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Bike Week 2010 - a magnificent revolution



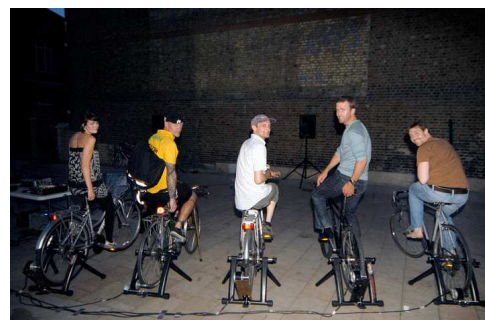
Cyclists and film buffs came together for an unusual screening in the centre of Brixton for Bike Week. Windrush Square was transformed into an outdoor, pedal-powered cinema for one night only. French animated film *Belleville Rendezvous* was chosen for the screening, which was projected against the famous Bovril building as part of National Bike Week celebrations.

Five bikes were hooked up to the projector and a sound system created by Magnificent Revolution, a London based not-for profit education project. Cyclists had to generate 600 watts of power to keep the film on the screen and to make sure those doing the pedaling knew when they were slacking lights came on to warn them if they were going too slow.

Suzy Harrison, from Lambeth Council's sustainable transport team, said the screening had been put on to remind people about energy use and inspire them to get on their bikes for every day journeys. She said: "This was a great night and we really appreciate the cyclists who turned up to help make sure the audience got to see the film from start to finish." The message of Bike Week is that if we all re-think our everyday journeys, and cycle those

shorter distances instead of jumping in the car, we can have a real impact on congestion and pollution, and of course get fit at the same time. Lambeth Council offers subsidised cycle confidence training courses to all those who live, work or study in the borough, which are a great way of developing the skills and confidence to cycle safely on London's roads."

For more information about subsidised cycle training in Lambeth email cycling@lambeth.gov.uk or call 020 7926 0686



Bike Week celebrated at St Thomas' and Guys hospitals



Lambeth Sustainable Transport teamed up with Southwark Council and Guys and St Thomas' to bring the Barclays Cycle Hire roadshow for staff and visitors to the hospitals. A bank of hire bikes will be available near the Florence Nightingale Museum and can be used to get between the two sites. The cycle hire bikes can be hired for an access fee of £1 per day and then anything up to 30 minutes is free so as long as you re-dock the bike before this time, you can ride all day for nothing more.

St Thomas', which is situated in Lambeth, played host to the roadshow which allowed visitors to try out a simulator and gave lots of information about the scheme. The sustainable transport team brought the services of Dr Bike and a Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) awareness element. Guy's hospital which is in Southwark had Dr Bikes and an electric bike tryout component.

For more information about the scheme email cycling@lambeth.gov.uk

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Lambeth first to convert bollards



Lambeth is the first borough in the world to convert bollards into cycle parking. As street clutter becomes more and more of an issue in London, Lambeth finds ways to declutter or at least to make good use of the street furniture that cannot be removed.

Each converted bollard takes one bike and allows

more parking where there is no room to add specific cycle parking. The bollard in the picture is situated in Bonnington Square in Vauxhall. There are plans to roll out the scheme in other areas of the borough.

For more information about on-street cycle parking call Richard on 020 7926 1240 or email cycling@lambeth.gov.uk

Car club news

Lambeth Council are currently consulting on 67 new locations for car club bays around the borough. Usage of car club vehicles continues to increase and we now have more than 8000 car club members in Lambeth.

Streetcar and Zipcar have now joined forces which is great news for both of the companies' members as Streetcar members can now use Zipcar vehicles and vice versa.

For more information about car clubs see www.carplus.org.uk/

It's electric!

Drivers of electric cars will be able to charge their vehicles for free at three new charging points installed by Lambeth Council and Transport for London. The charge points are located at Upper Ground and Concert Hall Approach in Waterloo near the South Bank Centre, and Pulcross Road in Brixton.

The move is part of the council and TfL's drive to improve air quality and cut pollution. In February, Lambeth Council made owners of electric cars exempt from paying for parking permits, and electric cars are also exempt from road tax and the Congestion Charge. The new charging points will allow electric car owners access to free power and give them greater flexibility as to where they recharge their vehicles. The number of charging points across London is growing, making electric car ownership a more practical option for Londoners.



Cllr Nigel Haselden, Lambeth Council's Deputy Cabinet Member for Sustainability, said: "Electric vehicles will have an increasingly important role to play in cutting pollution and carbon emissions, so this is an important step in the development of environmentally friendly travel in London.

"There is no doubt that electric cars can help to make our streets cleaner, quieter and more attractive, but if they are to become a genuine alternative to the petrol engine then the right infrastructure needs to be in place."

For more information on availability of charge points across London visit: www.newride.org.uk

Sustainable Transport team are shortlisted for two awards



The Pan-Europe Workplace Travel Plan Award was awarded in Graz in Austria at the ECOMM (European Conference on Mobility Management). The team's sustainable transport co-ordinator, Suzy Harrison, was given a chance to talk to other industry professionals from across the continent about the Lambeth Business Travel Network, the work of which achieved commended at the ceremony.

For more information about the Lambeth Business Travel Network email travelplans@lambeth.gov.uk

The team was also shortlisted for Borough of the Year and Innovative Project of the Year in this year's Smarter Travel Awards organised by Transport for London.

