# LSTF
## partnership update

# The LSTF journey so far…

It's incredible to think of the amount of positive changes that have happened over the last two years – and we're only half way through the LSTF Programme! This edition of the newsletter aims to reflect on the highlights of the past year and introduces future developments.

**Nottingham LSTF receives further funding**
The LSTF team received 10.320 million in funding in July 2012 to 2015 to allow a range of exciting new initiatives to be developed and introduced!

## Link buses going electric…

Nottingham's first electric bus was introduced on the Centrelink service in September 2012. An additional 34 electric buses are to be purchased through the Green Bus Fund and Workplace Parking Levy funding.




This will make it the largest electric bus fleet in the UK and by 2015 a third of all linkbuses will be electric!

## Citycard cycles

This year has seen the introduction of a further 6 Citycard accessed secure cycle parking facilities at key interchanges across the City. Locations include Queens Drive and Colwick park and ride, Bulwell and Hucknall Train stations and Victoria Bus station. This along with the current sites in Broadmarsh Bus Station and Nottingham Train Station are helping to improve integration between cycle, rail and bus services and encouraging cycling.




## New additions to the LSTF team

Many of you will have now met the new LSTF Project Officer Gina Clark who will be working to support the delivery of the £16 million programme. Also new to the team is Dominic Sweeting the Sustrans Bike It officer.

## Community Hubs supporting local people

The first Community Hub was introduced in 2012 to serve the north locality with a dedicated Travel Right Coordinator in post to provide specialist advice and information to local communities and businesses.

An example of the work that the Community Hub is conducting is the newly developed employment pack that Ridewise have developed with Job Centre Plus. The pack includes support with sustainable travel for job seekers and the newly employed, including free Kangaroo tickets, cycling offers and walking advice.

## Helping out Nottingham's students…

Since September 2011 over 5,000 school and college students have been assisted with discounted all-operator travel support on the Kangaroo smartcard for unlimited travel during the academic year.

## Big Wheels Workplace Challenge

The Big Wheel's Workplace Challenge, launched in April and has over 700 individuals taking part across 33 organisations. During the first month participants cycled over 70,000 miles…which is more than twice the distance of cycling around the world!




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## Nottingham's 20 mph City vision

The first 20mph scheme was launched in Sherwood in April 2012 following months of consultation, planning and community discussions.

The scheme forms part of the Council's priority to promote safety and encourage active travel lifestyles. The 20mph programme will be rolled out to further areas across the City over the next few years.




## Mobile Travel Centre coming soon

The City Council has recently invested in a Mobile Travel Centre. The bus will offer integrated travel information and advice to local citizens. The bus will also be equipped to produce Citycards for citizens.

Weekly locations it will visit include Mansfield Rd, ASDA in Hyson Green, Bulwell market, St Ann's Valley Centre and Clifton Cornerstone Joint Service Centre. The bus renovations are nearly complete and specific dates for location visits are due to be confirmed later this month.

## Sustran's Ucycle continue to deliver

Throughout the year the Ucycle team held a variety of events along with Dr Bike sessions that aimed to engage local students, staff and visitors by providing maintenance advice and information which is aimed at encouraging individuals to cycle.

## ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme launches

The ECO stars scheme was successfully launched in March 2013 to Nottingham with initial communications with local businesses being positive.
The free scheme is available to local businesses and aims to cut fleet management and operation costs and promotes driver efficiency.




## Summer 2012 active travel events

Last summer saw a real push on physical activity and sports with the London Olympics. Nottingham had an exceptional summer of cycling through the first Cycle Live weekend in July and hosting a leg of the Tour of Britain. The summer also saw European Mobility Week take place in September with a week of sustainable travel activities in the Hockley area.

**A total of 4,000 citizens attended – a great success**

## Cycle Live for all the family…

Nottingham City Council have commissioned the second Cycle Live weekend. The Big Wheel and Sustrans Ucycle team are gearing up for this year's event on 21/22/23rd June at the Victoria Embankment.

The weekend will have activities for all levels of cycling ability with the elite races taking place on the 21st, a family cycle event on the 22nd and the Great Notts bike ride to finish off the weekend on the 23rd.




## "Cycling for all" full steam ahead!




The Cycling for All community programme is up and running with monthly Sunday events including a range of activities suitable for all abilities, Dr Bike sessions and led rides taking place at the Queens Drive Park and Ride. The next dates are the 16th June, 21st July and 18th August.

If you'd like more information about any of these LSTF activities then please email helenhemstock@thebigwheel.org.uk