

**Minutes of Annual Meeting (AM) of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) held in Room 3 at The  
Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford Road, SE6 4RU**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 6-30pm**

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Paul Gasson, David Hucks, Matt Kendall, Alan Dowling, Nick Harvey, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Alex Ingram.  
**Apologies:** Roger Stocker, Rik Andrew, Brian Turpin, Matt Barker.
- 2) **LC Coordinator's Report.**  
Jane presented her Coordinator's report – please see Appendix A for a copy of the report.
- 3) **LC Treasurer's Report.**  
John presented his Treasurer's report – please see Appendix B for a copy of the report.
- 4) **Elections to LC Management Committee.**  
Alex Raha took the Chair for the elections.  
Jane Davis nominated herself for the post of Co-Ordinator, seconded by David Hucks and she was elected unopposed.  
Tim Collingridge nominated himself for the post of Secretary, seconded by Alex Raha and he was elected unopposed.  
John Phillips nominated himself for the post of Treasurer, seconded by Matt Kendall and he was elected unopposed.
- 5) **Update from Nick Harvey (Cycling Programme Manager for London Borough of Lewisham (LBL)) on further planned Quietway 1 and other cycle developments within LBL.**  
Quietway 1 (Q1):  
This route is fully open and Conway have just started work on site on the remaining outstanding section – Childers St.  
Childers St will have footways upgraded, be re-surfaced and have sinusoidal humps installed (replacing speed 'cushions').  
The junction with Abinger Road will be narrowed and calmed.  
Rolt St will be made one way Westbound at the junction with Childers St (with contra-flow cycling). Originally Rolt St was going to be completely closed at the junction but local residents did not accept this solution. As an alternative it was agreed to make it one-way Westbound as the morning peak flow is much lower than the Eastbound evening peak flow. There are aspirations to ultimately extend the one way section all the way to the Woodpecker Road crossing and install a cycle zebra there, but this will have to wait until construction works utilising Rolt St for access are completed.  
  
Other Quietway developments in LBL:  
These are in the early stages of development with delivery around 2019:
  - Blackheath – short section of new path on Blackheath, details to follow.
  - Greenwich to Kent House – significant route upgrade following Waterlink Way in part. Key features (starting in South) – South End Lane crossing to be signalised or if too much traffic flow impact possibly bridged.  
Narrow wooden bridge near confluence of Pool and Ravensbourne rivers to be replaced with wide, level bridge.  
Narrow section of path north of here to be widened.  
Halfords car park only cosmetic improvements as area is potential development area – more direct route will be protected in any future development.  
Route will go down Malyons Road rather than over wiggly bridge into Ladywell Fields

North Park. Will use existing Toucan crossing in Ladywell.

Protected 'pocket' for right turn into Algernon Road at bottom of Vicars Hill.

Route will follow Marsala Road then Elmira St up to Loampit Vale. Onto pavement at Loampit Vale with loading bay removed on Elmira St. Loampit Vale Toucan crossing will be widened.

Thurston Road cycle path will be doubled in width when future development takes place on Matalan site.

Crossings of Thurston Road and Bus Depot will be turned into humped cycle zebras. General tidy up of rest of existing route through to Elverson Rd DLR station then over DLR bridge to Coldbath St and onward to Greenwich via existing LCN cycle route – TfL preference.

LBL are still hoping to persuade TfL to also improve the section of Waterlink Way through Brookmill Park and onwards to the meeting with Q1 on Creekside.

- Lower Sydenham to Bromley – main feature of this route will be a signalised crossing of Southend Lane from Worsley Bridge Road giving access to the Waterlink Way via Moremead Road.
- Woolwich to Lee – minor changes around Lee Green, details to follow.
- Thames Path improvements and link to Quietway 1 – new signalised crossing of Evelyn St linking the Thames Path and Quietway 1 via Dragoon Road and Gosterwood St. Other changes to the Thames Path itself – details to follow.
- Nunhead to Catford (LCN22) – Manwood Rd junction improvements and tidy up of Sevenoaks Rd/Crofton Park Rd shared path already in progress.  
Sevenoaks Road to Eddystone Road - plan for shared footpaths and new toucan to allow direct access between the two roads and remove current dogleg in the route. Also including westbound cyclist access from Brockley Grove.  
Eddystone Road railway bridge resurfacing and correct signage forbidding all motorised vehicle access.

Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Woolwich):

Current plans have a segregated two-way track along the Lewisham section of the route. Some land take required, but mainly Lewisham Homes land and not too much impact on local residents – land acquisition to be negotiated.

TfL are actively working on the project with a dedicated team working on the route.

Initial implementation of CS4 will be Tower Bridge to Greenwich.

Cycle Parking developments:

Lewisham will soon be putting out a joint tender with Southwark Council for a Contractor to deliver Bike Hangers across the two Boroughs. This will reduce the dependency on the limited resourcing within LBL, which was proving a bottle-neck. The project will be TfL funded. Looking to deliver batches of 30 hangers per year in LBL with the contract running for up to 4 years.

Currently there are 29 hangers in LBL most of them being on Lewisham Homes land.

Lewisham Cycle Policy:

Project Centre are being contracted to write the final policy with LBL and LC input – Project Centre should be organising meeting(s) with LC soon. The policy will include the delivery plan of current projects, future projects (funded) and future schemes (not yet funded). The draft strategy should be available by end summer 2017 with an aspiration for it to go before Mayor and Cabinet in late 2017.

Additional comments from Cllr Mark Ingleby:

Mark is putting forward a LBL council motion regarding the A21 Lewisham Spine

Segregated Cycle Lanes project on the evening of Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – supporters welcomed on the day.

Mark recently had two meetings with Len Duvall regarding cycling developments in LBL. Len's office has prepared a response covering some of our current campaign activities e.g. A21 and Lewisham Gateway, to which we need to provide a response.

Action: Jane/Tim to prepare response.

Mark also commented that LBL had prepared an Air Quality Strategy document which should be on the LBL website soon.

**6) Presentation by Paul Gasson (Waltham Forest LCC Group) on their experiences in the development of the Waltham Forest 'Mini-Holland' project.**

Paul Gasson gave us a fascinating presentation on the mini-Holland project. One of the clear lessons from their mini-Holland was that it is not solely, or even largely, a cycling project as the benefits to the public realm in the 'villages' have been massive. The removal of through rat-running traffic from the majority of the residential roads has improved the environment dramatically so that the streets have been reclaimed for local resident use. Children are again able to play in the roads, there are increased public spaces and more community events taking place. The presence of people on the streets also providing a boost to local businesses. From a campaigning point of view the cycling groups have now taken more of a back-seat in the project due to a degree of 'bikelash' with other local community groups now taking the lead.

Please see Appendix C for Paul's presentation.

**7) Actions from Minutes of last AM and matters arising.**

There were no outstanding actions or matters arising.

**8) A.O.B.**

There wasn't time to take A.O.B at this meeting.

**Meeting closed around 9pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford.**

## Appendix A – Coordinator’s Report

If you want to view this presentation please click on the following link or copy and paste link into your web browser:

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## Appendix B – Treasurers Report

I've put two documents out - the one covers the year up to last March and the other is for the current financial year which is almost over now. The last year item is mostly there as a formality since our last AGM was in November of 2015. If you've any questions on that year I'd be happy to answer them of course.

As far as the current 2016/17 year is concerned you'll see from that document, we will have spent more this year than we've received and our year-end bank balance will have shrunk from £1328 to around £700 by the end of this March. Our current year expenditure has been almost entirely on the M&R scheme and the Dr Bike events which have come to something over £1,000 each.

We'll need to rein our activities in one or other of these areas a little in 2017 or find a way to increase our funding levels but other than that I think we are in a fairly healthy financial position.

We had something close to a major problem this year in that our parent body the London Cycling Campaign issued a general request to all local borough groups to transfer back to them what was felt to be excessive reserves of cash. I suspect they were being leant upon slightly by the Charity Commissioners who take the view that charitable status is granted on the understanding that charities should use their monies to further their causes whatever they might be rather than merely accumulate money in the bank.

To their credit the LCC were quite happy to accept our argument that we are accumulating money with the intent of purchasing a cargo bike at some time in the future. The fund currently stands at about £300 or about 1/5th of what we need for this purpose.

The other thing I should draw your attention to is the continuing healthy flow of donations of around £1,000 a year from users of the M&R scheme and Dr Bike events, training, the passing on of refurbished bikes and bike jumble sales. Much of the credit for this must go to Jane who seems to have a unique ability to draw money from people's wallets and into our funds.

## Lewisham Cyclists Treasurer's Report for 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016

### Grants received

£622 in all (LCC and Ride London)

### M & R scheme

Net surplus of £122

Donations (£1062) plus unspent grant balance (£73) less mechanics fees (£713) and replacement tool chest (£300)

### Fairs(events)

Net expenditure of £237

Jumble proceeds (£273) less mechanics fees (£450) and pitch booking (£60)

### Capital expenditure

£500 (2 new loan bikes)

### Income details

Bank balance (less creditors) from end March 2015	1317	
Unspent (at 31.3.2015) M&R scheme grant brought forward	1509	
M & R scheme donations	1062	
Main LCC grant - £200 block + 809 members x 30p each	442	
Jumble - Chinbrook Meadows, general	130	
Jumble - Chinbrook Meadows, Seb Achaibou	40	
Jumble - Hilly Fields (June)	103	
Ride London, 2nd Aug 2015 - grant for feeder ride	180	
Interest	5	4788

### Expenditure details

M&R scheme - Final equipment purchases	1436	
Dr Bike @ Chinbrook Meadows	200	
Brockley Fair pitch booking in June 2015	60	
Dr Bike @ Brockley Fair - 2 mechanics (2x5hrs at £25ph)	250	
M & R scheme - mechanic's fees	713	
Purchase of 2 extra loan bikes	500	
Replacement tool chest for M & R scheme	300	3459

Balance carried forward to 2016/17      £      **1329**

\*The £73 unspent of the original £4759 TfL M & R scheme grant (in 2014/15) was reallocated to the General Fund

John Phillips  
Treasurer  
31-Mar-16



Appendix C – Paul Gasson presentation

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