Campaign Updates for January 2023

Happy New Year! Apologies first of all that our December update never made it to your inboxes, but we're back in 2023 with a bumper edition of news and opportunities to get involved, including consultations for cycling in Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve.

Remember, if you can't open the links here, you'll find a pdf copy of the newsletter to download online, accessed from the bottom footer of any page on our website.

Join our first bike breakfast social on 7 Feb.



We want 2023 to be a year where we help local cyclists connect, chat and campaign together. After the success of our occasional socials last year, we're hoping to make them a regular feature of this year.

Our first event is a Bike Breakfast will be on **Tuesday 7 February** at **Coffee#1** in Montpellier Gardens, Cheltenham from **7.30am-9.30am**. Pop in on your way to work, after school drop off, or whenever you're passing, to say hello (and support a local business by treating yourself to an extra pastry to start the day.)

You don't need to book, but as we've not organised one of these before, please let us know if you can by grabbing a free ticket from our <u>eventbrite page</u>.

We're starting to think about events in Bishops Cleeve and Tewkesbury as well, and will also be alternating times to be as flexible as possible. Get in touch if you'd like to help with these.

What did we achieve in 2022?



If you haven't seen it, we've now published our Impact Review from 2022.

This summarises what you helped us achieve by being part of the campaign in the last twelve months, and also some of the challenges and opportunities that we're taking into 2023.

Read our 2022 impact review

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/our-year-in-review-2022-agm-impact-report/]

Bishops Cleeve Local Cycling and Walking Plan [Closes 17 February]



Gloucestershire County Council are consulting on a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan for Bishops Cleeve and its connections to Cheltenham and Tewkesbury.

You can have your say by visiting the consultation website, and do let us know what you think as we'll be looking at a campaign response in our February committee meeting.

Bishops Cleeve LCWIP Consultation

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/bishops-cleeve-lcwip-local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-consultation/]

Consultation on a secure cycle hub for Cheltenham Town Centre [Closes 26 February]



Cheltenham Borough Council has secured funding for a secure cycling hub in Cheltenham Town Centre, and is seeking the views of potential local cycle users on how this could be most useful.

We've discussed locations and functions as a committee, and encourage as many local cycle users to complete the short survey on how it could be helpful to you.

Have your say on the cycle hub

[Link: https://haveyoursay.cheltenham.gov.uk/climate/cycle-hub/]

County council consultation on decarbonising transport

In the third open consultation this month, Gloucestershire County Council is also consulting on local citizen views about what is needed to decarbonise transport. The council's own research shows that even with widespread adoption of electric vehicles, there is a huge emissions gap, and the information provided in this survey is intended to inform the council priorities.

Have your say on the cycle hub

[Link: https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/journey-to-net-zero]

Our response to the Cheltenham mini-holland consultation



We were encouraged to see the number of comments made to the Gloucestershire County Council early consultation for introducing a 'Mini-holland' scheme along the Honeybourne Line corridor.

We provided a response from the campaign alongside these individual comments, which you can now read on our website. The national standard for mini-Hollands is challenging and we will be watching the development of this scheme closely.

Our response to the mini-Holland scheme

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/our-response-to-the-initial-mini-holland-proposals-in-cheltenham/]

Our response to the Cheltenham Borough Council Air Quality Action Plan



We also responded to Cheltenham's Air Quality Action Plan consultation before Christmas, and have received positive feedback on the contribution it has made to thinking about the challenges.

We covered a range of issues, from specific challenges at the exceedance location to wider principles around induced demand and opportunities within our borough council's power to act.

Read our response to the Air Quality Plan

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/cheltenham-air-quality-action-plan-response-2022/]

ANPR Camera enforcement moves forwards



In a consultation heavy month, we also responded to the ANPR consultation by Gloucestershire County Council, which includes enforcement at locations that will benefit cycling. You can read our response on our website, and we believe these are now progressing.

Read our ANPR consultation response

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/moving-traffic-offences-response-anpr-cheltenham/]

Show your support as a member



We are totally volunteer-led, with all our time given for free. The small membership fee helps us run our website, prepare and print resources, and run events that raise the priority of cycling across Gloucestershire.

We have a number of members with renewals coming up, so do keep an eye out for these, and if you're not sure, email membership@cyclecheltenham.org.uk to check.

Support us as a member for only £5 per year

[Link: https://www.cyclecheltenham.org.uk/wp/about-ctcc]

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