

# DCCC Newsletter March 2022

Hello cyclists

## News

Some inspiration to start. [Norman Gregory](#) at 100 years old. Go out and enjoy the spring sunshine.

## Campaigns

### Active Travel Group

A group was formed after the December meeting in East Linton. We held a virtual meeting early Feb resulting in a spreadsheet of actions. Top priority was an upgrade of the NCN76 between East Linton and Dunbar. Sustrans have surveyed the route on behalf of ELC and it is due to be presented to the next cycle forum. Spreadsheet to be posted on the in Files (it's free to join the private FB group) or contact me. If you have ideas or want to get involved contact [Simon Wasser](#).

**East Lothian Cycle Forum** Meeting notes now on the [ELC website](#).

### Walk Wheel Cycle Vote

With the forthcoming local elections the campaign to get greater priority for Active Travel is appealing to voters to contact their candidates. Check out [walkwheelcyclevote.scot](#) for the demands. Full disclosure - I am standing for the Greens and will guarantee to either cycle or take the bus on any Council business.

### Pedal on Parliament

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April Tenth anniversary ride to lobby Parliament for better conditions for cycling.

Start 13.00 Middle Meadow walk. [pedalonparliament.org](#)

**Feeder ride** start Shore Rd car park 09.30 (later if tailwind). Contact - Mark James

## Access

A new section of NCN76 from Whitesands junction avoiding cement factory is due to be finished shortly, if not already done so. The path was funded by Tarmac. There will also be a win-dust path linking the new path to Whitesands beside the lake.

The footbridge from A199 near A198 junction over the railway and the A1 underpass leads to an old road and is overgrown but still due to be maintained by community payback team.

**Eweford farm** Action still required. Frustratingly still with ELC legal team. Cllr McLennan contacted.

**Foxlake** Action still required. Storm Arwen held back progress.

**Spott Dunbar Path** The most recent event took place online on Feb 26<sup>th</sup> with an update on proposed options. The project is still live. Check [the website](#) for further info.

## Cycle Parking

St Anne's church now has splendid Sheffield racks at the entrance to the church.



Dunbar Community Council is keen to see more cycle parking. However it has stalled as they are suggesting pop up racks that will assess where are the best locations. ELC are unwilling to fund the purchase.

A request from staff at East Linton Coop was rejected due to lack of space. However bikes will still be parked, sometimes inconsiderately. Action still required.

We will be taking forward a plan to install **Bike Hangars** in the High Street and Harbour area. They would be owned and spaced rented to residents who don't have space to store bikes. We are looking at the Leisure pool car park in the first instance.



**Dr Bike** [East Linton Tool Library](#) has secured further funding and anticipates hosting further Dr Bike sessions and Fix your own bike workshops. Please email Rosie Harrison [repaircafeeastlinton@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeeastlinton@gmail.com)

**Pump Track** – Funds ready for facilitating spring action.

### **EL Community Hospital**

Has a first class shed for parking both staff and visitors bikes with a very useful tool station.

**Fix your own bike workshops** - Thanks to St Anne's Church eco- group for hosting a series of three workshops.

### **Rides**

[DCCC](#) and [Dunbar on Yer Bike](#) (check FB for rides) hold regular rides. Sunday 09.00, no drop club run with cafe stop. Hallhill car park. Route is on Strava and DCCC has a WhatsApp group. Friday morning 07.00, now mornings are lighter, approx. 1 hour. First Saturday of the month 09.30 Easy Riders - A couple of hours of modest paced pedaling. Wednesday Easy Riders - **Very** leisurely All ability ride 4-10 miles 10am.



### **Events and Meetings:**

[Electric bike and Ecargo bike try out](#) **NEXT Sunday** March 27<sup>th</sup> Fisherrow Park, Musselburgh 10.00-15.00.

**Hustings** Thursday 21st April. St Anne's Church 19.30. Make sure the candidates know people want better provision for cycling.

**East Lothian Cycle Forum** The latest ELC news and progress reports. Hosted by [Iain Reid](#) ELC cycling officer and currently chaired by the leader of ELC and chair of environment committee - Cllr Hampshire. Next meeting Thursday 12th May 14.00 The meeting may be in person otherwise - Microsoft Teams. Contact Iain for meeting link.

**Fix your own bike workshop** – West Barns Hall April 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12.30. A free Sustaining Dunbar event. Contact Mark 07914 602123.

Finally - Our ELC Councillors are supportive of cycling but need letters/emails asking for improved cycle facilities. By contacting them they will have evidence to support them. If you have any issue get in touch with your Community Council and councillors.

### **Please forward to other cyclists you know.**

Next newsletter early May

Please send any relevant info to [Mark James](#).