

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

## Lewes Road Area Transport Improvements

# Newsletter



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Welcome to the first edition of the Lewes Road Transport Project newsletter, designed to keep you up to date with the transport improvements that will be taking place on Lewes Road and the surrounding areas over the next 3 years, funded through the Government's Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF). We aim to publish newsletters roughly every 3 months throughout the project to make sure everyone knows what's happening.

### Consultation Results

Over 550 responses were received through the initial consultation that was undertaken in November & December 2011. The full results will be available shortly at [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lewesroad](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/lewesroad) but here's a taster of what you said:

- Bus was the most frequently used form of transport amongst respondents, followed by cycling and then car
- Most people said their journey along Lewes Road was either poor or very poor
- The most commonly identified problems were: traffic congestion, parking in cycle lanes, narrow cycle lanes, and The Vogue Gyratory
- The most commonly suggested improvements were cycling improvements (particularly at The Vogue Gyratory), improved traffic flow, improved road safety, and quicker bus journey times.

### New Bus Shelters

We've already managed to install seven new bus shelters, meeting requests we've had from Lewes Road's local communities over the years. The new locations are: *Halland Road, Kenilworth Close, Norwich Drive, Bodiam Avenue, Leybourne Road, Heath Hill Lodge and Standean Close.*

More funding will be available in April 2012 so please send your requests for new shelters to the Lewes Road mailbox at [lewes.road@brighton-hove.gov.uk](mailto:lewes.road@brighton-hove.gov.uk)

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## **Changes to Lewes Road**

We are currently planning some big changes to Lewes Road over the next couple of years and these plans will be subject to further consultation in April this year when detailed information packs will be sent out to around 30,000 addresses in the area. However, some minor works have already started and we will shortly be starting work on a new pedestrian and cycle crossing on Lewes Road near the University of Brighton Moulsecoomb campus. We are also removing the traffic lights near Aberdeen Road and installing a pedestrian island instead. This will reduce congestion, improve air quality, and improve conditions for cyclists as the cycle lane will continue through the crossing instead of stopping short as it does currently. Both of these schemes were frequently requested at the recent consultations.

## **Working with Schools**

Five schools in the area have launched WOW - 'Walk Once a Week' schemes this month. Two Brighton and Hove Albion footballers will be at Coldean Primary School to encourage the children to get their walking shoes on and join in. The other schools taking part are Coombe Road Primary, Fairlight Primary, Hertford Junior, and St Joseph's RC Primary. Over 1,200 children will be taking part during the spring and summer terms with the aim of permanently increasing the number of children walking at each school by at least 10%.

Bike It Ben has been really busy with Lewes Road schools even in the dark months of winter. There have been smoothie bikes in breakfast club at Moulsecoomb Primary, balance-ability sessions at St Martins, mountain bike expeditions to Stanmer Park, Dr Bike sessions and 'Bling Your Bike' at Coldean, along with cycle training for hundreds of year 3-4 pupils. In short, lots of bikes and lots of happy young cyclists....

*Coming up this term....* The Big Pedal, Sustrans Heroes our 2012 Games Challenge and Emission Impossible III. Oh and more of the above!!!

## **Personalised Travel Planning (PTP)**

32,000 households in the area will be invited to consider how they get around the city and offered support to reduce fuel costs by taking up more sustainable travel options. The door-to-door work started in Hanover last September where 1,100 residents asked Travel Advisers for information, such as bus timetables, cycle maps or how to get the best value from their car. Travel Advisers will be out again this spring and summer in a different area.

In return for completing a one week travel diary, residents can receive an incentive appropriate to the travel changes they would be making such as a bike lock or a 1 week bus pass. This year we will be returning to the diarists to see if they might be able to assist others in their area who would like to have a go at more sustainable types of travel. Working with local groups and individuals, we will help residents to take the necessary action to encourage more sustainable travel. This could include setting up regular cycling trips for families, trying weekend adventures by bus and train, or taking the 'fume free Friday' challenge for the trip to work.