



www.cyclewight.org.uk

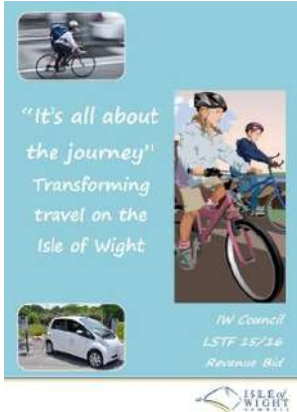
Contact us through the web site

Bikers' Breakfast

A contribution by CycleWight towards the Cycling Festival is a Bikers' Breakfast at the bottom of Quay Street, Newport on Weds 17th Sept 07:00-09:30. We decided it had to be revived, as by our estimation, we have not done one since 2002. Believe it or not that was before the opening of the Newport to Sandown track. Please make every effort to attend and get your colleagues to join in too. It will not rain.

LSTF News

The Council with "It's all about the journey" bid has been awarded another £1 million from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.



This time the money is to be spent on "Revenue." This means that it is much more about winning hearts and minds. The money will be allocated on encouraging people to leave their cars at home or at their holiday residence.

Monies will go towards 'travel ambassadors' and 'travel champions' who will work on the ferries, places of education and employment encouraging sustainable means of travel. There will be grants to encourage schools and places of employment to become actively involved in the new projects. Money will be allocated to adult cycle training as well as enhancing the Bicycle



Island campaign **LSTF work at Brading** and the walking and cycling festivals. It is excellent to see that there will be fund allocated towards a safety campaign, "Share the Road." CW have been actively campaigning for this

Panniers

Wight Cycle Hire has some panniers that they no longer need. They could be yours if you wish to pop into the shop in Station Road, Yarmouth and make a donation to CycleWight.

Bicycle Island

As part of the LSTF project, CycleWight bid to update the free Round the Island map. This is now finished and can be seen and downloaded from the website. In many ways



it is very similar to the one in the past. The major difference is the busy roads are identified rather than the quiet ones. If you would wish to

have a paper copy they are in bike shops, Tourist Information Points or contact us through the web site.

Space for Cycling – update

The CTC has launched a campaign called "Space for Cycling" This is calling the Government and Local Councils to make cycle friendly design when building or improving the infrastructure. They are also asking for more 20MPH zones in residential areas. There is a link, which allows you to send a letter to your local councillor. This is a very good feature because the proforma finds your councillor for you. It is easily modified to give a local flavour. **At present no Isle of Wight councillor has signed up to this pledge.**



Please join in this campaign. It is very easy to do and just takes 5 minutes.

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/campaign/space-for-cycling>

Junior Cycling

A very successful Junior Cycling activity was run during the early summer holiday. It was aimed at children aged 10+. The Road Safety Team and Sports Development Unit provided sessions, which were a mixture of road training and fun/sport activities.

Over 40 children attended in the two venues. All attendees achieved Level 1 Bikeability with most going onto achieve level 2. This equips riders with skills to ride on the road.

Funding was provided via Sport England's 'Sportivate fund.' It is hoped to run similar sessions throughout the year and anyone wanting to participate or get involved can contact sports.unit@iow.gov.uk
Congratulation to all involved.

Junior Cycling part 2 (and adults)

As part of the cycling festival there is to be a round of the Wessex Cyclo Cross League held on the Island. To raise awareness of this is to be an chance for people to practise



With the first Isle of Wight Cyclo-cross event just around the corner now is the time to get in some specific training!

When: Wednesday 27th August
Where: Medina leisure centre
Who: U12's 11am to 1pm
12-15yrs 2pm to 4pm
Adults (over 16) 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Cost: FREE to everyone

All you need is a bike suitable for off road riding and a helmet
To book your space contact sports.unit@iow.gov.uk or call 0238 18



To find out more information about cycling for young people visit britishcycling.org.uk/go-ride

Details on the poster to the left.

It is hoped many young people will be willing to have a go. Two years ago CW held a similar event and over one hundred young people attended.

Great news there is a session for

adults too in the evening.

Yarmouth Railway Station

A long awaited event but at last it has happened. The re-built station has now opened with a café/bistro called "Off the Rails". It, in a short time, has become popular. For the first few days there was no cake for sale, which was quickly remedied after cyclists made their views known! The breakfast menu has a railway theme that should leave cyclists chuffed.

Wight Cycle Hire has also moved into part of the premises. It is intended for the original workshop to expand it sales and workshop area.

There are no sheffield racks but there is a very long platform to rest your bike!

Newsletter

The Committee decided that it is too expensive to publish a newsletter to all our members. The CycleWight web site contains all the things we are doing. We would still like to be able to keep in contact with you all hence we are asking for members to tell us their email address to keep our records up to date. This can be done through the "Contact Us" menu on the website (address above). We will continue to send the newsletter to those who do not have access to the web site.

CycleWight has a Facebook page and Twitter account, which are also used keep people up to date. The CycleWight Facebook site has now over 200 people following it and more than 100 on Twitter. The Isle of Wight Cycling Facebook site is nearing 500.

West Wight Wheelers

This is a newly group formed based in the Freshwater and Yarmouth area. They have started to organise regular rides on Wednesdays and Sundays, normally covering 20 to 30 miles. Its major aim is to be as inclusive as possible and all levels of riders are welcome. They have a club top – so look out for them. More details on Strava or contact Adrian on 01983-761521.



Committee

Several people have left the committee of late. We could do with some fresh blood. We meet as a group approximately once a month. It is not onerous. It would be good to be able to hear differing views. The amount of work you take on is up to you but it is always good for the work to be shared around.

Membership

In the square by this item there is a box, which if ticked highlights that your membership is now due. £5.00 Per Household. £3.00 Unwaged. Make cheques payable to "CycleWight" and sent to: Mr D Jackson, Riffles, Sloop Lane, Wootton, PO33 4HR. **Please note change of address**