

**U3A Bikers**  
**Lambeth & Southwark Trail of Globes Sculptures**  
**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

.....or the World Re-imagined.

Eleven riders gathered in windy and damp conditions in Brockwell Park by the Lido for this ride led by Niesje.

The route had been researched and was based on the Trail Map for “a journey of discovery through ...Southwark to explore our shared history and how we can make racial prejudice a reality”

Our route took us on the Railton Road and we were all too aware of the tragic shooting that had occurred just two days previously.

The first stop was to look at a globe entitled “Reimagine the Future “at Max Roach Park, on the Brixton Road. But, it was not there!

An urgent consultation of the programme revealed that the exhibits were on display from 13 August until 31 October. We had missed them!

Nevertheless, we continued on in the hope that some might still be in place. To our delight we found that was still there, at Stockwell Station.

Using back roads we headed towards Vauxhall to look for “Still We Rise” at the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens. Gone!

All that was left was the brown patch where the globe had stood, just a few hours earlier.

By now it was time for a break from our “Ghost Ride”, coffee and a chat, so we headed to the nearby Vauxhall Farm Café, leaving our cycles outside in compliance with the notice at the entrance.





The next globe would have been “Echoes in the Present” at the Old Paradise Gardens, a little-known garden on Lambeth High Street. Removed!

Heading along The Cut we arrived at the Old Vic Theatre, and on the opposite side was the Emma Cons Gardens where “A Complex Triangle” would have been!

The last stop was in the Oxo Wharf Courtyard to see the site of “Abolition and Emancipation”. A local told us that the globe had been in place earlier that morning!



Instead, we were able to view a wall of one of the old warehouses, adorned with coloured light sabres. Then it was on to our lunch stop. We had arrived at a Turkish restaurant, *Ev*, with its wonderful selection of hot and cold dishes and salads.

Although we had missed seeing most of the globes, the ride was enjoyed by all. It was good to know that Niesje had taken photos of some of the globes, and these are shown below, for all to enjoy!

Emerging from the restaurant it was evident that we had missed a sharp shower. After lunch, the Group made their way back across Kennington Road and past Kennington Park. The ride ended at Loughborough Junction and the riders made their way back home.





**Riders:**

Chris, David & Irene, Denise & John, Gisella, Ian, Jan, John, Julia, Niesje.

*Ride leader: Niesje de Boer*

*Group Convenor: John Clements*

*Report and photos: John Clements and Niesje de Boer, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022*

**NOTE:**

The Legend on the globe entitled “Expanding the Soul” at Stockwell reads: “*The World Reimagined works to transform how we understand the Transatlantic Trade in Enslaved Africans and its impact on all of us, so that we can make racial justice a reality*”.

**Some of the globes we missed**



*Windrush Square – Lambeth Community Globe Soul*



*Stockwell Memorial Gardens – Expanding Soul*



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*Max Roach Park – Reimagine the Future*



*Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens – Still We Rise*



*Old Paradise Gardens – Echoes in the Present*



**Peckham Library - Southwark Community Globe**

**Post-script:** Gisella found two globes up at the `Olympic Park and here they are

