

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Dog & Bell pub, Deptford

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2015 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Ian Welsby, Meaghan McClure, Paul McQuillen.  
**Apologies:** Stewart Whitworth, Roger Stocker, Rik Andrew.
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:
  - a) **'Cycling Champion' councillor.**  
Previously we discussed if London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Cllr Mark Ingleby indicated he would be happy to fulfil this role. Jane has sent a letter to the Mayor's Office to formally request this. Jane has now received an acknowledgement email, but nothing further yet. Jane to follow up after the General Election.
  - b) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).  
LBL managed section (Creekside to Surrey Canal Road).**  
Action: Jane to follow up with Nick Harvey to see if LBL have, or will be, releasing a consultation report as nothing heard back on this yet.
  - c) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).  
Sustrans managed section (Surrey Canal Road to South Bermondsey Station).**  
After the last meeting Tim reviewed the Sustrans plans for this section of the Q1 route and could not see any significant flaws in the design. Looking back on the LC e-list there also don't seem to be any negative comments. Having missed the deadline for the consultation, and in the absence of any criticisms, the meeting agreed not to make any formal response to Sustrans.  
We've previously identified the need for an alternative routing e.g. via Ilderton Road, for this section of Q1 on Millwall match days and late at night. Nick Harvey said he would provide us with the name of the Council Officer working on the Southwark elements of the route.  
This month Jane has had an ongoing dialogue with Southwark Cyclists and Cllr Mark Williams (Southwark) on this issue. They seem to want to roll it into a study of key links to other Boroughs. Jane to raise the issue directly with the Council Officer working on the project, when she has their name.  
Action: Jane to chase Nick Harvey for the name of the Southwark Council Officer working on this project.
  - d) **LC 'Mend & Ride' workshop project.**  
It was previously proposed that, if Roy Ashman (YLP) and Stephen Kenny (Ringway Centre) were happy with the idea, that a Press Release be prepared and sent to the local press. Jane has prepared the Press Release which was read to the meeting and everyone agreed was fine. The two host organisations are happy for it to be released to the Press.  
Action: Jane to send the Press Release to the South London Press and Lewisham Mercury newspapers.  
This month Jane has also prepared and submitted a 'portfolio of evidence' that the project is successfully underway which has been submitted to TfL.  
Action: Jane to post this document on the LC website.
  - e) **Future Quietway Developments.**  
This action regarding requesting from TfL that the full length of LCN22 is included in

the next phase of Quietway Developments is outstanding from the previous minutes.  
Action: Jane to contact TfL regarding upgrading the whole of LCN22.

f) **TfL 20MPH Infrastructure Review Group.**

This action regarding proposing some sections of road in LBL – namely Lee High Road, South Circular (West and East from Catford) are included in the experimental 20MPH zones is outstanding from the previous minutes.

Action: Jane to follow up with TfL.

3) **Current projects:**

a) **LBL development plans for the following local areas: Kirkdale Shopping Area, Burnt Ash Hill, Manor Lane, Dartmouth Rd, Sangley Road, Hither Green Lane.**

LC have been contacted by David Pope a consultant from Project Centre Ltd, a planning consultancy working for LBL, on initial development plans for these areas. In general terms, as these are linear local shopping areas, we would be looking for enforcement of reduced traffic speeds by design e.g. with speed tables, narrowing of carriageways; widening of pavements; less car parking; more cycle parking; improved 'permeability' where appropriate; shared use pavements where LCN or Quietway cycle routes cross the main road.

Alex has recently talked to David about Burnt Ash Hill, Manor Lane and the plans in general.

David indicated that not all of the development areas will necessarily proceed to implementation. LBL will decide which ones go ahead based on the outline plans and available monies.

In the meeting we discussed the **Burnt Ash Hill** shopping area. Under the plans the current shared use pavements from Holme Lacey Rd via the Toucan crossing to Woodyates Rd will be preserved, but widened and with barriers removed. It is important that more cycle parking should also be provided. John commented that widening of the pavements could potentially also allow shared use of the East side pavement Northwards between Lee station and the Toucan crossing. Alex also informed us that the section of disused shops on the East side, South of Woodyates has been zoned for development as a local supermarket - careful attention will need to be paid to the positioning of a suitable unloading zone and extra cycle parking. Alex also showed us a copy of the development plans for **Dartmouth Road** which David had given him – these are quite far advanced and should be going out to consultation soon. The plans show a dramatically narrowed traffic lane (6.2m) with inset parking and a very shallow kerb line (2.5cm). Presumably designed to slow traffic on the uncertainty principle. It is clear that cyclists will need to 'take the lane' to navigate the section safely. Meeting attendees expressed concerns that the narrow traffic lane alone may not slow traffic enough. In Ladywell which has been treated similarly they have used two large speed tables to slow the traffic.

Over the last month Jane has tried to contact David a couple of times re Dartmouth Road and Kirkdale but they haven't yet managed to coincide.

Action: Jane to contact David again to discuss Dartmouth Rd and Kirkdale and to reiterate the points above.

b) **Molesworth St (A21) TfL development plans.**

Jane met with Robert Hunter from TfL on 31<sup>st</sup> March and presented our proposals for the upgrading of the cycle path along Molesworth St. In simple terms these involved replacing the current pavement level lane with a fully segregated and widened lane at road level, with an extension southwards to the Pelican crossing outside Lewisham Library. Robert has taken these ideas away and we assume the next phase will be development of some outline plans and a consultation exercise.

c) **Sustrans proposed bridge linking Rotherhithe & Canary Wharf.**

This was recently mentioned in a post from Caroline Pidgeon Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee.

Action: Tim to follow up and establish how far the project has progressed and how LC could be constructively involved in helping develop this very beneficial link.

d) **Quietway Route 1 'Q1' – Trundleys Road junction.**

The lack of a signalised crossing at this junction under the Q1 development plans is still an active issue. LC have already made representations regarding this to LBL and TfL, but beyond this do not currently have the resources to mount a major campaign. If the strong proponents of the signalisation want to mount a campaign contacting the local Press, Councillors, London Assembly members etc. please contact Jane so it can be coordinated.

4) **Other issues:**

a) **Lewisham Parliamentary Election Candidates.**

Jane considered that mounting a campaign targeted at Parliamentary Candidates, in the absence of a strong lead from LCC centrally, was not worth the effort. Preferring to concentrate efforts on the London Assembly members and LBL councillors who have direct responsibility for roads and cycle facilities in the borough.

If people want to pressure their local candidate please go to [www.votebike.org.uk](http://www.votebike.org.uk) where CTC are hosting a campaign that everyone can participate in individually.

b) **Discuss whether to create additional specified roles within LC with a view to delegating some tasks.**

Two possible roles were discussed Engagement/Communications Officer and a Campaigns Co-ordinator.

Stewart has volunteered for the first and we agreed that would be a very useful additional role to have. The role would involve producing a regular professional-looking and fact-based email updating LCC Lewisham members of the work we are doing and other things cycling-related going on in the borough. Additionally communicating using Facebook and Twitter.

For Campaigns we weren't convinced that we needed a specific officer role preferring for now to encourage individuals to adopt and take forward campaigns they have a particular interest in and coordinate directly with Jane.

c) **Campaigning priorities for this year - 'Survey Monkey' – report from Alex.**

Alex presented a report on the 'Survey Monkey' which received 27 responses and is now closed.

See Appendix C for a copy of his report paying particular attention to Slide 8 which details the priorities for future action(s).

It was also suggested under point e) below that we may want to re-run the Survey Monkey later in the year with added promotion to LCC members in Lewisham to try and elicit a higher response level.

The top three identified priorities (Slide 4) were:

- 1) Enforcement of 20 MPH limits throughout LBL.
- 2) Deptford Broadway/Bridge junction re-configuration.
- 3) Bromley road (A21) segregated or semi-segregated cycle lane.

d) **Budgeting for 2015/2016.**

John presented the Accounts for 2014/2015 (Appendix A) and proposed Budget for 2015/2016 (Appendix B). Members were satisfied with the proposed Budget although it does show us eroding our reserves to some degree next year due to costs related to the ongoing 'Mend & Ride' project.

It was also agreed that we would not return any monies to London Cycling Campaign

if they so requested, as we need those monies to support projects like 'Mend and Ride'.

John also reported that we now have the third highest number of LCC members of any London Borough with 809. Only outshone by Hackney (946) and Lambeth (935).

e) **Proposal to email all LCC members in Lewisham periodically with updates on campaigning, rides etc.**

See item b) above.

Action: Jane & Stewart to work out the format, content etc. of this proposed communication and the details of how to distribute, opt outs etc. John suggested that the email should also mention the LC e-list to encourage members to join up – this was agreed.

5) **A.O.B**

**Goldsmith's University Workshop & Bike Share Scheme**

Meaghan McClure gave us a brief update on this project. She will be meeting Barry Quirk (LBL Chief Executive) very soon as he has shown significant interest in the project.

**Community Events LC are attending for your calendars. Any assistance on the day welcomed:**

Chinbrook Meadows 'Bike Day' on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 3pm. Chinbrook Meadows is very close to the Grove Park Ringway Project.

Deptford Festival - 1st to 4th May. As our attendance at this event has not been arranged yet and we are running out of time it was agreed we would not attend this year.

Brockley (Hilly Fields) Fayre – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June:

Action: John to book Hilly Fields Fayre pitches.

Action: Jane to check bike mechanic availability for Dr Bike for Hilly Fields Fayre.

**Serious pothole on Thurston Road**

Alex has several times reported a massive pothole on Thurston Road westbound just after exiting from Jerrard St and we agreed to contact LBL Highways about it.

Post meeting we visited the spot to find it had very recently been filled in!

**Beckenham Place Park development plans**

Action: Jane to follow up how these plans are progressing.

**Meeting closed around 8.45pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm (venue t.b.a. - hopefully back at the Lewisham Civic Centre but not confirmed yet)**

## Appendix A – 2014 to 2015 Accounts

### Lewisham Cyclists Treasurer's Report 1 April '14 to 31 March'15

#### General Fund

##### Income

Bank balance from end March 2014	1100	
Main LCC grant (£200 block + 770 members x 30p each)	431	
UP Projects part re-imburement of Dr Bike at Cornmill Gardens	150	
Ride London payment for feeder ride	160	
Ladywell 2014 jumble proceeds	157	
Brockley Fair 2014 bike jumble proceeds	116	
Jumble ex Francis Sedgmore	15	
Cornmill Gardens jumble proceeds	40	
Jumble ex Baker-Bell	29	357
Donations re Training, Bike Loan, Mend and Ride project	160	
Interest	5	<b>2363</b> Total income

##### Expenditure

Dr Bike @ Ladywell 26 April	320	
Brockley Fair pitch booking in June 2014 (3 x £20)	60	
Dr Bike @ Brockley Fair 2014	175	
Space4Cycling publicity material	111	
Dr Bike @ Cornmill Gardens 20 Sept	288	
Hall Hire for AGM 15 Oct	50	
Net paid to Greenwich Cyclists re repairs & servicing of loan bikes	42	<b>1046</b> Total expenditure

General Fund balance carried forward to 2015/16 : £ **1317**

#### Mend and Ride project

(Although held in the same bank account as the General Fund its accounting is detailed separately below)

##### Income

TfL grant	£	<b>4759</b> Total income
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##### Expenditure

2Pure Ltd	1651	
Cycle Division Ltd	629	
Recipient not yet advised	970	<b>3250</b> Total expenditure

Mend and Ride project funds carried forward to 2015/16 : £ **1509**

General fund balance at 31 March 2015 £ **1317** (as above)

M & R fund balance at 31 March 2015 £ **1509** (as above)

Bank balance at 31.3.2015 £ **2826**

John Phillips  
Treasurer  
31-Mar-15

## Appendix B – 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

<b>Lewisham Cyclists 1st draft budget for April 2015 to March 2016</b>						
<b>General Fund</b>						
<b>Estimated Income</b>						
Bank balance from end March 2015					1317	
Main LCC grant - £200 block + 809 members x 30p each					442	
Ride London, 2nd Aug 2015 - payment for feeder ride (as per 2014)					160	
Jumble proceeds (was ~£357 last year but stock now possibly less)					150	
Donations re Training, Bike Loan & M&R (was £160 in part-year 2014)					200	
Interest					10	2279 Total estimated income
<b>Likely or Possible Expenditure</b>						
Ride leader training for Alex Raha					50	
Purchase of extra loan bike					200	
Chinbrook Meadows 16th May pitch booking			??		40	
Dr Bike @ Chinbrook Meadows - if 1 mechanic					160	
Brockley Fair pitch booking in June 2015 (3 x £20)					60	
Dr Bike @ Brockley Fair - if 2 mechanics					320	
Ongoing costs of Mend & Ride scheme inc. mechanics - guesstimate					750	
Hall Hire for AGM (as per 2014, but could be nil if at Town Hall)					50	1630 Total est. expenditure
Would-be balance unspoken for					£	649
<b>Mend and Ride Project</b>						
As of 1st April £1509 remained unspent						



Members' Survey March 2015

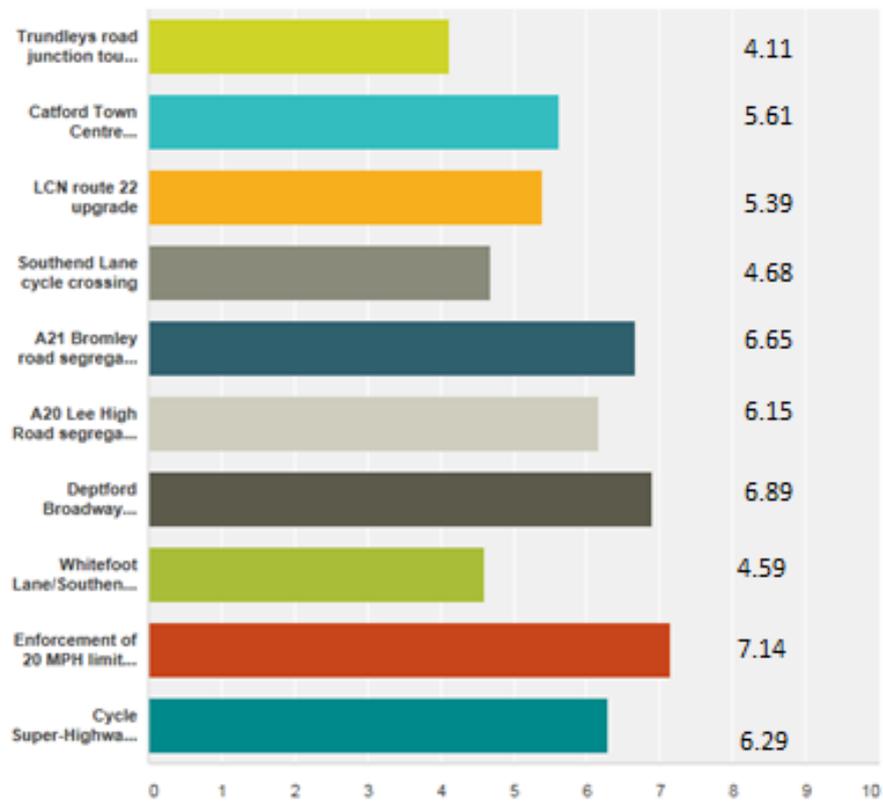
## Main Purpose of the Survey

- Engage more with LCC Members in Lewisham
- Determine how best to prioritise campaigning
- Gain more feedback from current, prospective and potential cyclists within the borough

## Question 1.

- **“At the monthly meeting of Lewisham Cyclists it was agreed that we should put together a list of the major potential Lewisham cycling projects for members to assess which issues people felt we should focus campaigning on. Typical issues that may be included are as follows. Please rank them in order of importance (with 1= least important, 10= most important): “**

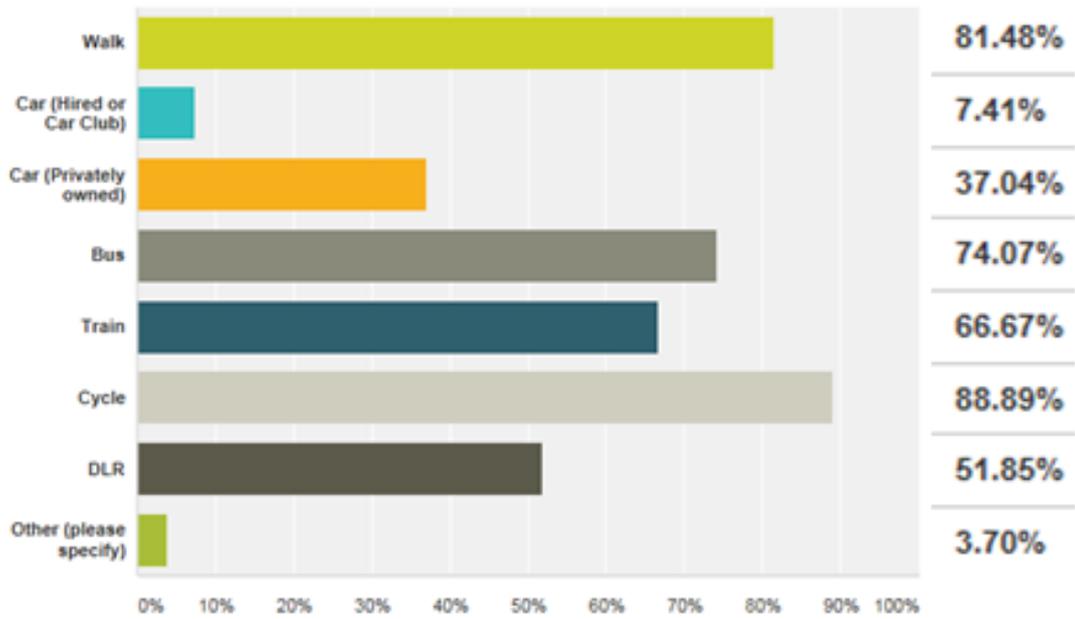
## Slide 4



Slide 5

**What modes of transport do you currently use when traveling in Lewisham Borough?  
(Please select all that apply)**

Answered: 27 Skipped: 0



Slide 6

## What other changes would most improve cycling in Lewisham Borough?

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A reduction in the population density.

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More Bikehangars or other secure parking, particularly in residential areas where most people live in flats too small to store bikes securely indoors.

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CS5. Cycle lanes along Lewisham Way. Cycle (and pedestrian) crossings over Brookmill Road near entrances to park so cycle lane easily accessed. Restoration of cycle lane in Park by Deptford Bridge

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Usual stuff: cycle lanes that don't disappear as soon as the road narrows (when you need them most), all junctions having ASLs, more segregated cycle ways, cycle lanes on all major roads, etc etc.

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Any kind of filtered permeability on residential streets. Hackney/Islington have them all over the place. Can't remember the last time I saw a Lewisham residential street with any kind of filtered permeability engineering on it. Disgraceful really.

1/30/2015 10:12 AM [View respondent's answers](#)

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## Slide 7

# What other changes would most improve cycling in Lewisham Borough?

New road humps have a vicious edge. Consider cyclists when designing. Road surfaces should be improved on cycle routes. The Highway Code says we can ride two abreast. This needs communicating to drivers. All junctions should have an all green ped and cycle phase so we can follow desire lines and not get stuck on island with bikes and buggies. Support for post Bikeability road riding and training for young people. More funded led rides for families.

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Fewer motor vehicles

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Segregated cycling. I would love to cycle to work, love to cycle with my son, but the roads are hostile, dangerous and full of motorists who are a mix of impatient, careless, dangerous and ignorant to the needs of more vulnerable road users.

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Places and routes to cycle with children.

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Bike storage at home

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More roads closed to residential motor traffic ps I think Lewisham Cyclists do an excellent job - I read your e-list and am impressed with your knowledge and dedication. I am an LCC member. Thanks, and do keep up the good work

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## Summary of Priorities

- Focus efforts on holding MPS Lewisham and Safer Transport Teams to account for enforcing borough wide 20mph limit.
  - Engage on a regular basis using local neighbourhood officers
- Refocus campaigning efforts to improve A21 as a whole.
  - Segregation where possible, protected turns at junctions
  - Set up joint campaigning team with other Key stakeholders
    - E.g. Bromley Cyclists, Living Streets, Ward Assemblies,
- Lobby Council to push for more improvements to Deptford Broadway
  - TfI trialling 20mph limit at other locations
- CS4 (A200 Woolwich to Tower Bridge) Segregation
  - Make it to new LCDS
  - Set up joint campaigning team with other Key stakeholders
    - E.g. Greenwich Cyclists, Southwark Cyclists, Living Streets, Ward Assemblies,
- A20 Lee High Road
  - 20mph limit trial, semi segregate to connect to LB Greenwich

## Caveats

- 27 Respondents
- Some Respondents (but not all) LCC Members
- More info needed?
- Reopen and redistribute survey to wider audience?
- Redesign some questions?
  - Focus more on untapped numbers of potential cyclists?