

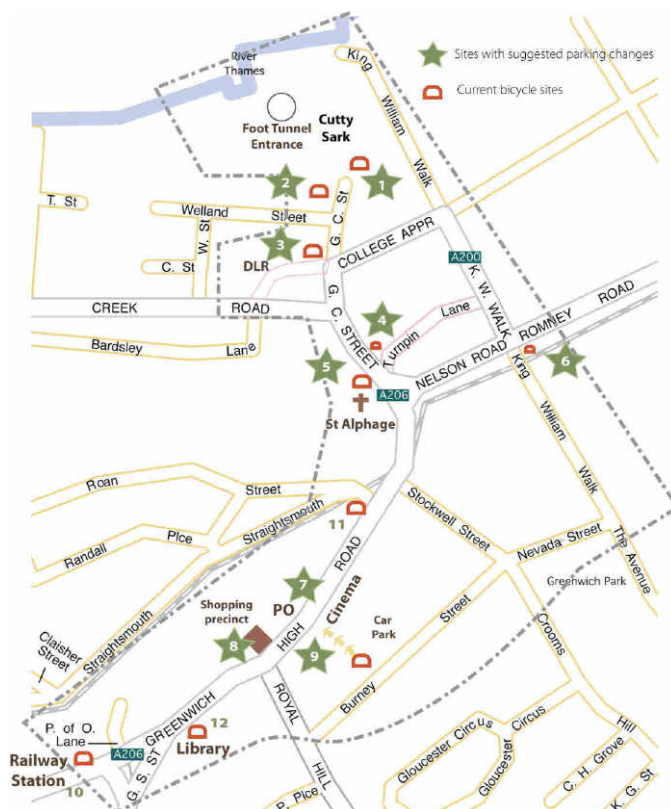
Pedal Power

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Improving facilities for Greenwich Cyclists

The Greenwich Group, last month, met up with Donald Anyiam (Council Lead Cycling Officer) as part of their ongoing commitment to make cycling more enjoyable and get more people to take up biking (we are talking lycra and not leather fanatics). Some of the points discussed:-

- Cycle training. Greenwich council has so far involved 6 primary schools which continues the pioneering work of Greenwich Cyclists in school training. In the 4 weeks to October 21, 125 children had benefited from coaching.
- Cycle Parking. Lydian put forward an excellent illustrated proposal on poor parking sites and how to improve them. This now forms the basis of the Council's policy. Funding has been allocated for this project. There are plenty of signs telling motorists where to park, but what about parking signs for cyclists? - see map & photos below.



Rides and Events

See back page for a selection of rides. For a full list of rides organised by this and other borough groups, or to check for updates, go to any of these websites:

www.greenwichcyclists.org.uk ; www.lewishamecyclists.net ; www.southwarkeycyclists.org.uk

All the Greenwich-organised rides and events, unless stated otherwise, are 'turn up and go' and start from 'CSG' (Cutty Sark Gardens, by the river in Greenwich). Please feel free to come along.

G. C. Ceilidh

Saturday 17th December.

Join 4 fast foot-tapping fiddles, an authentic caller and 300 well-honed legs in 4 hours of irresistible dancing. Pay-bar, a free buffet and internal bike parking. Doors open at 7pm with dancing until 11pm. This will be our 4th year running the event and it is going to be the best ever.

We are taking bookings now and tickets are going fast. Bop till you drop to the sounds of the very live Muckers Irish/Scottish Celtic traditional dance music. At West Greenwich Arts Centre, 141 Greenwich High Road, London SE10 8JA.

Tickets £15/£10 concessions. Book online at www.greenwichcyclists.org.uk or for more details call Karen at 01322 311181 or e-mail greenwichceilidh@aol.com.

November rides

Sat 12 -Hoo Peninsula (Southwark Cyclists)

Sat 13 - Oxleas Woods MTB Ride (Lewisham Cyclists) - meet CSG 11am

Sat 19 - Locks and Docks (Southwark Cyclists) - contact Barry: 07905 889 005

Sat 20 - Peaks (Lewisham Cyclists)

Sat 26 - Richmond (Greenwich Cyclists) - meet CSG - Contact Ray: 07932189328

Sun 27 - Coal House Fort (Southwark Cyclists) - contact Barry: 07905 889 005

CSG=Cutty Sark Gardens, Greenwich. See the websites for each local group listed overleaf.

Beat the cycle thieves!

Register your bicycle model, make and frame number. This is a free service set up by Transport for London and the Metropolitan police to tackle the problem. The immobilise register helps them to find your bike and return it to you. 80,000 bicycles were stolen in London last year but only 5% got back to their owners. Let's all register and make it more difficult for these thieves to operate. We are fed up with seeing our much loved bikes on the second hand market. A similar initiative with mobile phones has been successful. To register your bike visit www.immobilise.com and make a difference for yourself and others!

- any bike for sale can be checked against the register
- more people will feel encouraged to cycle in London
- registration in sufficient numbers could make your bike insurance cheaper

Unlucky 7

Ray's ride on 30 October started from Greenwich with six of us hoping to reach Maidstone. But the Thames path had it in for us, and after the delays occasioned by SEVEN punctures, not to mention being chased off railway land by CTRL contractors, the last three of us finally gave up at Rochester as night fell. But it had been perfect autumn weather with good company, and 45 miles covered. Moral - always have spare tube(s) and tools with you!



Contact Us

We meet on the first Wednesday of every month (next meeting 7 December) at 7.30 p.m. at the Armada Centre, 21 McMillan St, Deptford. See the website www.greenwichcyclists.org.uk, or email:

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