

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Catford Constitutional Club, Catford

Wednesday 20th August 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Duncan Peterkin, Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Brendan Paddy
Apologies: Ian Welsby
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:
 - a) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP) spending plans 2014.**
Tim has requested a breakdown of where the monies are/have been spent from Nick Harvey at LBL (London Borough of Lewisham). Still no response.
Action: Tim to follow up with Nick Harvey.
 - b) **Buckthorne Road closure for Utility works.** Jane has asked Bill Tarplett at LBL if LC could be pre-notified by e.g. email, if Utility works are going to impact cycle routes. Still no response.
Action: Jane to follow up with Bill Tarplett.
 - c) **LBL 20MPH borough-wide plans.**
Jane has contacted Cllr Smith for an update on their 20MPH plans. Waiting for a response.
 - d) **Cycle parking provision**
Still waiting for a response from Nick Harvey.
 - e) **Catford East-West segregated cycle route (in Catford Town Centre Development Plan).**
Tim contacted Cllr Smith to establish the current state of these plans. He responded that TfL had indicated they would come back to LBL on their thoughts on the Catford Town Centre traffic system by July, but nothing has been forthcoming yet. Cllr Smith will keep us informed when TfL do respond.
 - f) **Beckenham Place Park Heritage Lottery Fund Bid**
This bid has been successful. Jane reported that the chosen option includes a major redevelopment of the park with the closure of the golf course altogether. There are planned to be a lot of cycle facilities – both in terms of through routes and cycle leisure activities within the park. LC will be attending meetings on an ongoing basis to assist with the plan development.
- 3) **Space4Cycling (S4C) Campaign**
Jane has sent out two emails to new councillors – specifically worded for those who did sign up and those who didn't. In both cases indicating that we would like to meet with them and discuss cycle-related projects on an ongoing basis. We have heard back from Alicia Kennedy, Joe Dromey, Mark Ingleby, Carl Handley and Perry Vale councillors. The meeting discussed if LBL should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and suggested Jane should approach Joe Dromey and Mark Ingleby to see if they could fulfil that role or suggest someone, preferably on the LBL Transport Committee, who could.
Action: Jane to talk to Joe & Mark.
The group discussed how to take forward the S4C 'asks' and other major items on the previous 'wish list'. It was agreed that we should put together a list of the major items and create a 'Survey Monkey' (Alex and Brendan volunteered to help with this) for completion by members to assess which issues most people felt we should focus

campaigning on. We may also introduce these at the AGM to take the views of attendees there. Typical issues that may be included are:

- a) Trundleys road junction.
- b) Catford Town Centre East-West cycle bypass.
- c) LCN route 22 upgrade.
- d) Southend Lane cycle crossing.
- e) Bromley road segregated or semi-segregated cycle lane.
- f) Lee High Road protected cycle lane.
- g) Deptford Bridge junction re-configuration.
- h) Whitefoot Lane protected cycle lane.
- i) Enforcement of 20 MPH limits throughout LBL.

Action: Jane, Tim, Alex & Brendan. Pull together a full list of issues and develop a 'Survey Monkey'.

4) **Assorted issues:**

a) **LC AGM.**

Jane has invited Christian Wolmar, a leading transport commentator and potential London mayoral candidate, to speak at the AGM. He has accepted the invite. We are also considering inviting Nick Harvey (LBL Cycle Programme Manager) to attend and either give a presentation or at least answer questions and share preliminary designs of Quietway 2 (Greenwich to Waterloo route). The meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th October probably at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

Action: Tim to book room at Lewisham Civic Centre.

Action: Tim to invite Nick Harvey to contribute to the AGM.

Action: Jane to invite all LBL councillors.

b) **Downham Family rides.**

Jane has led some short family rides during the summer holidays. Attendance has been very poor as they have not been promoted at all by Downham Leisure Centre. In future she is planning to collaborate with some other Community Groups in the area who are more enthusiastic – see separate comments below.

c) **UP Projects Waterlink Way event Saturday 20th September**

UP Projects are holding an event 'responding' to the Waterlink Way. They have asked us to participate. We have suggested we have a stall with Dr Bike/Bike Jumble probably at Cornmill Gardens and potentially lead a ride(s) along the Waterlink Way. Jane, Alex, Tim and Duncan indicated they could help out – others will be welcome as always. <http://www.upprojects.com/portfolio/current/secret-garden-project-lewisham-32>

d) **South of Borough potential projects in co-operation with Community Groups**

While planning the Downham Family rides Jane has encountered a couple of Community Groups in the South of the Borough who seem keen to collaborate with LC. These are the 'Ringway' (Stephen Kenny) and Phoenix Housing Association. They have both offered work space that LC could use for a 'Maintenance Hub' where local people could be helped with bike maintenance. It could also be a place where our loan bikes could be stored. The Grove Park Local Assembly/Community Forum

or Phoenix could potentially be source(s) of funding.

Action: Jane to continue to develop these ideas with Ringway and Phoenix.

5) **Campaigning updates:**

a) **Quietway route 2 (Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford). Colloquially known as 'Q2'.**

Tim contacted Nick Harvey about 'humping' of the Surrey Canal Road path at the junctions outside the Orion Business Centre (Industrial Estate) and the one to the West of the new London Overground bridge. Nick indicated this is already in the LBL Q2 plans. Tim asked if that meant cyclists would have priority over the junctions – no response to this yet.

Southwark Council's detailed plans for Q2 are currently out for consultation. Tim commented that in his view the plans looked pretty good and addressed most of the significant safety issues along their section of the route. LC will be making a group response on one or two identified weaknesses and welcomes any comments from members. Alternatively members can respond in a personal capacity.

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200431/street_improvements/3571/quietway_2

6) **A.O.B**

September LC meeting – experimental change of location to Lewisham Civic Centre.

Action – Tim to book room in Civic Centre.

LC loan bikes and training

We discussed whether we should retrieve our 3 loan bikes from the safe care of Greenwich cyclists as they are a bit inaccessible at the moment. It was agreed we should do this when we have some suitable premises to store them.

It was also agreed that we should acquire 3 additional ones – probably new ones. John indicated that there was £922 (potentially plus an additional £160 from the Prudential Free Ride event feeder ride) of 'unspoken' monies in the LC account that could be used for the acquisition of new bikes.

It was agreed that Jane can suggest participants in free training and users of LC loan bikes make a voluntary donation to LC funds to enable maintenance of the loan bikes etc. With the exception of those who are not in regular employment.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th September at 6.30pm