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# **Council Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> September, 2013

**Booklet 1**

Answer to Written Question

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**QUESTION SUBMITTED BY: Councillor Andrews**

**TO BE ANSWERED BY: Councillor Lancaster**

**TEXT OF QUESTION:**

Can the Cabinet Member (Public Services) provide an update to Council on the progress being made by Cycle Coventry to improve facilities for cyclists and pedestrians in the City?

**ANSWER:**

**Cycle Coventry**

1. The design work on the Cycle Coventry network commenced in Autumn 2012.

The following schemes have been completed:

- Cash's Park
- Stoke Heath Park
- Sowe Valley (Ansty Road to Wyken Croft; work is now underway on the section between Wyken Croft and Henley College)

Work should commence this year (2013/14) on:

**Hearsall Common**

Consultation is currently open on the designs for Hearsall Common, which is a key link for three routes heading southwest out of the city. (To Canley and Tile Hill stations, and Westwood Heath Business Park)

**Mitchell Avenue**

Upgrade of path and railway underpass from Mitchell Avenue to Torrington Avenue

Consultation is due on this section Autumn 2013.

**Canal Towpath widening and upgrade.**

Agreement with Canal & River Trust has been reached, and their construction team are proposing to start work early in the new year.

**Radford Recreation ground.**

Provision of new and widened paths. Consultation is due on this Autumn 2013.

**A45/Kenilworth Road junction.**

Provision of pedestrian and cycle crossing phases at junction lights.

## **2. Training / promotion programme Summer 2013.**

### **Cycle training and education.**

Regular free Cycle Training for adults (16+) and bike maintenance is taking place at Moat House Leisure Centre and at Xcel. 78 people have attended at Moat House so far and 44 at Xcel.

At a number of events over the summer over 200 people have been engaged with and interested in taking part in training or other activities on offer.

The education element of getting cyclists to behave responsibly and with respect to other road users and pedestrians is an important part of our work. We work with the police and plan to do some targeted work heading into the Autumn around getting cyclists to have lights and where light/visible clothing.

Some of the provision on the cycle network is 'shared' use with pedestrians therefore we will be educating people to expect to share the space safely and responsibly. Segregated space will be considered where appropriate.

### **Events**

British Cycling Sky rides have been running through the summer, with 250 participants so far. There are 3 remaining rides.

The Godiva Awakes event attracted 1000 participants, and 240 of the participants have agreed to be contacted for follow up cycling activity.

Other events over the summer include:

- Coventry Cycling Festival, Broadgate – June
- Speedway championships – August.
- Regular police sessions at Coventry, Tile Hill and Canley Stations.

### **Employer involvement**

Westwood business park have signed up to work with us promoting cycling and a number of promotional activities have taken place.

Both Coventry and University of Warwick and the University Hospital are all signed up as partners and actively working with us to promote cycling.

### **Education involvement.**

- For **Coventry University** a programme of activities has been prepared for the return of the students in the autumn. Improved cycle parking at student houses is being considered for the travel plan grant.
- For the **University of Warwick** a site audit has been completed and an events programme has been prepared. On-campus bikeability and cycle maintenance training is planned. Work has started on the first section of the new cross campus cycle route and is due to be completed on 27 September. An opening event is planned with the University and Sustrans at the start of term.

**School travel plans** have been drafted for Barr's Hill, City College, Grace Academy, Henley College and Lyng Hall. The target age for our Cycle Coventry programme is 16+ and training programmes are being set out.

- Bikeability training continues to take place in all schools in Coventry for under 16s; 46 primary schools (out of 84 in the city) currently take up the offer of training;