

**Minutes of Special Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists with Andrew Gilligan,
Cycling Commissioner for London
Lewisham Town Hall , Catford
Wednesday 18th September 2013 6.30p.m.**

1. Present : Andrew Gilligan, Jane Davis(Co-ordinator), John Phillips(Treasurer), Mario Tortelli, Clare Griffiths, David Kernohan, Cllr. Philip Peake, Nick Harvey (LC cycling Programme Officer), Roger Stocker, Stuart Grove, Angus Hewlett, Matt Kendall, David Mill, Ann Mill, Cllr. Alan Smith, Roy Volume, Lee Roach, Cllr Alan Till, Gareth Scarlett, Francis Renton, Geraldine Mason, Ian Welsby, Mehmet Mulla, Brian Haines, Rik Andrew, Christopher Mahon, Gordon Brent, George Hallam, Cllr. Darren Johnson
2. Apologies : Tim Collingridge(Secretary)
3. Jane Davis welcomed attendees to the meeting who then introduced themselves.
4. Andrew Gilligan then presented the London Mayor's Vision For London. Items covered by him included. £913 available- mostly for hard measures (infrastructure) but some available for soft measures (eg cycle training, parking)
 - 4.1 How the Vision For London is being presented to the general public – most of soft measures will be aimed at encouraging new cyclists, so will be appealing to them, and may not necessarily be seen as the perfect solution to some very experienced urban cyclists (eg there will be some segregation). The programme will be presented as offering benefits to all road users, reducing private motor traffic volumes overall, creating friendlier, more pleasant spaces for everyone.
5. Three elements to the Cycling Vision for London hard measures.
 - 5.1 A Central London Grid (CLG) which will be a network of north/south and east west streets criss crossing Central London (not the same as inner London). This map is almost agreed with the relevant councils and 50% of it should be completed by 2016
 - 5.2 Cycle Superhighways- reduced in number from the original 12 and more money to be spent on a smaller number to ensure they are absolutely fit for purpose. For example, they will include one east/west Barking to A40, quite a lot segregated and one North South Elephant to Hampstead. Floating bus stops will be used where possible.

For SE London, CS5 (already underway) It is hoped that CSH5 will be extended to central Lewisham via St Johns (this new extension Lewisham Cyclists have already been consulted on. The route is not completely finalised. The original route through New Cross Gyratory and Lewisham cannot be delivered to the required standard at the moment. CS4 is still planned. (Some argument here between some of our audience and Andrew Gilligan about how this should be developed. LCC members present reminded AG that plans showing how a high quality wide and segregated track could be provided practically, were presented to TfL

when CS4 first proposed. AG not convinced this was possible.all the way from Greenwich to London Bridge.

5.3 'Quiet Way' routes: these will link into CLG and are being planned at the momen. this aspect of the Vision is the one where local authorities like Lewisham have the most input. They need to refer bids, informed by local stakeholders as well as council departments, to AG. He seemed very open to ideas and input.

As far as Lewisham is concerned he is considering at the moment, at the north end of the borough, a route passing passing Millwall football ground, to join several good routes together, through Southwark and Lewisham, an extension of the Waterlink Way and a parallel route to the South Circular. As well as the Quietways, there is money available to these boroughs for cycle hubs at key transport interchanges. He responded to questions about upgrading the old LCN 22 as part of the Quietways network, very positively. He encouraged us to work with the council officers to submit ideas. As to where and how these quiet routes should run, Nick Harvey, Lewisham's Cycling Programme Manager said, that as a regular London cyclist himself, he was keen to get this planning for Quietways going. AG responded positively, saying, basically, state in the bid what is needed, and he will take it from there, reviewing the bids one in. Although much has yet to be seen on the ground the planning stage is well advanced.

6. The Junctions Review programme: AG said the original programme included far too many junctions and not enough money- better to do fewer junctions to a higher standard at the moment. Oval, Vauxhall, Clapham Junction junctions are scheduled for improvement amongst others although the Lewisham gateway is not included.

7. Safe routes to schools are part of the plan, too, the use of electric bikes is being looked at as is the extension of the bike hire scheme.

8. Staffing levels for the various schemes will shortly rise by 30 new appointments

9. About 80,000 extra cycle parking stands are to be installed

10. A Question and Answer discussion followed

11. Following on from the general meeting the Minutes of LC's August meeting were agreed

The meeting closed at 8.30pm