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■ Cycling Forum

CILT's new Cycling Forum, part of our Active Travel & Travel Planning Professional Sector, has enjoyed a successful start. It's not too late for you to get back on the saddle... Richard Armitage CMILT reports.



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The Cycling Forum is a welcome development, with over 500 CILT members signed up so far.

We kicked off with a high-profile launch, held in the basement at the Department of Transport's central London HQ. Philip Darnton, Cycling England's Chairman, urged everyone to concentrate on working with the willing, those that are actually interested in taking up cycling. Ben Plowden, Transport for London, explained the latest developments in cycling, including the significant investment in Cycle Superhighways and the Barclays Cyclehire scheme.

The launch has been followed by an excellent technical visit to Aylesbury, where there has been successful investment in cycling routes and facilities, and a workshop held in York.

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We want to highlight good practice, guidance and experience through many different publications. Members will be able to respond to consultations at many levels, and publicise the responses. We also hope to forge appropriate links with the appropriate Government departments of the UK along with other

professional bodies that have an interest in similar purposes.

At the same time, we need to establish appropriate links with other CILT Forums, particularly the Local Transport and Transport Planning Forums, the Rail and the Transport Planning Professional Sectors, and regional Policy Committees. We intend to act as a point of reference for information on human-powered transport within towns and cities, highlighting vehicle technology and good practice. In order to help focus its activities, the Cycle Forum may at some time develop a charter for engineering and planning for cycle traffic and the promotion of cycling as a means of transport. Forum members are keen to develop suitable qualifications for people working in the areas of planning and engineering for cycle traffic and the promotion of cycling as a means of transport, and these may be at a variety of academic and vocational levels to suit perceived needs and industry demands.

This educational work will be complemented by programmes of activity to assist in the good understanding of relations between different classes of road-user, particularly relating to issues of safety.

Further information on the Cycling Forum, see our web site: www.ciltuk.org.uk/pages/psf/cycling or contact Sinead McLoughlin, tel: 01536 740140 email: sinead.mcloughlin@ciltuk.org.uk