**Minutes of Meeting between Lewisham Cyclists (LC) and Lewisham Council**

**held at Lewisham Council, Passenger Services Building, Wearside Service Centre**

**Monday 23rd Sept 15:30hrs**

**Present:** Lewisham Cyclists: John Phillips (Treasurer), Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary). Lewisham Council: Peter Stunnell (Transport Policy Officer), Simon Moss (Transport Policy and Development Manager), Nick Harvey (Cycling Programme Manager), Liz Brooker (Road Safety & Sustainable Transport Manager), Catherine Patterson (Developments Officer)

**Agenda was:**

1) Details on Lewisham's current and proposed cycle project funding bids.

Borough Cycling Programme

Training

Cycle Parking

HGV Safety

School Partnerships

Quietways

Routes

2) Establish a regular communication channel between the Council and Lewisham Cyclists and what form this should take.

3) Lewisham Cyclists' priorities as identified by our members - see attached document.

4) Lewisham Cyclists’ immediate concerns

5) AOB

**Points covered:**

**1) Details on Lewisham's current and proposed cycle project funding bids.**

Training

Extensive and successful programme of cycle training in existence and planned to expand:

Holiday courses for children e.g. at schools. With more funding want to develop more locations

Adults – held 500 1to1 training sessions last year

Adult Bikeability – groups of 5-8 people 3 x consecutive weekend mornings

Can apply for courses via Lewisham Council website. Quite a long waiting list due to a shortage of qualified Instructors. Lewisham may in future have funding to train Instructors.

Cycle Parking

Cycle ‘Hoops’
6 are being installed as a ‘pilot’. They are secure units that are installed on the street and take up a bit less space than a parking space. Hold 6 bikes per keyed section. Top opens on gas struts, so no slamming and banging! Normally £30/year per bike. Pilot units are being subsidised at £15/year. Received 132 expressions of interest, predominantly in properties with high occupancy levels e.g. converted Victorian houses in North of Borough.

Cycle Parking (CS5)
TfL providing funding in areas within 1.5km of original planned route of Cycle SuperHighway 5 from New Cross to Lewisham along Loampit Vale etc. Early October deadline for proposals so any suggestions are needed immediately.

Local Shopping Areas
Cycle parking can be funded under Local Implementation Plans (LIP) - another TfL funding stream.

Railway Station Parking
This is an issue particularly at strategic stations e.g. Brockley. The major concern is security as bikes parked regularly can be targeted for theft. Have to deal with London Overground, Network Rail and South Eastern to agree parking options.

Cycle Hub
TfL funding is available for maybe one ‘Cycle Hub’ in the Borough – secure parking, cycle maintenance on site etc. Options being looked at are Lewisham Station and the Catford Stations. Because of lack of space at Lewisham Station itself it is possible that this could be located in the unused railway arches near the new Leisure Centre. Added advantage is the land is owned by Lewisham Council. Another possible hub discussed was Deptford station, but this is thought to be more relevant to the Convoys Wharf Development and possible planning gain there.

HGV Safety

Lewisham Council representatives are meeting with London Cycling Campaign soon to review progress in this area. Lewisham are procuring new dust carts with 360 degree cameras and ‘VT’ sensors to detect obstructions e.g. cyclists, near the vehicle. They are also planning to retrofit old dustcarts with this equipment provided they can secure match funding from TfL. This is a 3 year programme. They are also ensuring that all future contracts meet the LCC standard for HGV Safety. It is harder to ‘retrofit’ existing contracts e.g. Skanska, Conway and Glendale, but they are discussing it with these sub-contractors. All major developments e.g. Lewisham Gateway, Thames Sewer, Convoys Wharf will be required to meet LCC HGV Safety standard.

School partnerships

There is funding available for infrastructure improvements that are within reach of local schools. This has to be ‘school led’. There is a 20th December deadline for proposals for this but relatively small amounts of money are available. The bulk of the physical infrastructure monies will be available under the Quietways projects.

Quietways

Lewisham Council shared with us a map of their proposed Quietway routes, many of which follow the established London Cycle Network (LCN) routes though some were new. There is also a proposed ‘mini-Holland’ in Deptford centre to make most of the streets cycle friendly. The map also included Andrew Gilligan’s preferred Quietway routes in Lewisham. There was considerable overlap between the two, but there is obviously some negotiation still to do to come up with the final configuration. We have a photo of the map which is fairly clear if anyone wants us to email it to them.
Quietways is a very exciting development with a substantial budget from TfL. There is a large amount of work to be done over the next few years. The routes are promised to be developed to a much higher standard than the old LCN routes with much improved priority at difficult junctions and far better signage.

**2) Establish a regular communication channel between the Council and Lewisham Cyclists and what form this should take.**

Agreed to have formal 6 monthly meetings and Nick Harvey to attend occasional LC meeting to ‘fill in the gaps’.

As the Quietways programme ‘firms up’ Nick and LC reps should also ride the routes to audit them and identify any issues to be addressed.

**3) Lewisham Cyclists' priorities as identified by our members - see attached document.**

Lewisham Gateway
This scheme was developed a number of years ago so does not meet current standard for cycle facilities. Discussions have been going on between the parties involved – Lewisham Council, TfL and the Developers which has resulted in improved cycle permeability through the Development. A meeting is being scheduled for October with these parties and LC to review the latest plans.

Trundleys road crossing
There is budget to do a study of options to improve this junction and this is ongoing. Initial conclusions are that traffic lights are not feasible, roundabout(s) would be good for traffic flow, but not so good for cyclists. Current thinking is that a reconfiguration of the junction and the use of traffic calming measures e.g. raised tables may be the best solution. This junction is a key element in one of the proposed Quietways so everyone is keen to see safety improvements here.

Connect2 routing behind Millwall Football Ground
Sustrans are actively moving ahead with this and meetings with the interested parties have been going well. As the route will use the Millwall Away Supporters path, on match days cyclists will have to be diverted via Ilderton Road – improvements may be needed there as well.

**4) Lewisham Cyclists’ immediate concerns**

Thurston Road was discussed and there was agreement that the current situation is unsatisfactory. Nick Harvey is going to follow up with the Borough Engineers.

**Meeting closed around 6pm.**