

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 16th November 2016 6.30pm

1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, David Mill, Rik Andrew, Brian Turpin, Robert Heyward (Bexley Cyclists).

Apologies: Alex Raha, Roger Stocker.

2) **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:

a) **Lewisham 'mini-Holland'.**

London Mayor Sadiq Khan committed in his election campaign to fund a mini-Holland for every London Borough. We are hoping that the A21 (Lewisham Spine) Segregated Lanes project could qualify for mini-Holland funding as it has some analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.

Jane previously emailed William Bradley (Policy Officer – Transport in Val Shawcross's office) regarding this.

He replied on 7th November as follows 'Your new cycling strategy sounds really interesting. Regarding future funding from TfL for mini-Holland style projects, this is still being worked through as part of the new business plan, which will be published shortly, so I can't really advise just yet. But my advice would be to continue to work on the proposals and start speaking to as many people as you can - officers and councillors as you already have been, but also residents and businesses. Have you spoken to Simon Munk at the LCC about the proposals?'

b) **Quick Win cycle developments in Lewisham.**

Jane recently sent Nick Harvey a document containing a number of Quick Wins that could be implemented in the short term using Local Implementation Plan (LIP) money. The latest LIP has apparently now been approved. Details of the LIP are here:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45564/LIP%20Annual%20Spending%20Submission%202017-18.pdf>

Action: Mark to convene a meeting with LC, Nick Harvey (LBL) and Simon Moss (LBL) with the following agenda items – Quick Wins, Cycling Strategy and LIP Review.

c) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review.**

On Thursday 27th October, in the late afternoon, LC ran a tea party at the North end of Folkestone Gardens adjacent to the Trundleys Road junction. We did a simple survey of 51 riders passing through the junction to ascertain how they find the new junction design compared to the old one. The two main questions were how safe they find the junction (on a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is least safe) and how safe they found the old junction (if they ever used it) also on a scale of 1 to 10. The average value of the responses for the old junction was 3 and for the new junction 6.5. A significant improvement, but still not perfect. We were also pleased to note how many of the cyclists were new to the route, many saying they had been attracted by the Quietway improvements.

A number of people have subsequently asked to complete the survey, so we are planning to put it out as a 'Survey Monkey'. It was also suggested in the meeting that we could include a home postcode question for origin analysis purposes.

Action: Jane to produce the questionnaire as a Survey Monkey.

Action: Tim to collate additional responses for further discussion in a subsequent LC meeting.

d) **Lewisham Gateway H junction**

Following a site visit on 28th September and taking into account input from members we compiled a Review Report of the Lewisham Gateway H Junction. On 5th October this report was sent to the Sir Steve Bullock (Lewisham Mayor), MP Heidi Alexander, Len Duvall (London Assembly Member), Katherine Abraham (TfL), Val Shawcross (London Deputy Mayor for Transport), Cllr Alan Smith (Lewisham Deputy Mayor), Cllr Kevin Bonavia and Cllr Mark Ingleby.

On 10th November we met with TfL, LBL and Muse (the Developer) representatives on site. Although we initially stated our view that the junction needed to be completely redesigned with a modern 'Safer Junctions' design, the TfL and Muse representatives made it clear that the meeting was only convened to address the current design and modest refinements that could be made to it.

Action: Tim to post correspondence relating to this meeting to the LC website to enable future discussions in the group of the way forward for this campaign.

Jane also mentioned that she had recently heard from Ned Boulting (Tour de France commentator) who has shown interest in being involved in campaigning regarding the junction. This could be a useful entry point into the 'Press'.

Mark is also planning to meet with Len Duvall, and possibly Val Shawcross, in the near future and it was agreed that he would raise the Lewisham H junction issue at that meeting.

Action: Jane/Tim to provide Mark with a short briefing in advance of the meeting.

Brian has been monitoring the planning application for Lewisham Gateway Phase 2 buildings and has attended some Developer/Community meetings. The Developer is proposing a 30 storey tower on the site. It is important that we ensure that the Developer doesn't backtrack on their commitment to making the whole development Shared Use for cycles in their final planning application.

Brian has also had discussions with QWAG (Quaggy Waterways Action Group) regarding us working together on local issues with Developers e.g. Lewisham Gateway & Catford Green. The meeting agreed that this would be a good idea.

Action: Brian to correspond with QWAG to confirm that we are interested in working together with them.

e) Lewisham Spine (A21) Project.

At the October meeting we briefly discussed how we could keep up the momentum on the A21 Project. It was suggested that a LBL motion solely concerning the A21 may be a good way forward. At this meeting Mark agreed that this was a good idea.

Action: Mark to raise the A21 Project as a standalone LBL motion for January's council business.

f) Annual Meeting pre-planning.

The LC Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February. Various potential speakers were discussed at the October meeting - Paul Gasson (Waltham Forest), Paul Tuohy (CyclingUK), Lucy Saunders (GLA Transport & Public Health) and Brian Deegan (TfL Cycling Consultant).

Action: Jane to contact at least two potential speakers soon.

Action: Mark to book a larger room in the Civic Centre for this meeting.

g) Manor Lane and Sangley Road LBL Consultations.

LBL recently ran consultations on public realm improvement schemes for Manor Lane and Sangley Road. On behalf of LC Jane responded to the Sangley Road consultation and Tim responded to the Manor Lane one.

Action: Tim to post our consultation responses on the LC website.

h) Cycle Superhighway 4 (London Bridge to Woolwich).

Nick Harvey (LBL) recently informed us that at a meeting with TfL (who are preparing the design on behalf of LBL) he saw the outline designs for the Lewisham section of CS4. They apparently include a two-way cycle track on the North side of Evelyn St – our preferred solution. However Nick said that they were not allowed to take the plans away from the meeting.

Action: Mark is planning to meet with Len Duvall soon and he is going to request access to the CS4 plans via him.

3) Current issues & projects:

a) Budget Review for 2016-2017 (see Appendix A).

John confirmed that we had now received our Annual Grant from LCC and LCC has accepted that we would not be able to transfer back any monies to them this year.

Also that Ashok had approved of our plan to purchase a cargo bike to aid our community engagement schemes.

b) Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.

With Stewart away for a while someone needs to take this over. Jane also needs to prepare the content for the LC insert in LCC's London Cyclist magazine by 19th November.

Action: Tim to prepare the next E-Bulletin based on the content in the LC insert.

4) A.O.B.

a) Deptford Folk.

Deptford Folk have been successful in winning a grant of around £15K to develop a Cycling Hub in Folkestone Gardens near the new café. Jane is having a meeting with them soon as to how LC can contribute to the operation.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January at Lewisham Civic Centre.
As usual there is no LC meeting in December.

Appendix A

Lewisham Cyclists ongoing budget for April 2016 to March 2017 (as at 8 Nov)					
Income					
Actual to date					
Bank balance from end March 2016			1329		
Unspecific donations re Training, Bike Loan, Dr Bike & M&R			457		
Donations to Cargo Bike Fund (CBF) Aug & Sept			331		
Ride London, August - payment for feeder ride			180		
Main LCC grant - £200 block+838 members x 30p each			451		
Interest			1	rec'd to date:	2749
Expected or estimated					
Further donations to CBF or General Fund £60 p.m.*			360		
Interest			3	3112 Total est. income	
Expenditure					
Actual to date (paid)					
Mend & Ride scheme mechanics - April to September			385		
Mend & Ride scheme - consumables re-stocking			324		
Dr Bike at Deptford, Chinbrook, Hilly Fields, Croftfest, Beecroft			948		
Hilly Fields pitch booking , June			60	paid to date:	1717
Actual to date (not yet paid)					
Dr Bike : Roy Ashman July or October (one is free)			104		
Agreed or likely but not yet incurred or invoiced					
Mend & Ride scheme mechanics - Oct to March @ £65 p.m.			385	2206 Total est. expenditure	
Estimated balance at March 2017 : £ 906 bank balance: 1032					
Of which ~ £691 is Cargo Bike Fund					
and ~£214 is General Fund					