

Cyclox Champions

What is a Champion?

A Cyclox Champion will work to promote cycling in their community. What you do will depend on your skills and interests, and how much time you have available. It could amount to developing a relationship with your ward councillor, and keeping your ear to the ground for projects or developments that include cycling provision or impact on cyclists. At most it would include all of the tasks below – although that would probably be a full time job!

We hope that being a Champion will be fun, and that Champions will feel part of a larger group. To facilitate this, we will have an online forum to exchange ideas and we will meet in person about 3 times a year. These meetings will be a chance to swap experiences and learn from others.

Your role

To be the local eyes and ears for improving cycling in your part of town

- Identify gaps in provision, cycling blackspots, areas of bad cycling behaviour
- Record and report there, with photos

To forward suggestion for improvements for cyclists:

- To local ward councillors
- To other champions to see if there are common issues (both online and via occasional Champions breakfasts)
- To the Cyclox committee
- To the right authorities who can fix routine things

To promote cycling and Cyclox locally

- At ward/community meetings, street parties, residents' events
- At Policy Neighbourhood Action Groups
- At local schools, commercial organisations, institutions

To develop a collaborative working relationship with your local city and county councillors

- To join/promote local online forums/discussion groups
- To help develop your local Neighbourhood Plan
- To monitor local planning applications with cycling implications and comment
- To participate in consultations led by the council or university

Your tools

Your ears, eyes and the bumps you feel when you are out on the road.

FixMyStreet – an excellent online reporting tool including apps for iPhone and Android, linking directly to Oxfordshire County Council <https://www.fixmystreet.com>

Pedestrian and cycle crossings <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/pedestrian-and-cycle-crossings>

Traffic signals <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/traffic-signals-fault-reporting-form>

Planning applications

https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20066/planning_applications/328/view_and_comment_on_planning_applications

Cyclox resources for stalls and events

Discussion with other Cyclox Champions and committee members

Liaison with Cyclox Coordinator coordinator@cyclox.org

Your reward will be

- The satisfaction of doing a vital job well done.
- Engagement with your local community in new ways.
- Being part of a community of people working to make a difference.
- Occasional free Breakfasts!

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