

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

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Gareth Scarlett, David Mill, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Alex Raha, Rik Andrew.  
**Apologies:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Roger Stocker, Brian Turpin, Stewart Whitworth,
- 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, previously offered to provide us with a full one-off ‘dump’ of the website. Still apparently outstanding.  
Action: Jane to request that Stuart provides us with a full ‘dump’ of the website.
  - b) **Catford Green development.**  
At our meeting with Sam Yell, the Catford Green Project Manager, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb he agreed to look into replacing the barrier in Adenmore Road with a bollard. After Jane emailed him to remind him he replied on the 18<sup>th</sup> May to say that he had the bollard available and would be installing it that week, but it still has not been done.  
Action: Tim to follow up again with Sam.
  - c) **Grove Park Parade (14<sup>th</sup> May).**  
There is a video available of this parade featuring Jane and Cllr Mark Ingleby both riding in the parade. It is hoped that we will get involved earlier next year so that we can have a higher participation level.
  - d) **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<sup>th</sup> March. 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 for Lewisham Gateway. This meeting has not yet been set up and Cllr Smith is now saying that he wants to meet with Val Shawcross (Deputy Mayor of London for Transport) before proceeding with the TfL meeting.  
We feel that he is confusing two things:  
Our request to see the latest ‘off-carriageway’ design plans for Lewisham Gateway which must exist as construction is proceeding already.  
The major proposed project(s) associated with the Lewisham Cycle Strategy such as A21. The former is not at all relevant to a meeting with Val Shawcross whereas the latter is exactly what we would wish for him to discuss with her.  
Action: Cllr Mark Ingleby to clarify with the Deputy Mayor the distinction between the two issues with a view to organising the meeting with Catherine Abrahams as soon as possible.
  - e) **Courthill Rd turning issue.**  
Tim has previously had discussions with Cllr Stella Jeffrey (Lewisham Central Ward) about the left turn from Lewisham High St into Courthill Road. Under the traffic light scheme introduced recently the turn is banned for all but cycles. However a significant number of motor vehicles are still making the turn and omitting to stop at the pedestrian lights at the start of Courthill Road although they are at red.  
On 25<sup>th</sup> May Tim proposed to Stella that the No Right Turn and No Left Turn indicators be replaced with a Straight Ahead Only arrow (Except Cyclists) – signage that is in use at the Oval junction.  
Action: Tim to follow up with Cllr Stella Jeffrey whether TfL had made any further proposals on this issue.

f) **Lewisham 'mini-Holland'.**

The new London Mayor Sadiq Khan committed in his election campaign to fund a mini-Holland for every London Borough. The meeting discussed potential mini-Holland locations in Lewisham e.g. Catford Town Centre, Deptford Town Centre or the A21 Segregated Lanes Project. The general view was that mini-Holland funding would be best utilised on the A21 Project which has close analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.

Action: Deferred to next meeting - Jane and Stewart to investigate further what the definitions of a mini-Holland project are and whether the A21 Project would be a suitable subject for one?

g) **Beckenham Place Park cycle-related developments.**

Jane & Matt Beale-Collins (Wheels for Wellbeing) recently met with Access Sport regarding the development of a new BMX track within Beckenham Place Park. The BMX track is due to be constructed late in 2016.

Action: Deferred to next meeting - Jane to brief us on this development.

The Beckenham Place Park Project will be displaying their latest proposals at Lewisham People's Day on 9<sup>th</sup> July from Noon to 8pm in Mountsfield Park. If anyone can attend that event please collect a copy of the latest proposals for us to review at the next meeting.

h) **Lewisham Retail Park redevelopment.**

According to the recent public consultation the plans for this redevelopment retain and widen the Thurston Road cycle lane. Tim responded to the consultation on behalf of Lewisham Cyclists on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

i) **Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle (Sat 30<sup>th</sup> July) feeder ride.**

Volunteers welcomed to help marshalling this feeder ride.

Action: Tim to confirm with Jane that she has told LCC that we will run a feeder ride.

3) **Current issues & projects:**

a) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy.**

There are three main elements to this activity - Motion to Council, the Lewisham Cycle Strategy and the A21 Project.

It is proposed that the Motion is taken to Full Council on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

The Strategy needs to go to Mayor and Cabinet for approval. Once this has taken place it will be embedded in LBL policy so that future infrastructure projects will all have to be assessed against the Strategy.

The A21 Project is a distinct project that will need to be developed under and measured against the Strategy.

Action: Alex to send the latest version of the Lewisham Cycle Strategy to Cllr Mark Ingleby and Cllr Liam Curran (Chair of Sustainable Development).

As part of the promotion for the Strategy at the last meeting we agreed that we would host a 'Councillors Ride'. This would take in some of the new features of Quietway 1 e.g. Edward St two-way segregated cycle lane and a section of the A21 to illustrate how that road could be improved with similar cycle provision. The ride would be on Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July in the afternoon at 2pm for a maximum of 1.5hours. Then followed up with a briefing for Councillors at Labour Group on Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July in the evening. 15 minute presentation based on the Lewisham Cycle Strategy with time afterwards for Q&A.

Action: Alex to asap send an 'abstract' covering the route of the Councillors Ride to Cllr Mark Ingleby for distribution to all Councillors.

Action: Alex to start preparing presentation and coordinate with Rik and Stewart.

Action: Cllr Ingleby to schedule with Labour Group.

b) **TfL to London Borough of Lewisham letter about funding for 2016/17.**

Stewart found this letter on the TfL website covering LBL's application for funding for 2016/2017: <http://content.tfl.gov.uk/lewisham-bcp-funding-letter-2016-2017.pdf> As a group while welcoming many of the funding applications e.g. Cycle Training and Cycle Parking,

we were interested as to why LBL had not applied for available funding in some categories e.g. Cycle Strategy Development.

Action: Cllr Mark Ingleby to review with Liz Brooker (LBL) why there were some gaps in the funding and discuss earlier involvement of himself as Cycling Champion and Lewisham Cyclists in future funding applications. Also make her aware of the ongoing development of the Lewisham Cycle Strategy.

c) **Quietway 1 (Q1) – general update on progress and schedule.**

The Trundleys Rd crossing and Edward St are now essentially complete.

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, but signposting should still be in place along this section.

The route was officially opened by TfL/LBL on 13<sup>th</sup> June although there seemed to be no significant event associated with the opening. Apparently there is a leafleting drop happening to all houses half a mile either side of the route.

Rik proposed that we do a Post Implementation Audit of the route.

Action: Tim to request members feedback on route via Facebook and Elist. Rik to collate comments for review by the group at next monthly meeting.

d) **Deptford High St – Northern section project.**

Jane and Alex met with Sandra Plummer (LBL) and a Technical Consultant on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May to review the draft detailed development plans for Deptford High St.

Alex summarised what they discussed for the benefit of the meeting and we had further discussions about the details of the design. Conclusions were that the treatment of the Quietway 1 crossing point needed to be improved, the carriageway narrowing may have gone too far at the Southerly end and, although we welcomed the elimination of Northbound rat-running traffic with the proposed one-way section in Giffen St, this wouldn't help with Southbound rat-running and that a point closure would be fully effective. We also questioned the design at the North end intersection with Creek road but as this is wrapped up with the Convoy's Wharf development (and CS4) it is probably an issue for future discussion.

Action: Tim to feedback the Group's comments to Sandra Plummer.

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.

The current planning application for 'Trophy House' at the east end of Canal Approach which could have interrupted the proposed link (Lewisham Planning Ref DC/16/095258) went before the Planning Committee on 19<sup>th</sup> May and was 'deferred' due to the level of objections. This was a very good result on behalf of the campaign team. Subsequent discussions with the Developer seem to have secured a viable route for the Canal Link through the development, but this still needs to be secured in the planning application.

f) **Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre (Sat 18<sup>th</sup> June– noon to 5pm).**

Dr Bike (two mechanics) and three pitches have been booked. John, Tim, Alex and Ian are attending. All volunteers welcome on the day.

4) **A.O.B**

a) **A21 Project – extension from Lewisham to CS4.**

We need to decide on the best routing for the extension of our proposed segregated provision – either via Deptford or Lewisham Road.

Action: For next Monthly Meeting - organise a Group ride-over the possible routes.

b) **LCN 22 conversion to Quietway.**

We need to decide on improvements that we believe should be included in this conversion in advance of the ride-over with LBL and TfL.

Action: For next Monthly Meeting - organise a Group ride-over of the route.

c) **'Quick win' cycle developments.**

We further discussed some potentially more immediate improvements for cyclists we could encourage LBL to implement:

Keeping more of the parks unlocked at night to allow cycle passage e.g. Mountsfield Park.

Relocating some of the bus stops in Lewisham High St.

Installation of more Bike Hangers on Housing Estates.

Public cycle tools made available at all significant interchange railway stations adjacent to their cycle parking.

It was also agreed to add some of these points to the Cycle Strategy as a longer term requirement.

**Meeting closed around 8.30pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at Lewisham Civic Centre. (N.B. Change of day from normal Wednesday due to Full Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July).**