



PO Box 204
Cambridge
CB4 3FN

(01223) 504095

P R E S S R E L E A S E

June 30, 1998. for immediate use. 2 PAGES

Cycling Campaign welcomes 500th member

Just in time for its third birthday, Cambridge Cycling Campaign has recruited its 500th member, achieving the target it set last autumn.

The Campaign regards this as an important milestone. A substantial membership allows it to do more, and to add weight and legitimacy to what it says to Councils and other organisations.

The 500th member is Donald Bett, who lives in Romsey. He found out about the Campaign through work colleagues. He uses his bike for those journeys around town where it is most practical, and says he would use it more if it were easier to do so.

Echoing many of the Campaign's ideals, Donald told the Campaign: "I'd like to see more money spent on good quality cycle routes around Cambridge. The lack of good cycle crossings over the river and A14 is frustrating, and if there were bridges for cyclists to the same standard as the one at the



Donald Bett, Cambridge Cycling Campaign's 500th member

station, it would be a great help.”

He added: “if more people used a bike for some of their journeys, even if like me they don’t use it all the time, it would make a big difference.”

Campaigner David Earl said: “we are delighted to have reached this target, and to welcome Donald and all the other people who have joined the Campaign. We think we have grown from nothing to a representative group now so quickly because there is a strong perception among cyclists that, even in a City where around a quarter of the traffic is cycles, space is still only allocated to cycles where it can be squeezed in. Cyclists feel they are treated as second class citizens on the road.

He continued: “One of the most common complaints from members is that when the Council does build some kind of cycle facility it is very often inadequate. Lanes, cycle paths and spaces in junctions are often too narrow or with sharp bends. And especially they force cyclists repeatedly to give way to cars where we would not have to on the road. While provision is improving, especially where junctions are redesigned, cyclists’ expectations are high and there is a legacy of poor quality and never enough money. We still have a long way to go.”

Though a target, 500 is not a limit, and the Cycling Campaign actively seeks new members. Anyone interested can phone (01223) 504095 or email camcycle@pobox.co.uk

E N D S

For further information, contact:

David Earl: 01223 873835 (w), 0411 887398 (m), 01223 504095 (h)

E-mail: camcycle@pobox.co.uk

Web: www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/camcycle