

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 17th May 2017 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Paul McQuillen, Roger Stocker, Duncan Peterkin, Ian Welsby.
Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review.**

On Thursday 27th October we did an on-street survey of 51 riders passing through the Trundleys Road junction on Q1. Jane then produced the questionnaire as an online Survey Monkey to give further users an opportunity to respond. The results of the initial survey and the Survey Monkey have now been collated and can be found here:
https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w5ok0ymfeypuixy/AAD_ZBGoL1Ag0IPE-s_ejtdKa?dl=0

The headline outcome was that before the improvements users scored the junction as an average 2.8 (on a scale of 1 to 10) afterwards the average is 6.2.

The meeting could not reach agreement as to whether 6.2 represented an adequate user score for this crossing or not.

Roger and Rik agreed to perform a standard Cycling Level of Service (CLOS) analysis of the junction to feed into further discussions.

Action: Roger and Rik to perform CLOS and report back to the next LC meeting.
 - b) **Lewisham Spine (A21) Project.**

Mark commented that this project was popular amongst the Labour councillors and could potentially feature in the next Lewisham Labour manifesto....

Mark is planning to meet with Len Duvall again on this project, amongst other things, after the General Election.

Mark reported that there should be further feedback from Project Centre, who are developing the Lewisham Cycle Strategy towards the end of June.

Action: Mark to request vehicle count data and air monitoring results for the areas around the A21 from LBL Officers to feed into the justification for the Lewisham Spine project.
 - c) **Cycle Superhighway 4 (London Bridge to Woolwich).**

TfL (who are preparing the design on behalf of LBL) have prepared outline designs for the Lewisham section of CS4 apparently including a two-way cycle track on the North side of Evelyn St – our preferred solution. However we have not been given access to these designs.

Despite our, and Mark's best efforts talking to LBL and LCC it seems that TfL aren't prepared to allow access to the designs until the Consultation scheduled for later this year.

If individual members feel strongly about delays to this, and other TfL cycling projects, they are also encouraged to write to TfL in a personal capacity to keep pressure on TfL.

Action: Mark to talk to Len Duvall about the issue of viewing the designs in advance of the Consultation.
 - d) **Quick Wins – Grove Park/Downham 'Literary Heritage Trail' comprising 'Railway Walk' in Grove Park and 'Woodland Walk' in Downham.**

Mark & Alex have sent photos of the improvements needed on this route to Nick Harvey for 'Quick Win' action given some spare 2016-2017 LBL budget. The interventions are generally straightforward e.g. dropped kerb installation, enhanced signage and removal (or substitution with cycle friendly designs) of impractical 'kissing gates'. Nick has previously reported that the development work is underway.

Action: Alex to confirm whether appropriate designs for cycle friendly barriers have been agreed with Nick Harvey.

Action: Jane to review QuickWins list, update it and identify further projects for Nick to take forward imminently.
 - e) **Response to Len Duvall's office's letter to Cllr Ingleby after meetings in Dec/Jan.**

Jane has sent a response back to Susan Jeary and has posted that response up on the LC website.

Action: Jane to post up the original letter on the LC website as well.
 - f) **Lewisham Cycling Programme presentation by Nick Harvey at LC Annual Meeting.**

On 24th March Tim emailed Nick Harvey to ask for a map of the proposed Quietway routes that were

mentioned in his letter (16/11/16) and were presented to the Annual Meeting. We now have this map here: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wvgcplfenw1tqws/AACAxMLkXPOuvAnXZY5CjUFUa?dl=0>
Action: Tim to chase Nick Harvey regarding a timescale for LBL/LC 'ride-overs' of the routes.
Action: Jane to arrange a ride-over of these proposed Quietway routes for Lewisham Cyclists members in advance of the Lewisham Council ride-overs.

g) Brockley Fair – Saturday 24th June.

John has previously booked the pitches for this event, Jane has now booked a mechanic for the Dr Bike.

It would be great if some members could help out on the day, even if for only a couple of hours.

Action: LC to finalise arrangements at the next monthly meeting.

h) 'Awards for All England' Application for funding for Deptford cycle maintenance project and cargo bike.

Jane has put together an application for funding to support other Deptford Community Groups e.g. Deptford Folk, in increasing the proportion of local leisure journeys made by bike. The application is currently on hold due to perceived issues in the relationship between LC and central LCC. Awards for All England have indicated that they can't take the application forward as long as LCC's name is on our bank account, as this effectively makes it an LCC application rather than a Lewisham Cyclists one.

i) Bell Green development.

This major development involving another supermarket with more car parking and some housing is currently out for planning consultation. The general view of the previous meeting was that the project was totally car oriented and did nothing to improve walking and cycling routes in the area which are already heavily dislocated by the gyratory.

Brian and Tim met onsite on May 3rd to look at the local issues. After the meeting Brian prepared a written objection, also taking into account various members' comments on the LC Yahoo eList.

The objection we sent in can be found here <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Bell-Green-Development-as-sent.pdf>

Action: Brian to keep a watching brief on this planning application.

j) LCN22 Quietway conversion.

Sustrans, Southwark Council, Southwark's Consultants and Southwark Cyclists are staging a ride-over of the route on Friday 19th May. In Southwark this route runs from the junction with Quietway 1 in the North to Eddystone Bridge in the South. A representative from Lewisham Cyclists has been invited to this ride-over.

Action: Tim to attend the ride-over to represent LC's views on the route.

k) Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.

Ideas for the next bulletin in next month or so – A21 Motion, Bell Green development, Literary Heritage Trail, Pothole Reporting.

Action: Jane and Tim to prepare next eBulletin.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Crossfield St Open Space consultation.

This was briefly discussed in the meeting. Ideas put forward involved a more direct shared 'avenue' to the Quietway 1 crossing of Deptford Church St, additional tree planting and filtering of Crossfield St and Coffey Street as far as possible to enhance the environment around the Open Space.

Action: Tim to prepare a response to the consultation before the deadline of 23rd May.

b) Loampit Vale highway modifications.

The new pelican crossing on Loampit Vale just West of the Jerrard St junction has attracted quite a lot criticism from members. For cyclists travelling West the large central island has created a pinch-point which is approximately 3m wide. This issue was discussed in the meeting and it was queried why the crossing was not 'straight across' rather than staggered, then this problem wouldn't have arisen.

Action: Brian to follow up with TfL and discuss with Ward Councillors as well.

c) National bike Week (10th to 18th June)

Tim plans to host the Lewisham Peaks ride on the evening of Tuesday 13th June.

Rik also offered to lead a ride along Waterlink Way and back on the A21 – date to be determined.

4) A.O.B.

a) **Mature riders group.**

Duncan wants to start a rides group for older and slower riders. He would like assistance in developing routes and using the LC website etc. for promotion.

Action: Duncan to send Jane some suggested dates and she will provide assistance subject to other commitments.

b) **General Election.**

Roger suggested that the group should try to get cycling commitments from the Election Candidates from all political parties standing in Lewisham Constituencies. The meeting generally didn't seem to view this as a worthwhile use of the group's time as the MPs don't generally have that much involvement in local cycling issues.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st June at Lewisham Civic Centre.