

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

**held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015 6.30pm**

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Brian Turpin, Stewart Whitworth, Andrew Goldner, David Mill.  
**Apologies:** Roger Stocker.
- 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 has chased and will chase again if no response soon.
  - b) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).  
LBL managed section (Creekside to Surrey Canal Road).**  
Jane has followed up with Nick Harvey to see if LBL will be releasing a consultation report. He said that they will not be releasing a formal report but do have response 'data' that they are happy to release to us. Jane has requested this data from Nick.
  - c) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).  
Sustrans managed section (Surrey Canal Road to South Bermondsey Station).**  
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. The relevant Southwark Council Officers are Matthew Hill (Public Realm Programme Manager) and Chris Durban (Cycle Programme Manager). Jane has had brief discussions with them. They indicated that they don't like the Ilderton Road alternative we are proposing and said that all the original funding has been allocated to the current project. They are going to discuss this further internally and then would be happy to meet with us to discuss the options and issues.
  - d) **LC 'Mend & Ride' workshop project.**  
Jane has prepared a Press Release which has been sent to the News Shopper and South London Press newspapers. It hasn't been published yet and we haven't heard back from them. Contacts at the two papers are Mark Chandler (News Shopper) and Kate Gould (SLP).  
Action: Jane to contact Kate Gould.  
Action: Jane to post London Cycling Campaign (LCC) Summary Document about the Mend & Ride project on the LC website.
  - e) **Future Quietway Developments.**  
This action regarding requesting from Transport for London (TfL) that the full length of LCN22 is included in the next phase of Quietway Developments is outstanding from the previous minutes. Recent communications from TfL actually don't seem to include LCN22 at all.  
Action: Tim to contact Nick Harvey to establish if LCN22 is in the next phase of Quietway development works or not.
  - 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 Rik Andrew to see if the LCC Junction Review Group are aware of and can influence this.

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

This was recently mentioned in a post from Caroline Pidgeon Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee. Tim has contacted Caroline and has been told that Sustrans are currently discussing the project 'confidentially' and will be able to talk about it further in August.

Action: Tim to follow up further with Caroline's office in August.

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

Stewart has prepared a draft communication using MailChimp. It was agreed that it looked interesting, readable and contained the right sort of information. Also agreed to aim to send one out every two months.

Action: Jane to provide Stewart with updated list of all LC members email addresses so he can send out the first edition.

i) **Brockley (Hilly Fields) Fayre, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Any assistance on the day welcomed.**

John has booked the Hilly Fields Fayre pitches.

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

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. Particularly Dartmouth Road Streetscape Improvements – LBL Consultation closes 31st May.**

Jane has already emailed David Pope about the Dartmouth Road plans highlighting the apparent lack of Cycle Parking in the plans.

Action: Jane to make formal response on behalf of LC before the consultation closes.

b) **Greenwich Town Centre: King William Walk and Nevada Street Contraflow – Greenwich Council consultation closes 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

LC members are encouraged to respond positively to this consultation.

Action: Tim to prepare and submit a LC Group response before the consultation closes.

c) **Lewisham Gateway development issues.**

There are two elements to this issue – 1) Safe management of cyclists during the ongoing development of the new junction layout. 2) The specifically cycling related features of the final design and cycle safety of the road configuration.

Several attendees (Alex, Brian and Stewart) showed an interest in mounting a campaign on these issues coordinated with Jane.

Action: Jane to send them the relevant contact details at LBL, TfL, Developers etc.

d) **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.

Action: Jane to follow up with TfL what is happening about these proposals.

e) **Quietway Route 1 'Q1' – (Waterloo to Greenwich via Deptford) development progress.**

By observation work is progressing well on the Southwark section with several active worksites and some works already completed.

Tree clearance has started in the North End of Folkestone Gardens in preparation for the Trundleys Road junction rework.

No other works have been evident on the LBL or Sustrans managed sections.

#### 4) Other issues:

a) **Brief discussion on LC Group acceptance of LCC policy resolutions.**

<http://lcc.org.uk/pages/agm-policy-resolutions>

LC members need to be aware of these policies when campaigning to ensure that cycling facilities we are requesting are in line with LCC policies as agreed at the LCC AGM(s).

b) **Proposed changes to LCC governance, policy making, the status of local groups and their constitutions. The proposals can be found at**

<http://1drv.ms/1DsAZgS>

These proposals cover a number of areas in terms of the relationship between LCC and its Local Groups e.g. local group constitution, managing reputational risk, health & safety procedures (Loan Bikes), public liability insurance (rides must be posted on LCC website). LC members are encouraged to review these changes and address any comments back to Jane by email to [lewishamcyclists@gmail.com](mailto:lewishamcyclists@gmail.com) by 15<sup>th</sup> June so we can discuss at the next meeting and respond to LCC by 29<sup>th</sup> June.

c) **Feeder Ride for Ride London Freecycle, on Saturday 1st August.**

Jane will be leading this feeder ride from the usual location - the bridge on the Waterlink Way (NCN21) in Lower Sydenham behind Bell Green Sainsbury's. John indicated he was also available to assist with marshalling. Other volunteers would be very welcome – please confirm in advance to [lewishamcyclists@gmail.com](mailto:lewishamcyclists@gmail.com) if you will be available on the day.

d) **Sundry financial matters including whether we should seek insurance cover for the 'Mend and Ride' scheme equipment.**

Insurance for Chinbrook Meadows 'container' – it was agreed not to get insurance to cover this container as it is likely to be very costly due to its isolated location. The container only contains low value bikes. It was however agreed to purchase extra lock(s).

Insurance for tools and parts held at Ringway Centre – it has been suggested that our equipment is covered by the Ringway Centre's own policy. Jane is trying to get a written statement to this effect from the Ringway Centre committee.

VAT issue with replacement parts supplied to users of the scheme. It has been strongly recommended that we do NOT charge these directly to users. Selling or charging for new items makes LC (and LCC potentially) liable to charge VAT with all the consequent paperwork and detailed record keeping. Parts should be given to clients as part of the service, but it should be suggested that they make an appropriate voluntary donation towards our costs.

#### 5) A.O.B

**Deal's Gateway and Deptford Broadway.**

From the comments in the TfL Deal's Gateway consultation report it appears that the Deptford Broadway junction changes we discussed with TfL in Dec 2014 are going to be implemented in June along with the re-configuration of Deal's Gateway. We haven't yet had a response to our original comments on the flawed Deptford Broadway scheme or seen the consultation report.

Action: Jane to chase with TfL.

**Lewisham 'Vision for Cycling' document.**

Alex proposed that over the next few months we develop a Vision document for Lewisham Borough with a starting point being our Space for Cycling campaign targets. Bromley Cyclists are in the process of preparing one for Bromley Borough which we may wish to coordinate with on cross-borough issues e.g. A21 cycle lanes.

Action: Alex to pull this together and circulate the Bromley Cyclists draft to interested LC members as an example.

**Canadian Avenue TfL consultation.**

This consultation closed in March 2014 and the improvements were meant to be done in 'Autumn 2014'. However there is no record of a consultation report on the TfL consultations website and no works have been done.

Action: Jane to follow up with TfL.

**Meeting closed around 8.30pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.**