



# Cycle Alton Newsletter

## July 2022

A round-up of recent local cycling-related news.

### Low-Traffic Town Centre Update

Following the rejection by Alton Town Council of Cycle Alton's proposals for a low-traffic town centre, as reported in the previous newsletter, we sought an informal meeting with a small number of councillors to discuss the issues. A couple of us have now been invited for a 'relaxed exchange of information', hopefully in early August.

It would be good to be able to report some progress following this meeting. Watch this space!



### New bike racks in town!



Alton Town Council has recently installed a number of new bike racks in public open spaces around the town. You can find them in Anstey Park, Butts Green, Flood Meadows, Holybourne Play Area, Jubilee Playing Fields and Kings Pond.



### Hampshire County Council's new Local Transport Plan

Cycle Alton sent in a response to Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP4). HCC's aim was to identify whether any further changes are required before it is considered for adoption. We know many of you also responded, for which we thank you for taking the time. It was a somewhat daunting task, but this was a rare opportunity to let the decision-makers know what we think.

The new Transport Plan will replace the existing LTP3, and will provide a framework to guide all future transport planning and investment in order to deliver their desired outcomes by 2050.

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### **ACAN Climate Emergency Open Meeting**

Cycle Alton supporters were among over 70 people who recently attended the Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) Open Meeting to discuss what actions we can take locally to improve things here in Alton. A brain-storming session came up with numerous positive and practical ideas, the details of which can be read here:



<https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/ACAN-3rd-Open-Meeting-20th-June-2022.pdf>

*Brain-storming session outside the Assembly Rooms*

Interestingly, a suggestion to make the town centre a carbon emission-free zone was widely cheered by all those present – exactly what Cycle Alton has been advocating!

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### **Eco Streets Party 23<sup>rd</sup> July**



'Eco-Streets' is a grass-roots community project under the ACAN 'umbrella' in part of Alton's Whitedown ward. It aims to increase people's awareness of climate change and their ability to undertake action to counter it.

Cycle Alton will be represented at the launch party on the Butts Green to which everyone in the ward will be invited.

Find out more here: <https://altonclimatenetwork.org.uk/acans-eco-streets-project/> and here: <https://www.facebook.com/ecostreetsalton/>

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### **Alton Repair Café 30<sup>th</sup> July**

The next Repair Café is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30 - 12:30 in Alton Community Centre.

Volunteers will carry out simple bicycle repairs and adjustments, and will show you how to mend a puncture and adjust your gears and brakes. They also carry out repairs to small electronic and mechanical items, clothing and furniture.

Repairs are free, though donations are always welcome.

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