



Policy Bash – Agenda

The purpose of the weekend is to set out in detail our policies: from infrastructure design to communication, to how we will campaign to meet our objectives. We will start by agreeing as a group our fundamental outline principles but after that we will split the bulk of the time into two tracks: broadly 'infrastructure' and 'campaigning and communication', with frequent recaps in order to ensure we've not drifted too far apart.

INFRASTRUCTURE

On the infrastructure side, we need to consider the network as a whole as well as individual bits of infrastructure, and we also need to think about maintenance. Our aim is not so much to produce 'shovel ready' designs of pieces of infrastructure, but to put enough flesh on the bones that people can visualise how we'd like things to work in a given situation. We aim to counter two common objections: **one** that cycle infrastructure is inherently 'crap', dangerous, or only for the novice cyclist, and **two** that, while Dutch-style infrastructure is all very well in Assen, it wouldn't work here (because our roads are too wide, or too narrow, or too crowded or whatever). To that end, we will be selecting real examples of typical UK road situations and, leaning heavily on the Dutch CROW manual (which will be provided) as our starting point, attempt to design ideal solutions to the problems they present the cyclist (and to a lesser extent, the pedestrian)

The sorts of areas to cover will include:

1. Through roads: rural trunk routes, rural minor / unclassified roads, urban trunk roads, including mixed residential/commercial roads; Ring roads
2. Junctions : traffic-light controlled and not; roundabouts big and small
3. Residential areas: older / Victorian areas; 20th century suburbs; purpose-built /new developments; villages & hamlets.
4. Commercial: old towns and city centres with narrow streets built before cars; typical high streets; mixed residential / commercial streets; shopping centres (big or small); industrial estates.
5. Other: bus stops / bus routes; train stations; schools (primary and secondary); hospitals and other amenities.

Some of these have already been covered in blogs done by Joe and Mark Treasure (see the policy bash wiki page). Please bring along examples of areas that you think fit these categories, along with (ideally) google map references & streetview links, photographs, even video footage, with an idea of what the problems are and (extra credit) how they might be solved. We'll be asking those who can't make it to the bash to do the same.



CAMPAIGNING AND COMMUNICATION

This will cover considerations such as:

1. Getting our message across to government, local and national
2. Building alliances outside the cycling world (health groups, parents, people with disabilities, pedestrians, campaigners for civilised streets etc.)
3. Visualising the infrastructure and network designs and particularly clarifying what we mean by 'segregation' and where it's appropriate.
4. Fundraising
5. Working with existing groups, including the protests about cycle safety in London, active travel funding in Scotland, and other campaigns.
6. Anything else!