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Space for Cycling Petition



#space4cycling
Sign the Derby petition here

Or online, search for...
'Derby Cycling Group
Space for Cycling Petition'

www.derbycyclinggroup.org.uk

All members please sign the petition (paper or online) and take the petition out to collect more signatures. Return to Derby Cycling Group at Sound Bites, 11 Morledge, Derby DE1 2AW or contact campaigns@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk . All petitions returned by 31st July please.

During June the Space for Cycling petition has been placed in many bike shops around Derby, and we are very grateful to these businesses supporting our campaign: Bikeworks, Cyclo Monster, Hawk Cycles, Holts Cycles, Samways and The Bike Shop. Other local businesses have also taken the petition in – Soundbites and Moore Large, for a start. Have you taken the petition to your workplace, to your children's school, to your cycling club? If not please do so and collect as many signatures as you can. Thank you very much to everybody who has got involved so far.

Any members who are able to give a couple of hours to collect signatures in their local area or at local events etc please contact campaigns@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk

Our target is a minimum of 1,000 signatures. One thing is certain, we cannot have enough; the more signatories, the stronger our voice when urging councillors to pledge their support to our campaign for a better environment for cycling in Derby – more Space for Cycling.

Take a Stand - Free bike stands available!

Do you know of an organisation or small business in Derby that could make use of free bike stand(s)? If so, get them to quickly apply before they all go. Applications from voluntary sector groups, schools, small businesses, churches, pubs, surgeries are accepted - in fact almost any type of small organisation!

If you are part of one of these organisations then visit <http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/free-cycle-parking> and complete the application form. Note, that the organisation will be responsible for installing the stands although advice on how to do this is given.



There is currently only a small allocation of stands for Derby (20 odd) but, hopefully, if these are usefully installed, funding for more will become available. Move quickly to get one of the first ones!

Introducing - Freewheeling Cycle Repair

Owner of Freewheeling Cycle Repairs is Al Ditheridge. I've been into bikes since I was a child and became a level two qualified bike mechanic four years ago after being made redundant from a previous job as a Lead Youth Support Worker. I've also got a qualification in Environmental Conservation and really do like the fact that bikes are such a brilliant, sustainable way of getting around.

In 2013 I started to work for an organisation called Sustrans as the Derby Bike It officer, educating children and adults in the benefits of getting around by bike, teaching people how to ride bikes as well as basic bike maintenance. I loved this job but unfortunately funding meant that this position wasn't going to be around forever!

So, now, here I am running Freewheeling Cycle Repairs, a mobile cycle repair service based in Spondon, Derby. I have a mobile workshop, so I come to you, taking the hassle out of getting your bike repaired. If your bike needs bringing back to my workshop then this can also be arranged to suit your commitments.

www.freewheelingcyclerepairs.co.uk



Derby Cycling Group Strava Club

A "club" has been created on Strava and all members are invited to join the club. This allows Strava users to compare their rides with other members of the club and could be useful for finding the most popular routes in Derby as well as showing the roads that most cyclists avoid. It also lets club members see the recent rides of other members and might be a useful source of ideas for new routes for some members.

Using Strava data as representative of the behaviour of the average cyclist has many problems as Strava users tend to be more at the "sporty" end of the cycling spectrum. There is also the problem in using the data to find aspirational routes in that anyone who would like to cycle a particular route but chooses not to (maybe it is perceived as too dangerous) does not show up in Strava as it only captures actual rides and not ones that people would like to do. However, with these caveats, some useful data might be generated.

If you are a Strava user and are interested in joining the Strava club then please visit <http://www.strava.com/clubs/derbycyclinggroup>

