal would affect children in, for example, Mobberley who could in theory cycle to school in Knutsford but the new pavement along the Mobberley Road is deemed (by the authorities) NOT suitable for combined Pedestrian/Cyclist use. The plan to stop school buses bringing children from Mobberley to Knutsford is proposed for September 2018. A consultation, which will run until 24th November 2017, was confirmed at a recent cabinet meeting where concerns were raised over the draft policy.



Cycling by the Sea

Mobike in Manchester

Manchester Bike Hire has been commissioned by Mobike, the Chinese public bike share (PBS) operator with the dockless bikes, to run its Manchester operation. They provide the City Manager, the street operations team (riders towing a trailer loaded with Mobikes doing repositioning and so on) and the repairs and maintenance team.

This is a radical, even revolutionary, approach to public bike share and, if it can be shown to work, it will change PBS schemes forever.



Mobike are looking into special pricing measures and schemes for identified groups.

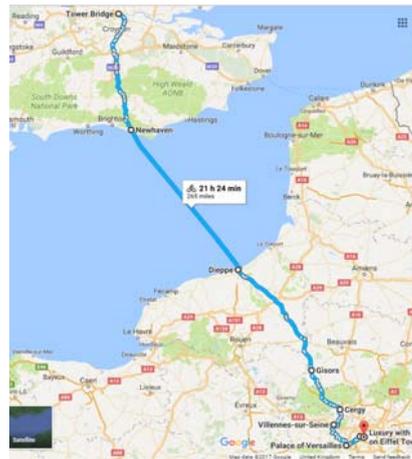
Sponsored Cycle London to Paris

Since the death of his father in 2014, Stuart Kirkham and his family, often including friends, have undertaken a series of challenges to raise vital funds for Brain Tumour Research. This year's challenge was to be a major undertaking to cycle from London to Paris: some 200 cycling miles!

On the 22nd September 2017 Stuart set off from the Tower of London to Paris. They had a hearty feed before a rough ferry crossing from Newhaven to Dieppe with no sleep and the prospect of some 70 miles per day thereafter.

They cycled from Dieppe to Gisors town square to re-energise for the cycle to downtown Cergy and another overnight at Cergy Port for much needed sleep and replenishment of French cuisine. Next, on to the market Town of Villennes-sur-Seine, the grounds of the Palace of Versailles, and the Bois de Boulogne, before the Eiffel Tower finally came into view on the horizon, and the busy Parisienne roads to the foot of Eiffel Tower.

The only significant issue was an unbelievable 15 punctures! **Well Done!**



Personal Cycle Story:

Maureen Warburton a year on from her Level 2 Billability training, here's what she says about Life After Training:

"My cycling training with Su finished in early 2016. For those familiar with the Disney film "Dumbo", I felt that I was Dumbo the elephant and Su was my feather, without her I was nervous to go out on the roads on my own and my bike began, once again, to gather dust in the garage. I decided to get a grip and, as a first measure, began building stamina by cycling in the gym at the Memorial Court in Northwich. Soon I had cycled courses all over the world without ever getting rained on or leaving the (relative) comfort of a stationary bike! Traffic was still an issue for me but then I discovered the Millennium Greenway at Mickle Trafford. This is a traffic free route into Chester and North Wales. Absolutely wonderful! My husband, Bob, who had a bike that had been languishing, untouched, for 20 years joined me and soon the miles were racking up as we cycled to Connah's Quay and also into Chester city centre. He now has a new bike and has caught the cycling bug too. My favourite route is to cycle along the Greenway to the River Dee at Hawarden Bridge and then turn left along the river on the Dee Round to arrive in Chester. In the Future, we are planning to cycle along the North Wales coast to Prestatyn soon. I have also been cycling locally and have joined the fledgling Knutsford U3A cycling group. In the not too distant future I am hoping to cycle with the Chester Fabulous Ladies. So much to do, and I love being on my bike which no longer has a chance to gather any dust. Thank you, Cycle Knutsford".

Tour of Britain

Cheshire East Council are applying to host a stage of the Tour of Britain in Cheshire in 2018 and 2020. This would not only promote the Town but it could promote cycling generally.

Date for 2017 AGM

This year's brief AGM will be held in the Angel at King Street, in their private upstairs room on the 16th November 2017 at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a very interesting speaker, Vincent Walsh, who will give a talk comparing his experiences of taking his family on cycling holidays in France and the Netherlands.



Cycle Knutsford is a community organisation and has no subscription. This means we are dependent on donations for the income to meet our running costs. We do ask members to consider making an annual donation of £5. If you can, please return to the Treasurer in the enclosed envelope.

Please also take a moment to confirm or update your membership and contact details, by returning this tear-off slip.

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