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Westminster Cycling Campaign is the local, volunteer group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our group is open to any LCC member who lives, works, studies or cycles in the City of Westminster. We aim to encourage people to cycle, improve conditions for cycling and raise the profile of cycling in Westminster. The majority of our 320 members are Westminster residents. When we write to our local councillors, we are writing to Westminster's councillors. All members are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they wish. You're welcome to just come to our meetings to listen to what's happening.

What have we been doing? Recently we have:

- Sought to confirm the layout of streets that will be reinstated after Crossrail works end, such as Great Chapel Street that previously provided a northbound cycle route across Oxford Street – a key theme for us is the ongoing loss of cycling permeability due to new one-way streets, prohibited turns and pedestrian zones, which force people on bikes onto more heavily-trafficked roads
- Checked and chased the progress of cycling facilities due for construction, such as:
 - Cambridge Circus Project: Litchfield Street and West Street contraflow cycling
 - Glasshouse Street: contraflow cycling
 - Bayswater Road to Edgware Road Quietway 2: Sussex Gardens cycle lanes
 - Baker Street Two Way Project: Dorset Square, Ivor Place and Melcombe Street contraflow cycling and Park Road short cycle tracks
 – Another key theme for us is cycling facilities failing to be implemented, e.g. contraflow cycling on Whitcomb Street was approved as part of the Piccadilly Two Way Project in 2013 but not implemented until June 2018
- Responded to consultations including the Sutherland Avenue Local Safety Scheme, Sutton Row pedestrianisation and Edgware Road to Fitzrovia Quietway 2
- Had three amicable meetings with Westminster City Council's new Cycling Champion, Councillor Jim Glen, covering many of the topics above
- Organised rides including a Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle Led Ride and a forthcoming Silver Sunday ride on Sunday 7 October, both of which aim to attract new people to cycling



But as far as we know, we don't have any active members who live or work in Soho. Although part of the larger West End Ward, Soho has its own special character, lots going on and many issues arising:

- What happens when streets occupied by Crossrail works reopen? (Sutton Row, Fareham Street)
- A north-south Quietway through Soho: is Wardour Street feasible?
- East-west access: the one-way problems of Old Compton Street, Noel Street and Carlisle Street – what Camden cyclists refer to as 'the Soho stopper'
- Many new building developments
- A perennial shortage of cycle parking places
- Soho Neighbourhood Forum's draft Plan for Soho

The opinions of someone who lives or works in Soho would carry more weight. Could this be you? Please get in touch using the contact details opposite.



The contraflow cycle lane in Wardour Street, and a similar example in Soho Street, are surviving features of Westminster City Council's abortive traffic reduction trial in Soho in 1999. Title illustration by Jennifer Fee.

40 years of LCC

London Cycling Campaign is celebrating its 40th anniversary. Our Chair, Colin Wing, reminds us what cycling in Westminster was like in 1978: "There were absolutely no cycle facilities. The first cycle schemes in Westminster, namely the Ambassador Route between Chelsea Bridge and Paddington and the Wellington Street scheme north of

Waterloo Bridge, were introduced by the Greater London Council (GLC) in the 1980s. There were no crossings of Park Lane, Hyde Park Corner or Marble Arch, no Cycle Superhighways and no cycle parking stands. And no, I was not the LCC coordinator for Westminster 40 years ago!"

Consultations

We work with authorities including Westminster City Council, Transport for London, the Royal Parks and the Canal & River Trust. Please see Cyclescape, which we use to invite comments, debate opinions and record our consultation responses.

<https://westminster.cyclescape.org/>

Meetings and events

We have six meetings each year. We learn more by discussing opinions and proposals together, so please join us to have your say on the issues that affect you. We organise events such as cycle rides and Dr Bike events with cycle mechanics, maps and leaflets. Please see the LCC website's events list, which we use to record and advertise our events. Details may change after this newsletter goes to print, so please visit the website or call 020 7828 1500 to check.

<http://westminstercyclists.org.uk/showevents.htm>



Silver Sunday in Westminster

Sunday 7 October 2018 10am - 2pm

Part of a day of free events and activities for older people. A leisurely paced ride along parts of:

- East-West Cycle Superhighway (CS3): Victoria Embankment
- North-South Cycle Superhighway (CS6): Farringdon Street
- Quietway 1 (North): Mount Pleasant, Bloomsbury, Covent Garden

Start/Finish Location: Hyde Park, Santander Cycle Hire Station, South Carriage Drive, adjacent to Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner (nearest Postcode W1J 7NT). The route will either be segregated from motor traffic or will use roads with a 20mph speed limit. Along the route we will see some of the famous sights of London. Total riding time is around 2 ¾ hours plus refreshment stop. Families welcome. Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



The Country Estates of West London

Saturday 20 October 2018 12:30pm - 5pm

Forget Heathrow, the M4 and Great West Road and discover why West London was once the fashionable place for your country estate. About 24km / 15 miles.

No real hills! Ride starts from Richmond Station at 13:15. 12:33 train from Waterloo – or use Overground or District Line.



Westminster Cycling Campaign meeting

Possibly Monday 5 November 2018 7pm - 9pm but **date is TBC – please check website**

Join us to find out about the latest cycling issues in Westminster, raise issues that affect you, and have your say. **NEW LOCATION: The Carpenters Arms, 12 Seymour Place, Marylebone, London, W1H 7NE** – in the quiet upstairs room. Alcoholic drinks, soft drinks and snacks such as crisps and peanuts will be available. Members can also bring their own food. Do you want to attend our meetings but there's something about the venue or time that doesn't suit you? Please get in touch.

Other news articles and discussions

Please see our Twitter account to keep up to date with the latest local news and discussions. You don't need your own account to view it.

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Westminster Bridge: this #FOI response from TfL gives an update on the delayed/stalled plans for segregated cycle lanes: whatdotheyknow.com/request/segreg...

We do not have a schedule or programme for the implementation of segregated cycle facilities yet. Construction of a segregated cycle provision across Westminster Bridge was about to start before the attack in March last year. Since the attack, the Metropolitan Police have installed temporary protection on the busiest Thames bridges in central London. As a result of space constraints, we are unable to provide the proposed segregated cycle lane across Westminster Bridge while there is still temporary protection in place. We are working closely with the police, Mayor's Office, central government and London Councils to develop a permanent solution which provides protection while enabling walking and cycling, and respecting the bridges' history and national significance.

An initial study of the options for protective measures on Bridges will commence later this year and the design and implementation of cycle segregation on Westminster Bridge will be heavily dependent on the duration and output of this work.

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