

Cycling Advocacy Report. Year to 1 April 2023

Coventry

Not such an exciting year as that to April 2022.

The Coundon Cycleway is missing 400m of its planned 2.7km length, with work on the remaining section (ring road to Chester Street) expected to start once the road widening scheme at Spon End has been completed. Construction of the Binley Cycleway is progressing with about 30% of its planned 5.3km length in service.

There has been some discussion within the club about the arrangements at the Far Gosford Street end of the Binley Cycleway. The measures already implemented and the proposed reversal of the Far Gosford Street one-way are classified as experimental. That means that they can be implemented without formal consultation. At the end of the experimental period (mid 2024), formal representations can be made.

It has long been an ambition of cycling advocates that the "Inner Circulatory Route" comprising Hales St, Corporation St, New Union St, Earl St, Cox St, Fairfax St be some sort of "cyclists' ring road". A cycleway segregated from other vehicles is not practical. Nevertheless, removing the bulk of the motor vehicle traffic would be. Thus the decision to experiment with the banning of any vehicle apart from buses, pedal cycles and taxis between 10am and midnight on the following roads should be an interesting development:

1. Burges, Hale Street and Trinity Street.
2. High Street, Little Park Street north of Salt Lane junction.
3. Greyfriars Lane between Salt Lane and High Street

Warkwickshire

The publication of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan was welcome.

Unfortunately the recent decision by central government to reduce spending on Active Travel (Walking and Cycling) by two thirds over the coming two years may limit what the county council can do.

Cycling UK has set up a page to help people contact their MP to complain about the decision:

<https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/124254/action/1>

Leicestershire

Two members of the committee each spent 10 days in hospital as a result of slipping at a ford on a road maintained by Leicestershire County Council. In the past few years a number of cyclists have sustained injuries at the ford which necessitated hospital treatment. CTC Coventry have pursued the matter, so far unsuccessfully. Cycling UK has taken up the issue in the hope that they can persuade LCC to make significant improvements to the road surface.