

## **Seasons Greetings**

Here we are in December again! The year has whizzed by and we hope you have a wonderful festive holiday to look forward to. As ever, we've been working behind the scenes to engage with councillors, support or challenge proposals for change and encourage everyone to cycle. Here's some local cycling news, events and actions to light up the end of your year!

The Bricycles Team

[\*\*Click here to email Bricycles\*\*](#)

*P.S. If you're stuck for a Christmassy gift, what could be better than Bricycles memberships for your friends and family? Just go to the Bricycles website.*

*The more who join us, the louder our voice and the more effective we can be.*



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## **Annual General Meeting**

We hope you're looking forward to the Bricycles AGM which is on December 4th at 6pm. It's on Zoom.

Make sure your name is displayed so we can ensure that only members are online. Click the link below to join us, or use these meeting details:

We hope to see you there for our round-up of the year!

[Join the AGM on Zoom](#)

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## Top Women in Cycling Awards 2022

Congratulations to Bricycles member Lucy Dance and to Cllr Amy Heley for being named in Cycling UK's prestigious *100 Women in Cycling 2022*. Lucy is named as an 'Industry Mogul' and Amy as an 'Influencer'.



*Lucy Dance*

Cycling UK says “Lucy works for Sustrans promoting cycling in schools and community groups in Brighton and Hove; she is especially interested in closing the gender gap and getting more girls and women riding. To this end she helped set up an award-winning project to support women and children escaping domestic violence in Brighton, supplying bikes and training. She recently had a baby and shares her experiences of cycling during and after pregnancy. **“I offer cycling as a therapeutic tool to vulnerable women to help them process trauma, increase their confidence and bring joy to their lives.”**



*Amy Heley*

The citation for Amy says, “In 2019 Amy was elected councillor for Preston Park ward in Brighton and Hove.

Despite opposition from fellow politicians and members of the public, she's worked hard to introduce new cycle infrastructure to the area. As well as rolling out the city's first bike hangars and an accessible two-way cycle lane, she helped find a home for a charity that leads rides for the elderly.”

**“Visiting places like Copenhagen and Amsterdam really opened my eyes to what cities could be like if local politicians were brave... I'm proud that we've made these positive changes for active travel.”**

We are lucky to have both of them working for cycling in our city. If you'd like to read about all the other women nominated, click the link below.

## I'm Not a Cyclist



We were pleased to have an article in the Argus, written by Committee member Sarah Forbes. It starts by addressing the idea of being labelled as a certain type of person as soon as people know you use a bike as your means of transport. As always, it's a great read from Sarah

## Signature Wish



Bricycles is among 400 organisations across more than 70 countries that have signed the PATH (**Partnership for Active Travel and Health**) open letter calling on government and city leaders to invest more in walking and cycling to achieve climate goals and improve people's lives. Signatories to the letter came from a wide variety of organisations including those working on road safety, clean air, environment, public health and public transport, as well as walking and cycling advocacy groups. The letter made the case for more walking and cycling at COP27 in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt.



## Climate and Nature Emergency Meeting in Hove



Local residents in Hove organised a public meeting on 10th November at the Holy Cross Church to discuss the climate and nature emergency. It was heartening to see the venue packed to the rafters - the organisers had to move to a bigger room! Various speakers from across the community were invited to talk for 3 minutes about what inspires them to make a positive difference and how people can get involved.

Our very own Sarah Forbes (*left*) talked about her personal journey to living and travelling more sustainably, one that ultimately led her to cycling instead of driving, joining Bricycles and becoming actively involved in campaigning. MP for Hove, Peter Kyle also talked about the bigger picture Nationally and Internationally, whilst local councillors Elaine Hills (Green) and Carmen Appich (Labour) provided the local context and how the Council were trying to tackle these issues.

After the presentations, the audience were invited to approach the speakers for more information. Sarah was joined by another Bricycles Committee member, Ben Kelly, and they fielded a number of enquiries.

The whole event was very inspiring, encouraging individual and community action. The organisers of this event are keen to see more public forums and are willing to support

anyone that is interested in setting up an event in their neighbourhood/community. If you're interested, please contact Tamsin Bishton who will help you. [tamsin@wilsome.co.uk](mailto:tamsin@wilsome.co.uk)



## Barrier grief

You may recall we reported that a barrier had been erected at Waterhall, blocking the bridleway. We are happy to report that an all-weather bypass around the gate has now been built, allowing continued access for cycling.

## Cycle Hangars on TV

*Cllr Lloyd on the Jeremy Vine Show*

Tory & Labour councillors voted against installing two hangars in a Hove street recently. Cllr Jamie Lloyd (Greens) was invited onto the Jeremy Vine Show to discuss this and tell the nation about the huge demand for hangars.



## Happy Valley - hopefully!



Just after we sent out the last newsletter, news came through that the council were putting out a consultation proposal to improve Falmer Rd and Old Parish Lane bridleway to create a safe cycling route between Woodingdean, Ovingdean and Rottingdean. Unfortunately, the deadline for comments was November 25th, which was a very short window and meant we could only alert you to this by email. We hope you were able to respond and send some supportive comments. Funding will be from the council's Carbon Neutral Fund and the Local Transport Plan funding, and the work would be done in stages, with the upgrade to the Old Parish Lane bridleway and an extension to the shared path around the entrance to Happy Valley Park being the first stages to be completed. We've sent in comments on the scheme on behalf of Bricycles and will keep you updated.

**Take Action - from the comfort of your sofa!**

### Order, order!



*Hove Junior School*

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The first legal step for another SchoolStreet is now online. The Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Hove Junior School has been published. There was a lengthy process of public consultation before the TRO was published. SchoolStreets are good because they allow children, parents and staff to arrive at the beginning of the day and leave at the end without having to contend with so many moving vehicles. It makes it safer for them to walk, wheel, scoot and ride bicycles in the roads nearest the school gates. There's the extra benefit of helping to reduce the exhaust emissions locally so that the air in the playground and classrooms can be cleaner.

The TRO for this is TRO-35-2022. Deadline: asap



## Western Road

Two other newly-published TROs will make it easier to cycle around the centre of town. TRO-34b-2022 adds contraflow cycle lanes to Castle Street, Hampton Place, Hampton Street, Little Preston Street, Silwood Road, Spring Street and Stone Street. TRO-34C-2022 adds a gap at the end of Marlborough Street, where it is currently closed to motor vehicles, so people can ride into and out of Western Road.

Please help each of these schemes to progress. Your comments are welcomed by the Council. It's easy to send your constructive comments by clicking the Comments link at the foot of the list of

links on the right hand side beside each TRO. Deadline for these two is 16th December.



## Trafalgar Street Two changes to make it safer

The first change is to close its junction with Blackman Street to all vehicles *except bicycles*. There have been six crashes there in three years because drivers leaving the side road apparently can't see what's coming on Trafalgar Street.

The second change is to stop all vehicles *except bicycles* that are travelling downhill on Trafalgar Street from going any further east than Whitecross Street. They'd have to turn into Whitecross Street and wouldn't be able to get as far as Sydney Street.

Vehicles joining Trafalgar Street from Whitecross Street would have to turn right and go uphill, westwards, towards the station.

Pavements would be widened in places to shorten the crossing distances for pedestrians.

Request the information pack & send comments to [transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk) by 9th December. A TRO will be published in January, taking into account comments made.





## Fox Way, Hangleton

Brighton and Hove Buses has asked for changes to the junction of Fox Way, Hangleton, where it's joined by the western end of Bush Farm Drive. Bricycles is interested because the current layout has a 'pinch point' that deters people who ride bicycles.

The current slip road into Bush Farm Drive and its traffic island would be removed, along with a pedestrian island in the middle of Fox Way. It's the narrowed road between the two islands that is the unnerving pinch point. If the islands are removed, it should feel less dangerous.



Even though some pavement would be widened, the changes to the radius of the corner and the road width would make it possible for buses to turn into and out of Bush Farm Drive.

Bricycles supports these changes in general but asks if the junction could be realigned to be closer to a right-angle and reduce the flare. This would help to slow traffic entering and exiting the junction. Best of all would be a protected cycle lane on Fox Way.

To request an information pack with the plan details, make a constructive comment or ask a question about the proposals, please email [transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk) To request a call back, please phone 01273 292480.

Deadline : 9th December



### Change of arrangement at south end of Ship Street

*Current Ship Street bollards*

The council proposes removing the existing coffin bollards at the southern end which have been repeatedly damaged and replacing them with two new gates and standard non removable bollards. These have been designed to

limit motor vehicle access and provide additional supportive infrastructure improvements for pedestrian and cyclists. There will be a 1.5m gap for cyclists to ride through.

If you'd like to comment or ask questions about this, email [highwayregulations@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:highwayregulations@brighton-hove.gov.uk) with Ship Street in the subject line. They can also send you the detailed plan. Deadline: 19th December

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## Dates for the diary

See our new [Calendar](#) online for events and dates as they are added.

**Ongoing for 2022/23** – WOW. Formerly known as Walk to School Week, it has evolved to include Cycle to School and will run for the entire school year. Fill out this [short form](#) to help all of your local primary schools join the fun.

**Every Wednesday at 1pm and every Thursday at 9.30am** - [Brighton Multicultural Women's Cycle Club](#) meets at Preston Park Velodrome to ride and chat in English. Text "your name + I'm interested in the BMWs" to 07926 111 823 and Poppy will call you back.

**Sunday 4th December 6pm** - Bricycles AGM.

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### ***Your city needs you!***

Bricycles has a core team of a dozen, each of whom plays a small but important role in running Bricycles and we always like members and supporters to get more involved. Our small team covers a lot of bases already but if you have a particular skill, talent or just bags of enthusiasm, you will be welcomed with open arms. It only requires a couple of hours each month. We particularly need people with these skills:

- writing articles for press and for our blog
- giving interviews and statements to press, radio and TV

We'd particularly encourage women to get involved, as although we already have a 50:50 gender split we are always looking to broaden our team to better represent the diversity of our city.

You'll get loads of support and encouragement from the rest of the team. Check out our website for further details, or [email us](#).

C'mon, you know you're exactly the right person and will enjoy it almost as much as you enjoy cycling!



### *Riding to the AGM*

We hope you have a great month and that we'll see you at 6pm on Sunday 4th December for the Annual General Meeting. Don't forget to send us your news and [tell us](#) what you want to see in your newsletter.

P.S. Ask your friends and family who ride bicycles in Brighton & Hove to join and make our campaign even stronger. Send them this link <https://bricycles.org.uk/membership/join-bricycles/>.

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