



COVENT
GARDEN

Name Our Lanes

Winning names



CS7



Maurice Burton Way (proposed by Jack):

South London has some claim to being cycling's spiritual home in Britain. The Herne Hill Velodrome hosted the 1948 Olympic Games, and for many years before 2012 was home to the only purpose-built road track in the capital. South London also has a richly diverse heritage. Maurice Burton was Britain's first black male cycling champion. He got his first bike after knocking on a neighbour's door and fixing up a bashed-up runaround in his garden. He raced at Herne Hill as a schoolboy. Although he missed out on the 1976 Olympic team, his success as a young mixed-race kid from Catford was an important milestone for cycling as a sport. In recent interviews, he has said that his career might have been limited by prejudice. Including his name on the route and emphasising his achievements might start to counter that prejudice and encourage more inclusive participation in cycling - from commuting to sprint racing - in the capital.

CS2



Beryl Burton Way (proposed by Nicki):

Beryl Burton is a British cycling legend who missed out on competing at the Olympics because women's cycling wasn't admitted until 1984, when she was 47 years old. I think she would love it if the path to the Olympic stadium in Stratford was named in her honour, paving the way for female cyclists who have come after her!

C6



Reynolds Route (proposed by Eanna):

September 1893: Sixteen year old Tessie Reynolds from Brighton rode a bicycle to London's Hyde Park and back in a little over eight and a half hours, setting a new record for the distance. Her feat caused outrage due to her cycling attire; pantaloons, a shirt and coat. Her ride came to be regarded as a milestone for women's rights. Reynolds went on to be a London traffic safety officer.

CS1

Tao's Route (proposed by James F.):

I've named this route after Tao Geoghegan Hart to represent him in his home town where he grew up after he has just won the Giro'd'Italia cycle race. I thought it was quite poignant that the first cycle route is not far from where he grew up.

CS3

Cable Street Cycleway (proposed by Chad-Nadir):

London places and landmarks tend to be named after one of three things: a feature of the area, a famous individual, or an event we would like to celebrate. Our ancestors rightly named Trafalgar and Waterloo after the locations of some of Britain's greatest military victories. I think the time is now right to celebrate a victory that Londoners can own all to ourselves: the Battle of Cable Street. In 1936 Jews, socialists, labour-activists, and other political and cultural groups joined forces to stop the march of the British Union of Fascists. And since CS3 runs along Cable Street it is the perfect opportunity to bring awareness to this episode without creating confusion for navigators. So let's celebrate that London rejects fascism, that we rejected it in 1936, and let's name somewhere for London.

C4

Chaplin Chase (proposed by Phill):

Charlie Chaplin was born in Walworth nearby in 1889 and was a keen cyclist later in life.

CS5

The Effra (proposed by Alexander):

There used to be an overground river which ran from Vauxhall Bridge south to West Norwood. Now most of this is underground or connected into sewerage systems or maybe disappeared completely. The CS5 follows this alignment briefly and I hope it could be extended to reach Brixton, Brockwell Park and West Norwood to provide a safe link. I always think cycles are like rivers – efficient, agile and helpful to the world.

CS8

The Commons (proposed by Samuel):

The route (which I live on & use regularly) connects the areas around Clapham Common, Wandsworth Common and of course the House of Commons. Apparently (says Wikipedia) most of London is unusual in having so many commons, most of which are south of the river and for many of them (e.g. Tooting Bec Common, Streatham Common, Wimbledon Common) if you're cycling to the House of Commons you'd use CS8, as you would coming from Clapham/Wandsworth Commons. So it's fun to acknowledge that, especially through the medium of slightly naff wordplay.

C9

Claudia Way (proposed by James G.):

In celebration of the founder of Carnival in London, Claudia Jones who dedicated her life to the fight against intolerance, inequality and oppression. As a great believer in the power of people's art to level and open up society, Claudia established the precursor to what became the Notting Hill Carnival, which takes place, close to where CS9 will end. Its name will be a celebration and reminder of both the powerful influence of carnival and the black immigrants to this part of London and the liberating capacity of free, green travel by bike.