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TOO MANY CONES, NOT ENOUGH WORK – NOVEMBER 2007



LOW EMISSION ZONE

I don't stand with any particular stance on the issue of vehicle-related pollution. It's hard for me to take one side of the argument as I find I regularly need to use a car or van to transport equipment and belongings. I also wouldn't be able to put on parties or live on the road without a vehicle which pollutes to some degree. That's not to say that I am certain that cars are a nuisance, dangerous and downright stinky. I despise the fact that our land is carved up by roads – they define our space more than anything else and a majority are only designed with vehicles in mind, though this is starting to shift a little.

As with many things (yes, I should have switched to bio-fuels a long time ago) the measures implemented to resolve a problem come too late. The hoo-hah and expense of kicking pollution-reducing schemes into action is often misplaced, when it could be scrapping manufacture of prevalent motor systems in favour of truly pollutant free, and indeed sustainable, fuels and motors. Lest we forget that oil companies have effectively covered up the plans for hydrogen-based motors (ie. it runs off fucking water) for about a century since that method was first discovered.

The latest scheme which aims to clear up the air in the capital, though perhaps also needed in other large cities (what, there's life outside London!?) is the largest Low Emission Zone in the world, to be implemented in Greater London at the beginning of February 2008. This will be in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and cover everywhere inside, but not including, the M25 orbital motorway. The stated aim of the LEZ is to improve air quality in London by deterring the most polluting vehicles from being driven in the area. The vehicles affected are older diesel-engined lorries, buses, coaches, large vans, minibuses and other heavy vehicles that are derived from lorries and vans such as motor caravans and motorised horse boxes greater than 12 tonnes gross vehicle weight. The scheme will be fully introduced by 2012, by when more vehicles will be included (from 3.5 tonnes in weight) and increasingly tougher emissions standards will apply. Cars, motorcycles and small vans are currently not included in the LEZ. Tokyo has had a LEZ since 2003 along with several major cities in Sweden.

As with any new-fangled scheme which supposedly pulls the reigns in on a mucky **Continued on the inside...**

A MESSAGE FROM THE Advisory Service for Squatters

Advisory Service for Squatters needs help! We are short of people to run the office (though you will be overworked and not paid at all.) If you'd be interested in helping out, joining the collective or seeing what it is we do please email advice@squatter.org.uk

We are planning to hold a training session for anyone who would like to volunteer or just for people who would like more legal knowledge to help

themselves, and other people, out. We will set a date when we know people are interested so let us know if you are!

We also want help with other stuff if you don't fancy working in the office: like selling beer at festivals to pay our rent, helping out with practical advice and support at the squatters practical network, writing a new squatters handbook or general help with fundraising.

Also very importantly: ASS give out plenty of advice but rarely get any feedback about how court cases turn out etc. If you do get advice, please do let them know how you use it!

WWW.SQUATTER.ORG.UK

Cheesy But Nice

I would like to thank the people of the Cheese Factory in Newington Green for the efforts going into their fortnightly food event. The night comes ram packed full of goodness, music and cheer and possibly a live band here and there... maybe. It is definitely a night to check out and at the moment it is every other Thursday with food for all, plenty of people and sofas. I have seen all ages there, so finally it is something social that is not isolated and only there for the already converted.

The food is exceptional (hurrah to the end of squat slop gruel that we have been fed for so many years!) and there is a lot of love that goes in and that is evident in its growing popularity. If you are a visual artist, live musician or just an exhibitionist and want to perform on one of the nights get in touch at thecheesefactory@yahoo.co.uk or call 07748 562125

DON'T BE SHY...
Rupture has changed from the days when you could find an issue everywhere – at the many parties taking place; in squats, record shops or being used as a beer mat or arse-rag. Though the focus has shifted slightly it's still an open platform for readers.
THIS IS STILL AN OPEN PUBLICATION!
 We still want to hear from you and need people to write articles or reviews, to submit poems, news items, listings, mad rantings, creative ramblings, easy-to-photocopy line-art, photography and help to print and distribute the damn thing.
 Please don't assume this is a call for half-baked, half-finished sketches or notes for an article yet to be written: this is a quality rag don'cha know!
You can still send stuff to
rupture@headfuk.net

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society it also introduces new methods of control, punishment for those on low incomes (in this case, who aren't able to constantly maintain their vehicles), and a new level of technology to ensure that the penalties are dished out. This will mean a new breed of surveillance cameras which, for such a large coverage area, will surely be spread prominently across London. These can obviously be used to track any number of goings-on, and not just to track smelly old trucks.

Transport for London estimates that two thirds of all trucks and half of all buses and coaches driving in London are already compliant with the 2008 LEZ standards and that they simply want to encourage the remaining dirty vehicles to get cleaned up. This doesn't say much for travellers who live in their (usually old and battered) vehicles and only need to move

around a few miles every once in a while; older people or others with no incomes; people who only use their vehicles when absolutely necessary and who can't afford to upgrade their vehicles simply to escape the charges when they do need to drive somewhere.

In fairness, vehicles which don't meet the specified emissions standards of the LEZ will still be allowed to drive in London (hurrah!), but they will be required to pay a daily charge of £100-£200 (oh!). Anyone who doesn't cough up the daily charge will incur a penalty charge of £1000 (only £500 if paid within 15 days).

Punishing non-commercial users of vans, trucks and motor-homes only reduces the existing problem, but doesn't provide an alternative solution. The LEZ seeks to clean up what is outdated technology from a soon-to-be-bygone era of fossil

fuels. Much-touted possible saviours like bio-diesel have already shown themselves to have their own set of problems, as people try to capitalise on the demand for them. Idiomatic 'sweeping it under the carpet' tactics like charging electric buses off the National Grid, as if somehow the pollution just disappears (rather than it coming out of a power station somewhere in the countryside, just not in the cities) are no help either. I eagerly await the day when there really are no fossil fuels left and any last ditch attempts at sustainability have failed. It's only then that the oil multinationals will go "Ta-da! look what clean running, cheap propulsion technology we had up our sleeves all along". Until then I will be buying my ever more expensive fuel with the other mugs.
www.sharingsustainableolutions.org
www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/lez

Operation catsnip

I have been looking at the issue of neutering pets. Whether it is seen as a burning issue will change from owner to owner though I feel many opinions on the subject are uninformed and don't take all sides of the argument into account. Some people consider neutering cruel and are determined not to neuter their own pet. Their ignorance and inaction on the wider picture could have far crueller consequences.

There are approx 1,000,000 stray animals in the UK alone and these animals subsequently suffer from neglect and abandonment, deplorable living conditions and insufficient or nonexistent veterinary care. They are often victims of inhumane treatment, not only because of intentionally inflicted cruelty, but also because of poverty, lack of pet care

knowledge, absence of animal welfare legislation and enforcement, apathy and unsubstantiated beliefs.

Historically cats have been companions to humans for thousands of years, perhaps even longer. Felines serve as good companions due to their hunting skills (pest control) and of course their affection and other qualities. Over time they integrated themselves into a less animalistic, yet comfortable, lifestyle.

Though the lives of domestic cats are a far cry from their wild genitors, allowing a cat to be 'natural' and produce litter after litter does nothing to help the ongoing problem of a mass number of unhoused cats. Besides, can cats really survive in a modern environment? Foraged food supplies are abundant and I suppose that in some way this could rekindle a feral existence, but would this development be a positive one? Would the cats thrive rather than just survive?

The moral of this very real story is to seriously think of the wider picture when you are considering *not* to neuter

your pet. Remember the ramifications of your actions, or lack thereof, because we shouldn't add to an already exacerbated problem. We all assume that the friendly felines we see roaming around are owned and not abandoned, but only now I am starting to realise the seriousness of the problem. In America almost 3,000,000 predominantly healthy cats and dogs are 'euthanised' every year.

The pressure on the people that work in the animal rescue and housing shelters also have to be considered. Just remember that there is a broader picture and that for every pet that is born and housed independently of these organisations, there is one sitting in a home waiting to be housed or put down. The appeal goes out to all – cat lovers, cat haters and of course, cats.

Here are a couple of links if you would like to learn more about the problem and the solution:

www.celiahammond.org
www.bluecross.org.uk
www.dogshome.org



Developments at rampART

The rampART social center in East London has been open for over three and a half years, hosting thousands of meetings, screenings, performances, exhibitions and benefit gigs. During that period the building and resources have steadily evolved to adapt the demands of its users. Now gentrification approaches,

with property developers planning to partially demolish the squatted houses next to the social center and build three new properties at the back.

The rampART itself is under no immediate threat and regular activities continue as normal with Food Not Bombs, Rhythms Of Resistance, Radical Theory Group, Dissident Island Radio, WANC, and a new homeopathy clinic among the regular users. Recent events included a benefit for 'Papers For All' and an indymedia training session.

WWW.RAMPART.CO.NR

MUSIC REVIEWS



Various Artists –

Statement of Intent [Noize:Tek]

This compilation CD features a whopping 19 tracks from a worldwide roster of artists working along the hard and experimental edge of electronic music. As the title suggests, it serves as a taster of sonic things to come from Manchester based label and promoters Noize:Tek. Standout tracks come from Davros (Abelcain in Dalek mode), Spitting Vitriol

and a hip-hop metal opus from Ronin.

Techdiff – Coronation Of A Cursed King [Allergy Records]

Though it doesn't say anything original, this debut CD release from UK artist Techdiff pushes all the right buttons and definitely throws the breakcore shapes needed to mash up a dancefloor inna Ebola/Venetian Snares kinda fashion.

Ebola – On A Gastro Bass Tip [Mutant Sniper]

Probably the most talented of the Wrong Music stable of ego-maniacs delivers a mutant slice of fragmented breakage. It steers close to now-oh-too-familiar dubstep territory but always manages to spin off somewhere else wildly different before crunch time.

Anorak – Incapsulate EP [I Man Army Records]

This 4 track CD comes from recent London Laptop Battle entrant and purveyor of the kind of brilliant music we've come to expect from the Bristol region. Try and sit still to this, muddafuk.

Starkey/Bong Ra – Lupe Kick Push/ Sissy Spacek [Ruff]

It doesn't carry the same dancefloor impact as some of the previous Ruff releases but you do get the feeling they are perhaps more interested in putting out interesting tracks which can enrich a DJ mix which might be laden with more generic sounds. Starkey is yet again on a vocal tip whilst Bong Ra seems a little unsteady finding his dubstep feet.



You do the math

ROUGHLY:

1) one third of a person's wages goes to pay the mortgage, 2) one third is tax, 3) and the remaining third you get to spend...

SO:

1) If you borrow, say £100,000 @ 10% over 40 years as a mortgage to buy a house, you will have to pay back roughly £300,000 in interest... this means that roughly three quarters of the third of your wages which is paying the mortgage is paying interest on that loan.

2) The Bank of England is a private company. The government has granted a licence to the Bank of England to print money. The government borrows money from the bank of England, the government pays interest on that loan. That interest is paid out of the third of your wages which is paying tax to the government.

3) If you buy (for example) a china cup in a shop:

a) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to set up a quarry to extract the china clay from the earth: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

b) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to buy a lorry to transport the china

clay to the factory which makes the cups: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

c) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to set up the factory which makes the cups: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

d) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to buy a lorry to transport the cups to the wholesaler: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

e) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to set up the wholesale business: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

f) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to buy a lorry to transport the cups to the retailer: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

g) Someone has borrowed money from a bank to set up the retail business: they are paying interest to the bank on that loan

h) All of those people from a) to g) above are paying interest to the bank on their mortgages.

All these interest payments to the banks are coming out of the purchase price of the china cup... if we add all these interest payments together we find that on average, conservatively speaking, 50% of

the price of ANY item we buy is interest being paid to the banks.

HENCE:

1) One third of a person's wages goes to pay the mortgage (About 75% of your mortgage third is paying interest to the bankers)

2) One third is tax (somewhere between 10-20% of your tax third is paying interest to the bankers)

3) And the remaining third you get to spend...

(On average, roughly 50% of the price of any money you spend from your spending third is paying interest to the banks)

Adding 1) , 2) , and 3) together we find that well over half of everyone's wages is paying interest on loans to the bankers...

THUS:

If we simply abolish usury, we can work half the hours with the same wages in our pocket, do half the damage to the environment in our employment, and spend twice as much time with our families or in the pub, or watching telly, cooking beautiful meals, or going out to the countryside!

PARTIES & R + RADIO PROTESTS

30.11.07

BRISTOL LAPTOP BATTLE

Laptop audio producers battle it out for the title crown. Plus a 2nd room of music and hip-hop DJ display.

9pm – 4am. £5. The Croft, 117-119 Stokes Croft, Bristol
laptopbattleuk.com

30.11.07

BRAINDROP

2 rooms of rining beats presided over by the McMash Clan.

8.30pm – 6am. £6 early/£8 after Jacks, Crucifix Lane, London SE1

05.12.07

SIREN CINEMA

Films from 8pm every other Wednesday. Free entry, donations welcome. Dame Colet House, Ben Johnson Road, Stepney Green, London www.siren-net.co.uk

06.12.07

FOOD NIGHT

Cheap food and an evening's entertainment. Phone or email if you don't know the address.

The Cheese Factory, Newington Green, London
thecheesefactory@yahoo.co.uk
07748 562125

08.12.07

ERISIAN DISCHARGE

Darkside drum'n'bass, mutant jungle, dubstep.

11pm – 5am. £7 b4 12, £8 after. The Volks, Madeira Drive, Brighton

08.12.07

NATIONAL CLIMATE MARCH

On the Global Day of Action against Climate Change. Meet at Millbank near Westminster Tube, 12 noon. Cycle Protest Assembles at Lincoln's Inn Fields, 10am.

www.globalclimatecampaign.org
www.campaigncc.org

15.12.07

RUMBLE

5 Rooms, 9 Soundsystems, 1 Venue. Lakota, Upper York Street, Bristol
10pm – 6am. £5 b4 12/£6 After

21.12.07

NFA FUCK XMAS

Free party for midwinter. Mailing list only, so send email address or mobile number to
info@nofixedabode.info

29 - ?.12.07

CANARIES AND CATANIA TEKS CANCELLED!

29 - ?.12.07

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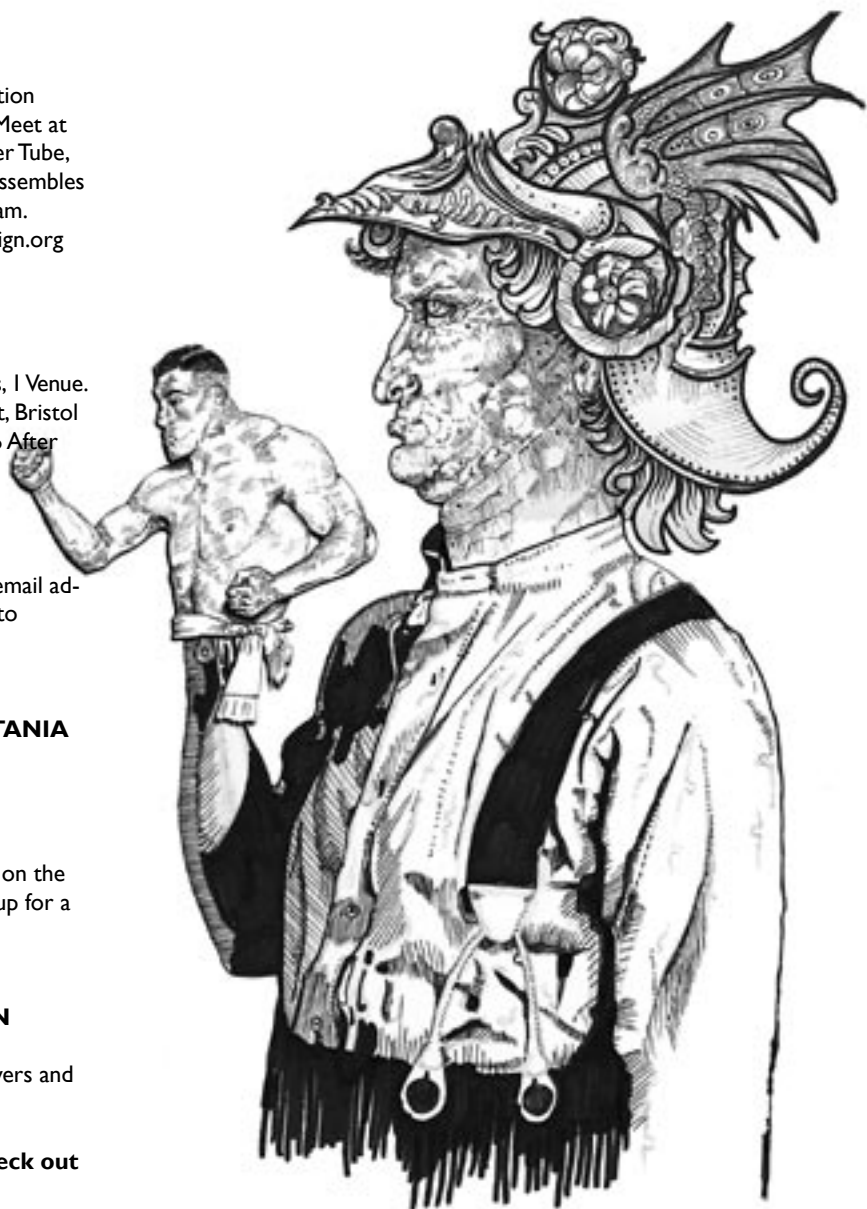
European sound systems on the South American trail linkup for a New Years party.

31.12 - 01.01.08

NEW YEAR PARTY IN CENTRAL ITALY

Open invitation to all ravers and sound systems.

For parties abroad check out
shockraver.free.fr



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