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Lambeth Dr Bike - the winter sessions

Lambeth's sustainable transport team have facilitated the fixing of over a thousand bicycles this summer. A gargantuan programme of Dr Bike sessions this year has seen us at our usual four pan-borough locations, at the side of the Barclays Cycle Superhighway route 7 and visiting events all over the borough. We have been collating information using a questionnaire filled out by all participants and many people stated that they wanted to see a Dr Bike service happen in the winter. So we have complied!

Come along to our Cycle Superhighway locations throughout the winter to get advice about winter cycling and a well needed check up by one of our expert mechanics.

The sessions will take place on Wednesday 15 December in the evening 5.30-7.30pm opposite Oval station on the outbound Cycle Superhighway (CSH) and Thursday 16 December between 7.30-9.30 am Clapham Common Southside on the inbound CSH. In January, you will have a chance to start your New Year's resolutions with a free bike check on Wednesday 12 January 5.30-7.30pm at Oval and Thursday 13 January between 7.30-9.30am on Clapham Common.

For more information please email cycling@lambeth.gov.uk



Lambeth Junior Road Safety Officers conference October



Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) in Lambeth attended their annual conference held at Roots and Shoots – Walnut Tree Walk on 15th October 2010. The conference is a time for JRSOs to brainstorm ideas and discuss ways in which to tackle Road Safety issues around their school and local community.

JRSOs are a huge help to the Road Danger Reduction team at Lambeth as they help get important Road Safety messages across to the other children at their school as well as to staff and parents and can tackle any particular issues on the roads around their school as they arise.

There were a variety of activities for JRSOs to do, which included seeing how a police car operates and using a speed gun along Kennington Road with Police Officers. The police even stopped a few drivers along the way!

The JRSOs also designed a Road Safety poster aimed at children who walk to school alone as well as hi-visibility clothing items. The children and teachers had a wonderful morning and many children left wanting to be police officers when they grow up!

For more information about road safety and becoming a JRSO please email roadsafety@lambeth.gov.uk

LBTN event shows how London is going electric

The Lambeth Business Travel Network held its November meeting at the Union Jack Club in Waterloo. The theme was Electric Vehicles (EVs) and a number of EV industry specialists came to present. Ellie Heald from Transport for London talked about the Mayor's vision for electric charging points across London and the new branding to be used. Lambeth businesses who had any kind of interest in EVs came to talk about the agenda. EVs are not only cars, there are also scooters and pedal assisted bikes. Dan Parsons from GoCycle also talked about his electric bikes and how great they are as pool bikes for hilly areas and people who are less mobile.

The event was well attended with representatives from the NHS, the National Theatre and an estate agency. A quiz was held with the answers in the presentations which worked as an ice-breaker and to ensure that participants listened closely to the speakers! The meetings are an invaluable chance to network with like-minded businesses and organisations.

For more information see www.lambeth.gov.uk/LBTN or email travelplans@lambeth.gov.uk



Go-Ahead bus drivers have cycle training



The Go-Ahead London bus company who operate buses predominately in South London have embarked on a training programme to create a greater awareness amongst its 4,000 plus bus drivers, of the impact that accidents/incidents with cyclists have on the company, both in financial terms and the

emotional stress caused to all involved. The course features a company DVD made specifically for the Go-Ahead Group which helps to highlight the reasons why accidents/incidents occur.

The course provides cycle awareness training for the bus drivers and shows them how they can interact better and safer with cyclists on the roads given that cycling is on the increase. Training & Development Manager Eric Dale said that the course is being very well received by drivers who have highlighted it as the best course they have attended so far, and the Boris bikes have gone down extremely well with drivers who would not normally ride a bike eager to have a go. During this part of the course drivers are also being made aware of blind spots in regards to cyclists and are genuinely surprised at how many there are.

Go-Ahead London has expressed its thanks and gratitude to Lambeth for providing cycle awareness training for some of its trainers to become cycle instructors, who in turn have been able to pass this training onto the bus drivers, they are also very grateful for the loan of 2 Boris bikes which as stated above have been extremely popular with the drivers.'

New Puffin Crossing

A new signalised crossing on Cedars Road is operational. This sees the culmination of road safety concerns resolved after many years.

The new 'Puffin' crossing located towards the centre of Cedars Road was commissioned in September opening a safe passage for school children and other vulnerable road users on both sides of what is a very busy carriageway. The facility also gives access to the bus services north and south at this location.

This is an excellent example of Lambeth officers working closely with TfL in achieving much needed road safety facilities.

