

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 21st September 2016 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), George Johnston, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin.
Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Stewart Whitworth, Alex Raha, Rik Andrew.
- 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 outstanding.
Action: Jane to request again that Stuart provides us with a full ‘dump’ of the website.
 - b) **Lewisham ‘mini-Holland’.**
London Mayor Sadiq Khan committed in his election campaign to fund a mini-Holland for every London Borough. We are hoping that the A21 (Lewisham Spine) Segregated Lanes project could qualify for mini-Holland funding as it has close analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.
Jane emailed Jessica Ellery at TfL regarding this and is awaiting a reply.
George mentioned at this meeting that she could try emailing William Bradley at TfL as he used to work for Andrew Gilligan and now reports to Val Shawcross.
Action: Jane to email William Bradley.
 - c) **Beckenham Place Park (BPP) cycle-related developments.**
There are some old ‘Sure Start’ buildings on the site (North East corner of BPP) where they are building the new BMX track. Jane thought these could be used for a ‘Mend & Ride’ project but it turns out they are too derelict to retain and therefore unsuitable.
Alison Taylor who is running the broader BPP development is however still looking into provision of suitable facilities.
 - d) **Funding.**
Jane recently had a meeting with Deptford Folk and they have put in a CCFL bid for funding for a ‘Mend & Ride’ facility in Deptford Park. They have a suitable building there. The bid is in Deptford Folk’s name and LC are a named partner in it.
- 3) **Current issues & projects:**
 - a) **Lewisham Gateway**
Now that the final road configuration is in place, though still not fully completed, we are planning to do an audit of it. Meet at 08:30hrs on Wednesday 28th September outside Lewisham Police Station. Rik Andrew has already produced a document highlighting weaknesses in the design which we can reference on Wednesday.
The intention is to ultimately produce a final review document that we can then send to Len Duvall and local MPs.
 - b) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy and A21 (Lewisham Spine) Project.**
LC had a meeting with Simon Moss and Nick Harvey from London Borough of Lewisham in August. They have reviewed the Strategy document and stated that they are not prepared to accept it as it stands due to the absence of baseline data and metrics. They want to first produce an audit of the current position and then develop a strategy based around the work we have done.
Mark Ingleby reported that Simon and Nick have also recently met with Val Shawcross (Deputy Mayor of London for Transport) and presented the A21 Project which was positively received.
It was agreed that we should invite Simon and Nick to our next meeting as the Local Implementation Plan (LIP) is going to Mayor & Cabinet next week. We can then discuss the

prioritisation of items in our Quick Wins in the light of the available LIP funding.

Action: Jane to invite Simon Moss and Nick Harvey to our next meeting.

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

The 'Quick win' cycle developments have been collated.

Action: Jane to do a final review on the list then send on to Cllr Mark Ingleby, Nick Harvey and Simon Moss.

d) **Tavistock St Camden consultation (closes 21st Oct)**

This is a critical segregated cycle route East-West across central London. There is some opposition to the latest excellent plans for the route so Members are encouraged to respond positively to this consultation: <https://consultations.wearecamden.org/corporate-services/torrington-place-tavistock-place-route-proposed-im>

e) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review.**

After an LC ride over of the Lewisham section of Q1 on 3rd August we have now produced a document for submission to LBL. The document was discussed at this meeting and generally agreed.

Regarding the Trundleys Road junction the group is split between people who think that the completed improvements are a satisfactory solution and those who still believe it should be signalled. It was agreed at the meeting that we need evidence from local users before we take this issue forward.

Action: Jane to compile a simple survey that can be distributed onsite to establish the views of local users - both cyclists and pedestrians.

George also mentioned the possible analogy of Richmond Rd at the North End of London Fields where there is a 'Cycle Zebra' in a similar setting and wondered whether that would work at Trundleys Road.

Action: Jane to finally review the document before sending it over to LBL (cc Simon Munk at LCC).

While discussing the Q1 review we also noted that the current routing between Ha'Penny Hatch bridge and Deptford Church St via Bronze St and Creekside may in future be better changed to follow the direct line of the railway arches where there is currently a wide shared path (part of the Deptford Station to Greenwich Station cycle route).

4) **A.O.B**

a) **Deptford Lounge Dr Bike sessions.**

Jane has agreed to run some Dr Bike sessions at Deptford Lounge over the coming months on the first Friday of each month. They have some funding to cover these sessions but there will be a shortfall in costs that she hopes to partially cover through user donations.

b) **'Low Emissions Neighbourhoods'.**

The new London Mayor Sadiq Khan has already allocated £11M of spending to a variety of Low Emission Neighbourhood projects in other London boroughs.

Cllr Ingleby asked a question on this issue at the last Lewisham Council meeting on 21st September. See Appendix A for the detailed response.

c) **Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) proposed extension.**

The London Mayor is proposing extending the ULEZ out as far as the North and South Circular roads.

Cllr Ingleby asked a question on this issue at the last Lewisham Council meeting on 21st September. See Appendix A for the detailed response.

d) **Crofffest**

LC will be providing a Dr Bike at Crofffest on Saturday 24th September.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th October at Lewisham Civic Centre.

Appendix A

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45611/Complete%20Member%20Questions%20and%20answers.pdf>

Question by Councillor Ingleby of the Cabinet Member for the Public Realm

Question:

Does the Council support the Mayor of London's recently stated ambition to extend by 2020 the Ultra Low Emissions Zone beyond Central London to the South Circular (for motorcycles, cars and vans, and for lorries and buses London-wide? Are there ways in which the Council could support the signage of Low Emission Neighbourhoods?

Reply:

The extension of the Ultra-Low Emission zone will assist the Council to meet its' air quality objectives, in reducing emissions of Nitrogen Dioxide within the area north of the South Circular, which has also been declared an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). The Council would therefore in principle support this proposal. Further discussions would need to be had in relation to management of traffic so that it is done in a way where displacement issues are minimised and local businesses are consulted.

The Environmental Protection Team are currently consulting on a new Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP). The Greater London Authority is now responsible for managing the reporting by London Local Authorities on their Air Quality Actions, and has provided a matrix of expected actions that London Authorities should follow, which Lewisham has used in its draft AQAP. One of these actions is the introduction of Low Emission Neighbourhoods. Some London authorities have received funding from the London Mayor to introduce these within their borough. Lewisham was successful in its bid for £200,000 from the London Mayor's Air Quality Fund in developing a Zonal Construction Logistics Plan along the Evelyn Corridor. This will seek to control and manage movement of traffic in an area where a lot of strategic developments are being, or planning to be constructed and will bring measureable air quality benefits. This is a 3 year project and has been prioritised as a localised action within the Evelyn neighbourhood.

The TfL/GLA have defined a Low Emission Neighbourhood as:

'A Low Emission Neighbourhood (LEN) is an area-based scheme that includes a package of measures focused on reducing emissions (and promoting sustainable living more generally). A LEN is delivered by a borough with support from Transport for London (TfL), the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the local community.'

'LENs will be focused on areas of high exposure to high pollution which can be reduced through local measures, and locations with high trip generation and the potential to reduce emissions in the wider road network. They are less suited to areas where the high pollution levels are restricted to a single road, especially if through-traffic is a large source of emissions, as the package of measures would do little to address this source.'

The Council is happy to hear from and work with local communities where it can to improve localised air quality, and discussions about signage would form part of those discussions.