

**Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)**  
**held at Lewisham Civic Centre & Catford Constitutional Club, Catford**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm**

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Brian Turpin, Cllr Mark Ingleby, John Phillips (Treasurer).  
**Apologies:** Stewart Whitworth, Alex Raha, Roger Stocker, Ellie Dell'Aglio.
- 2) **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:
  - a) **LC Website – set up regular backup using BackWPUp and Dropbox.**

Stuart, our website developer, has replied that the website is already regularly backed up and there is also a fail-over webserver available with a copy of the site. As such there is no need for us to independently backup the website using the BackWPUp plug-in. He did also offer to provide us with a full one-off 'dump' of the website if we wished.  
Action: Jane to request that Stuart provides us with a full 'dump' of the website as suggested in his email.
  - b) **Catford Green development.**

At our meeting with Sam Yell, the Catford Green Project Manager, on 3/2 he agreed to look into replacing the barrier in Adenmore Road with a bollard. The barrier configuration has not yet been modified. Jane has since emailed to remind him of this commitment but he has not replied.  
Action: Jane to contact Sam Yell again.
  - c) **Eddystone Road Bridge – motorcycles.**

At a previous LC meeting Roger raised the issue that apparently the police cannot enforce the ban on motorcycles on the bridge due to the signage being incorrect. Nick Harvey (LBL) has previously said that he will investigate if this is the case.  
Action: Tim to chase Nick on this as he has not yet responded.
  - d) **Hither Green Festival.**

Jane recently contacted the organisers offering to provide a led ride and Dr Bike. In previous years there was apparently funding available for these types of events, but the organisers have indicated this is not the case this year. They also replied that our suggested events may conflict with other events in the festival. As there seemed to be several obstacles to our attending the Festival the meeting agreed that we would not attend this year.
- 3) **Current issues & projects:**
  - a) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy (A21 project).**

Cllr Mark Ingleby recently had a meeting with Andrew Gilligan (London Mayor's Cycling Commissioner) to review our proposals for segregated cycle provision on the A21 from south of Downham to Lewisham town centre. He reported back that Andrew Gilligan was very enthusiastic about the proposals, but of course he will only be able to assist in taking them forward if retained in post by the new Mayor. Andrew Gilligan also commented that the cycle bridge at New Cross Gate station is still in the TfL budget, holding out the possibility of linking our proposed route to that bridge via Deptford.  
Mark has emailed the Deputy Mayor about the outcomes of his meeting with Andrew Gilligan to feed into his work on our proposal and future discussions with TfL.
  - b) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy document.**

Cllr Mark Ingleby is keen to present the completed Cycle Strategy document to the Sustainable Development Committee soon and then as a Motion to the next Full Council Meeting which will be in July (deferred because of the upcoming elections).  
The Strategy text is pretty much complete with some better photos still required.

Action: Jane to review the Strategy next week to see what is needed with a view to final completion by 14/5.

- c) **Lewisham Gateway development – follow up to Lewisham Mayoral Question.**  
Brian and Tim had a follow-up meeting with Cllr Alan Smith (Deputy Mayor) on 11/3. At that meeting Cllr Smith agreed to support us in convening another meeting with TfL to get access to the definitive up to date detailed plans. This meeting has not yet been set up and Cllr Smith is saying that it will now have to be after 23/6 because of 'purdah' for the Mayoral election and Euro referendum.  
Action: Brian to chase Cllr Smith to organise the meeting with Catherine Abrahams as soon after 23/6 as possible.
- d) **Quietway 1 (Q1) – general update on progress and schedule.**  
The Sustrans managed section of the route between South Bermondsey station and Surrey Canal Road is now open. It's a good quality section making for a much more direct and pleasurable ride through that part of Bermondsey.  
Work is proceeding on the Trundleys Rd crossing and in Edward St.  
Work on the Childers St section (and Rolt St partial closure) are not scheduled to start until the building works on SR House are complete.  
Jane coincidentally met Nick (and Andrew Gilligan) on Q1 a couple of days ago and he indicated that the 'official' opening of the whole route would be in late June.  
Action: Tim to chase Nick again for TfL/Sustrans contacts so we can be involved in the opening event for the route.
- e) **'Deptford Canal Link' campaign update.**  
This proposed pedestrian and cycling 'link' would run from Folkestone Gardens (Quietway 1) along 'Canal Approach', under the Blackhorse Bridge on Evelyn Street to join up with the new 'Wharves Deptford' development shared path and the Thames path.  
A current planning application for 'Trophy House' at the east end of Canal Approach (Lewisham Planning Ref DC/16/095258) looks like it would scupper attempts to develop the 'link'. Members are encouraged to oppose this planning application.  
Action: Tim to formally oppose the planning application on behalf of Lewisham Cyclists.
- f) **Dr Bike in Deptford Park (Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am to 2pm).**  
Deptford Folk (User group for Deptford Park and Folkestone Gardens) have invited us to hold a Dr Bike on 23/4 in Deptford Park. Jane has organised this.
- g) **Grove Park Parade (Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May).**  
Cllr Mark Ingleby is keen for us to participate in this parade and in some way promote our Cycle Strategy and plans for cycle routes around Grove Park and on the A21.  
We are looking for volunteers to assist.  
Action: Jane to ring Alex (the Artistic Coordinator of the event) asap to discuss how a float for Lewisham Cyclists could be 'decorated' and where the preparation could be done.
- h) **Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre (Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June – noon to 5pm).**  
It was agreed that we would attend this event as usual.  
All volunteers and supporters welcome on the day.  
Action: Jane to book Dr Bike (2 x Bike Mechanics) for the event.  
Action: John to book three pitches.
- i) **Summer Rides programme.**  
Jane is going to be away on holiday for much of June so she would welcome any LC members who are prepared to lead rides to help out with the rides programme.  
Tim indicated he would lead a repeat of the 'Tour of New Cycle Infrastructure Ride' one Saturday.  
Brian said he should be able to lead a Tuesday Totter.  
Other suggestions welcomed.  
Action: Jane also to email Cllr Mark Ingleby regarding us hosting a 'Councillors' ride in the summer to launch the Lewisham Cycling Strategy and show them some of the new

Quietway 1 infrastructure. Need to know the best timing for such a ride to get a reasonable turn-out.

j) **LC finances update (See details below).**

John briefed the meeting on the current financial position for the group. The figures show that we 'broke even' for the 2015-2016 year, mainly due to the generous donations received at the Mend & Ride sessions.

Next year's budget projection shows a similar outcome although it was agreed at the meeting to increase the M&R consumables restocking allowance to £400 and also make provision for mechanics at the Deptford Event on the 23/4.

4) **A.O.B**

a) **Sydenham Assembly (4<sup>th</sup> June).**

Cllr Rachel Onikosi (Councillor Sydenham Ward & Cabinet Member for the Public Realm) has invited LC representative(s) to the Sydenham Assembly to discuss us running 'a cycling session based within a park or green space, perhaps Beckenham Place Park where we could potentially take interested residents on a tour of the park via bikes? Or any other ideas we get from the Assembly on the 4th June.'

Jane indicated that she is planning to attend this Assembly meeting.

b) **LCC Mayoral Hustings (29<sup>th</sup> April 9am – 10.30am).**

Jane indicated that she is planning to represent LC at these hustings.

c) **LC periodic email bulletin.**

Stewart has been informed that MailChimp bulletins from @gmail.com addresses may soon be blocked as spam. It was agreed to use an @lewishamcyclists.org.uk email address as the reply address on future bulletins.

**Meeting closed around 8pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May at Lewisham Civic Centre.**

## Lewisham Cyclists End of Year (31.3.2016) financial summary for 2015-2016

### **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

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**Estimated Income**

Bank balance from end March 2016	1329		
Main LCC grant	450		
Ride London, Aug 2016 - payment for feeder ride (as per 2015)	180		
Jumble proceeds (was £273 in 2015)	250		
Donations re Training, Bike Loan & M&R (was £1062 in 2014/15)	1050		
Interest	5	3264	Total est. income

**Likely or Possible Expenditure**

Brockley Fair pitch booking in June 2016	60		
Dr Bike @ Brockley Fair - if 2 mechanics	500		
Mend & Ride scheme mechanics - (was £713 last year)	700		
M &R scheme - consumables re-stocking - say :	200	1460	Total est. expenditure

Would-be balance unspoken  
for : £ 1804