



20x20 Vision for walking in 2040 from John Reed - Transcript

Hello it is John (Reed) calling from London Bridge. I'm doing a psycho geographic kind of re-creation of my neighbour's dating tour that he used to take women on in the 90s. It is actually a kind of 17 mile walk around mostly central London. It takes you through various different haunts his at the time, cultural places and bars, and things of interest. I am doing that with cafe customers. I work in a cafe on Bermondsey Street. So we are doing that. Seeing how we can document it with elements of the written word, visual arts and cartography.

My vision for walking in 2040 By 2040, I would like to see eco-highway at least between Tower Bridge, Potters Fields and Peckham, and going through Burgess Park. I imagine a route that has a kind of route that is dedicated to pedestrians, and possibly cyclists, but also nature and animals, really. We did that as a leg of our walk the other day on my neighbour's tour and I found that there are nice bits of that walk from Tower Bridge southbound to Burgess Park, a lot of it is in a suburban no man's land that no one would particularly want to walk through, and I can imagine it being a bit more pleasant.

I've also got an idea for trying to have a yellow brick road inspired by an artist called Serge Whykettie (Attukwei Clotey), I think - you can look him up. He worked in Accra, Ghanaian and he does these as part of his practice is yellow brick road or looks like yellow brick roads, in his area of Laff (?) in Accra. He sticks together bits of, or weaves together bits of the yellow plastic big yellow water containers ('kufour gallons') they have over there. I think it would be kind of good to have a kind of yellow brick road, perhaps to coincide with the eco-highway. Well ideally, not only from Potters Fields to Peckham, but ideally Potters Fields to Brighton via Peckham maybe. And who knows then possibly on to Accra. I think it is only four and half thousand miles crossing the Sahara. It could be tricky as I think most of it would go through Algeria.

Anyway, there we go.