



5 day ride to COP21

Hello and Welcome

Most Important Things

- 1) Event in London. If you're joining us in London please make sure you come to the event in London on Saturday December 5th. We won't have time in the morning of Dec. 6th to register you. The event in London is at Holy Trinity Church, 49 Trinity Rise, Tulse Hill, London, SW2 2QP, from 4:30 – 10:00pm
- 2) If you're joining us in Brighton 4:30pm at the Brighthelm center would be great
- 3) Please take a look at the "Things you should bring" list, here: <http://www.timetocycle.org/what-to-pack.html>. Also...earplugs, a small lock for the hostel in Paris, lots of energy and hope for the future.
- 4) We will be biking in teams of 10-12. This will mean that if your team will make its own decisions about how it does each leg – where you stop for snacks and bathroom breaks and lunch is up to you.
- 5) Bags: you can put a 15kg bag onto the vans. Please also have a backpack or a pannier with some water, snacks, warm and dry clothes, some money, etc.
- 6) Bring your hopes and dreams and strategies and share them!
- 7) Keep in mind this isn't a cycle tour but your action. We've planned some of this out but there will be times when things don't go as planned or when we'll have to figure things out, as a team, on the fly. Enjoy it!!
- 8) Food. For the most part we'll be aiming to provide breakfast and dinner but people are responsible for their own lunches. You could pack a lot of nuts and snacks, or you could buy stuff en-route, or you could stop at a pub for lunch. Do what works for you and the team you're in ☺
- 9) Know your travel insurance numbers and bring a phone of some sort, even if it's just for emergencies.
- 10) Wi-fi: we're in paid accommodation on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, so we should have at least some wi-fi there.

Hi everyone, this is the last email update. There are two different pieces to this update. The first is a day by day look at the itinerary and the second is a look at the route. Let's start with the itinerary.

Saturday December 5th.

Location: 49 Trinity Rise, Holy Trinity Church, Tulse Hill

Time: 4:30pm – 10:00pm

- 4:30 – 6:00:
 - come in, get registered, put your bags down
 - Workshop 1: Bike assessment – make sure your bike is ready to go. We have several mechanics on hand helping out, just take your bike down to them and they'll go over it with you
 - Workshop 2: Messages for Paris – lensmob photos, a quilted patchwork of messages. Write your message
 - Workshop 3: Bike decorating – make a flag for your bike etc.
- 6:00 – 6:30 Welcome
- 6:30 – 7:00 Speech
- 7:00 – 8:00 Dinner will be provided by Brixton's People's Kitchen, <https://brixtonpk.wordpress.com/>.
- 8:00 – 10:00 Workshops for the cyclists that will help us get into our biking teams, talk about the legal situation in Paris, etc.

We'll unroll our sleeping mats and bags and go to sleep.

Sunday December 6th

Location: London to Brighton

Accommodation: Brighthelm Church and Community Center, North Rd, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 1YD
Exeter Street Hall, 16-17 Exeter St, Brighton BN1 5PG

This is a big day, lots of biking, lots of interaction with the public. It should be fun and intense! We won't have all that much time for workshops and planning for Paris today, but we'll have lots of time for this tomorrow. Make sure you have enough snacks for the day 😊

6:30 – 7:30 breakfast, tea, coffee & pack up your bags

7:30 – 8:00 get into your teams and load the bags onto the vans

8:00 – 12:00 bike to Balcombe (approximately), some teams will be faster, others slower

12:00 – 12:45 lunch in Balcombe or nearby (decided on a team by team basis depending on what your group wants to do) Lunch in Balcombe. Meet the villagers, hear about their anti-fracking past and their solar future

12:45 – 3:00 Bike through to Brighton

3:30 – Everyone to gather in the Black Lion pub (Harvester's) London Road, Patcham, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 8YQ 01273 552886. If your team gets there well ahead of 3:30 put your feet up and have a cup of tea!

3:30 – 3:45 – Bike into Withdean park as our full group. We'll be greeted by members of the public here. Put on our flags, bells, whistles. then to get ready for biketrain victory lap

4:00 - 4:45 At 4pm sharp we all leave Withdean Park & do victory lap around town

4:45 Arrive at Brighthelm, welcomed by public. Snacks and hot drinks on offer.

5:00 Lock up bikes outside

5:00 – 5:30 Transition from the ride into the evening's event. Take off wet layers and replace with dry layers

5:30 – 6:45 Event in Brighthelm center

6:45 Dinner will be provided by the Real Junk Food Project (<http://www.realjunkfoodbrighton.co.uk/>).

7:30 Bags, bedding and bikes to Sleeping locations across the city

8:00 Cyclists to shower and swim at Brighton swimming school.

10:30 Lights out all venues, early sleep. Doors locked for safety.

Monday December 7th

Location: Brighton to Dieppe

Accommodation: Centre d'hébergement Les Roches, 73 Avenue Gambetta, 76200 Dieppe, France
Base de loisirs, Rue des launays, 76510 Saint-Aubin-le-Cauf, France

This is a much easier day on the cycling front so we'll all have time to recover a bit! We'll also have a lot of time on the ferry to do workshops together, and then the evening will be a bit of a break. Epic early morning biking through the quiet streets of Brighton for some. Can someone take a picture of this?

5:30am cyclists at other locations bike to Brighthelm

6:00 Breakfast for all at Brighthelm

6:30 Load bags into the vans

7:00am, leave Brighton

7:00am – 8:30am, bike from Brighton to Newhaven

8:30am at latest arrive at Newhaven Ferry

10:00am, ferry leave Brighton

10:00 – 2:00pm, workshops and activities on the ferry

3:00pm (French time). Arrive in Dieppe

3:00 – 4:00 pm Check into hostel 1 if you're in hostel 1

3:00 – 3:30pm bike to hostel 2 if you're in hostel 2

Shower, rest a bit

6pm Dinner

Tuesday December 8th

Location: Dieppe to Rouen

Accommodation: Auberge de jeunesse de Rouen, 3 Rue du Tour, 76000 Rouen, France

Hôtel d'Angleterre (tehee), 21 Quai du Havre, 76000 Rouen, France

Ok, half way there! We get showers again and the hostel might even be big enough to do some laundry.

7:30am – 8:30am breakfast in hostels

9:00am load up the vans with the bags

9:30 depart for Rouen

3:00pm, arrive in Rouen

4:00pm, check into the hostel and hotel

Shower, rest a bit, etc.

6:00pm, dinner (this one is a little tricky, we'll update you on the status on this in Dieppe)

6:00 – 10:00 workshops and activities.

Wednesday December 9th

Location: Rouen – Freneuse

Accommodation: Freneuse community centre

Today we get to talk to schoolkids in Freneuse. Hopefully we can take some of their messages with us to COP21 in Paris.

7:30am – 8:30am breakfast in hostels

9:00am load up the vans with the bags

9:30 depart for Freneuse

3:00pm, Arrive in Freneuse. Welcome event with Council, locals, families and children

3:30 -5:30, activities with local schoolchildren

6:00pm, dinner

6:00pm – 10:00, workshops and planning for Paris.

10:30 Sleep

Thursday December 9th

Location: Freneuse Dieppe to Rouen

Accommodation: Generator Hostel Paris, 11 Place du Colonel Fabien, 75010 Paris, France

Biking into Paris today!

7:30am – 8:30am breakfast in hostels

9:00am load up the vans with the bags

9:30 depart for Paris

2:00pm, arrive in Paris

2:30pm check into the hostel with your bags

2:30 onwards go check out what's happening!

****From here on in until Sunday Time to Cycle hasn't organised any particular events although if people want to do activities as a great big bike bloc that's great. The idea is that all of the rest of this time...this evening, Friday, and Saturday, gets planned on the ride******

Sunday December 12th

Time to go home. We'll organise a debriefing reunion meeting for February or March. This will give us a bit of time to process Paris and to think about next steps. Lots of love y'all

Bikes will have been loaded up on the vans on Saturday. We'll need some help with this and will ask for volunteers on Thursday. The vans will drive out Saturday afternoon and we'll pick our bikes up again at St. Pancras on Sunday. We'll put a strip of duct tape with your COP21 ticket purchase order on it and will give bikes out to people showing ID.

- First train leaves at 12:43 and arrives in London 14:09. There will be 85 of us on that train
- Second train leaves at 16:43 and arrives in London at 18:12. There will be 20 of us on that train.
- Some people will be staying on in Paris.

