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WexBUG Annual Newsletter

Issue: 2

(Wexford Bike User Group)



WexBUG submissions made in 2022 and other work:

WexBUG made a lot of submissions on various plans in 2022. These take a lot of time but are worth it! Click links below to see more.

WexBUG – who are we?

- **Who we are:** WexBUG (Wexford Bike User Group) is a group of Wexford residents who wants to make cycling and active travel safe for all
- **What we do:** WexBUG advocates for cycling for all – especially as a way to go about your life.
- **Membership:** Almost 200 members
- **Cost:** Free to join. Check out our website
- **Committee:** 12 members including 2 councillors! we're always looking for more....
- **How:** We make submissions on plans, post on twitter, run a facebook page & blog and a website.
- **Reach:** We cover all of County Wexford. Our facebook page reaches up to 20,000 people/month
- **How do I join?:** Its free - just check out our website

- WexBUG submission- **Proposed Newtown Road Cycle Scheme** [LINK](#) This was very important as Wexford County Council accepted that dishing of cyclepaths and footpaths would be looked at in this project. This would stop the constant 'up & down' experienced when cycling in front of private driveways.

- WexBUG submission to Wexford Co Co – **Wexford Town to Rosslare Greenway**. WexBUG made a written submission and also a number of members attended the public consultsiton event [LINK](#)

- WexBUG submission to **National Cycle Network submission** [LINK](#)

- WexBUG **submission to Cycle Connects** - The National Transport Authority Bike stands and bike maintenance stands on Rosslare Rd. We reminded Wexford County Council that there is no point in putting bike parking stands where no one wants to cycle to e.g. on the main road half way between Rosslare and Wexford town. Road faults – we continue to report roads faults and encourage members to do the same for all our safety at this [LINK](#) or scan the QR code



Bike Week in 2022

WexBUG ran and contributed to many events during Bike Week 2022. Some of them are listed below with people enjoying themselves out on a bike ride and our resident technical expert and vice-Chair Ciarán fixing someones bike !

BIKE WEEK WEXFORD
"Bike Maintenance Session"
 Saturday May 14th @ 2:00pm
 Wexford County Council Carpark

Learn the basics of bike maintenance
 No registration required
 Free of charge
 All levels welcome!

Visit WexBUG on Twitter for more information




BIKE WEEK WEXFORD
"Back on Your Bike Spin"
 Saturday May 14th @ 3:30pm
 Wexford County Council Carpark

16km cycle around town
 Registration essential
 Free of charge
 All levels welcome!

Visit WexBUG on Twitter for more information and to register



WexBUGs new website

- WexBUG successfully secured a grant under Community Activity Fund 2021 – that we used to upgrade our website.
- Check it out here! www.WexBUG.org or scan the QR code on next page



WexBUG members during bike week 2022



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WexBUG plans for 2023

For 2023 there will be plenty going on - we plan:

- a night bike ride in Wexford town,
- a cycle with elected members to show them what it's like 'out there',
- participation in Bike Week events,
- more submissions on 2023 bike plans,
- continue to interact with our national parent body cyclist.ie
- and ongoing interaction with the Active Travel team in Wexford County Council.

WexBUG - Wexford Bicycle Users Group

Chairperson : Cormac Mac Garrait

Committee: Phil, Dave, Ruth, Ciarán, Cormac, Hazel, Brian, Leonard, Chris, Hazel, Maura, & Georgina

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New for 2023!

WexBUG are thrilled to welcome Wexford County Councils plans for a 'safe cycle park' in Enniscorthy . This work is progressing in Q1 2023. [LINK](#)

The park will be laid out with mini versions of two-lane roads with roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, crossroads, junctions and traffic light stops.

Bike safe community park planned for town



Welcome to the Active Travel Team!

Our committee is delighted to welcome the **new active travel team in Wexford County Council**. We met them in late 2022 and plan to keep an open line of communication on various issues along with upcoming active travel projects in the Wexford area.

eBolt bikes

WexBUG are looking forward to the successful trial of **eBolt bikes** in Wexford town in 2023.

These bikes have been very successful in Kilkenny and Sligo with large numbers subscribing. Users of Bolts in Sligo town clocked up 91,087km cycling since June 2022. WexBUG committee member Councillor Leonard Kelly (on bike) is pictured at the announcement.

New Active travel team

WexBUG PRO and 2022 Chair Phil Skelton meeting active travel in Wexford Co Co. We discussed:

1. Infrastructure	5. Transport studies/mobility plans
2. Funded projects	6. Cycle City (Enniscorthy)
3. Liaising with other AT teams	7. Tar & Chip
4. Schools	8. Cycle cafés
	9. Speed limits



Active travel spending

WexBUG notes that in addition to the spending of a large portion of the budget allocated in 2021 Wexford County Council are also making related proposals under **The Pathfinder Programme** – in particular under the Cycle Network/Corridor Proposals section. <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/143e3-pathfinder-programme/>

WexBUG look forward to assisting the Active Travel team in Wexford County Council in optimizing these plans.

