

# *colne cycling campaign*



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **NEW CAMPAIGN AIMS TO IMPROVE LOT FOR CYCLISTS**

Colne needs more cycle paths. That's the view of a new group which intends to campaign for better cycling facilities in Colne. The Colne Cycling Campaign wants to see more cycle paths, better cycle parking, and more promotion of cycling. It will have its first public meeting next Thursday [13 February].

One of its first aims is to see a cycle path between Waterside and Winewall, extending on to Wycoller, to allow safe access between the centre of the town and the countryside. This path has recently been accepted by Pendle Borough Council as part of its planned cycle path network, and Colne Cycling Campaign hopes to work with the Council in developing the route.

Campaign spokesperson Steve Lax explained:

'Colne is surrounded by beautiful countryside, and Wycoller is an excellent example of the ancient heritage of the area. Yet, for people living in Colne, it is not that easy to get to without a car. A cycle path will mean youngsters, families and all kinds of people will be able to enjoy the area without the worry of the increasing levels of traffic on the roads.

'It will also mean people can easily access the town centre shops by bike from outlying areas. Cycling is an efficient and low cost means of getting around, and if we can encourage people to cycle by developing useful traffic-free routes, then that can only be a good thing.

'Everyone seems to agree that we want to reduce the number of car journeys people make, and there is also concern that we should make more efforts to look after our health. Encouraging more cycling can make a big difference in all kinds of ways.'

The Campaign's meeting takes place on Thursday 13 February at 7.00pm, and is at the Open Door Café, opposite Colne Town Hall. All are welcome.