

WelHatCycling Newsletter March 2015

This Month -

Our Second Saturday Social on 14th March will take us on a leisurely led ride mainly on quiet country roads, taking in Welwyn Village, the outskirts of Knebworth, and south on Sustrans route 12 for lunch, on to Codicote and back to Welwyn Garden City.

Suitable for road bikes, with just a short section on an off-road cycle path.

Departing from Campus West, Welwyn Garden City at 11.00am. Car parking available.

See <http://welhatcycling.org.uk/events.htm#MAR> for more details.

Cycle to Work Scheme

The Cycle to Work scheme allows an employee to purchase a bike. Once your employer is signed up to the scheme, they can then purchase a brand new bike and safety accessories (up to the value of £1,000) tax free on your behalf. You will then be able to pay for this monthly from your salary over a period of 12 or 18 months. See <http://www.cycle2work.info/>

Political Cycling Debate

Earlier this week three UK political parties presented their policies to debate on cycling ahead of the General Election. <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/news/cycling-debate-signals-shift-political-attitudes>

4 min video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WwnMqncf3tk>

If you missed The Big Cycling Debate at News UK in London here are the highlights. It was organised by CTC on behalf of the UK Cycling Alliance. For further information go to www.ctc.org.uk/bigcyclingdebate

Welwyn Hatfield Infrastructure Consultation

WHBC are asking for comments on their Infrastructure Delivery Document.

The policy doc will be used for planning the details for the 12000 new houses in your area.

If you would like to have direct cycling infrastructure with proper interconnected networks of useable bike paths and lanes in order to provide safe transport for people of all ages, here is an opportunity to have your say.

As we know the cost-benefit of providing cycling facilities reduces sick leave and ultimately lowers healthcare costs to individuals, employers, families and the NHS.

http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal/planning_policy/local_plan_consultation_january_2015/draft_idp_jan2015

Have a read and register to make online suggestions before 19th March.

The printed document with paper response forms are also in your library.

National Targets now Law

The Roads Investment Strategy now includes cycling provision which cannot be ignored by Government.

http://www.sustrans.org.uk/news/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-now-law?utm_source=Sustrans&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=5356201_The+Network+-+February+2015&utm_content=Cycling+and+walking+investment+strategy+now+law&dm_i=6EB,36SVD,HQ07DU,BF7FX,1

Our Monthly Meetings

We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.10pm at Campus East, WGC. We welcome new people and are glad of fresh input. As the building does not have a public entrance after hours, see the pdf on the homepage for entry details.

Commuter Clothing

Levi's launch a new range of clothing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHmCQiZOMY0>

That's all for now, hopefully the milder weather is set to stay,

Regds John

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