

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Catford Library, Laurence House

Wednesday 21st June 2017 7pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, James Soteriou, Alex Raha, Corin Ashwell.
Apologies: Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker, David Mill.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review – Trundleys Rd junction.**
At the previous meeting Roger and Rik agreed to perform a standard Cycling Level of Service (CLOS) analysis of the Trundleys Road junction to feed into further group discussions.
Action: Outstanding. Roger and Rik to perform CLOS and report back to the next LC meeting.
 - b) **Lewisham Spine (A21) Project.**
Action: Outstanding. 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).**
The latest information we have on this project is in Susan Jeary's letter which Jane previously posted to the Lewisham Cyclists website under News – Brief Campaign Update.
Brian Turpin also independently wrote to Caroline Pidgeon (Liberal Democrat Assembly Member) on 28th May and she replied that she would also look into the delays on the project.
Action: Brian to inform us of Caroline Pidgeon's response.
 - 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.
Alex confirmed that he has already sent Nick appropriate designs for replacement cycle friendly barriers.
 - 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 now posted that response and Susan's original letter up on the LC website under News – Brief Campaign Update.
 - 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. Still outstanding, Nick has not responded yet.
We also agreed to hold ride-overs of these proposed Quietway routes for Lewisham Cyclists members in advance of the Lewisham Council ride-overs on 3rd July/4th July in the evening – see LC social media for final details.
 - g) **Brockley Fair – Saturday 24th June.**
John has previously booked the pitches for this event, Jane has now booked Seb as mechanic for the Dr Bike and he will help her take all the maps, tools etc down to the Fair. Jane now has some new TfL bike maps to hand out.
 - h) **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.

i) **LCN22 conversion to Quietway standard (Q83).**

Sustrans, Southwark Council, Southwark's Consultants and Southwark Cyclists staged 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. Tim and Jane attended on behalf of Lewisham Cyclists. Although some of the plans looked encouraging e.g. proposals for a segregated cycle track up Peckham Rye (alongside Peckham Rye Common), there are also a number of unresolved issues e.g. no widening of Surrey Canal Path or effective calming of the parallel route along Sumner Road, also very limited improvements along Rye Lane. Southwark Cyclists share many of our reservations about the route and are pressing Southwark Council on these issues.

Action: Tim to ask Lucia from Southwark Cyclists if we can post the summary of the ride-over to the Lewisham Cyclists website for members' information.

j) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

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

Action: Outstanding. Jane to prepare content, then Tim to prepare final eBulletin.

k) **Crossfield St Open Space consultation.**

Tim prepared a response to the consultation and sent it in before the deadline of 23rd May.

l) **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.

Brian prepared a letter regarding this issue and sent it to Local Councillors and Len Duvall on 11th June.

Action: Jane to include this in a list of issues for Cllr Ingleby to discuss at his next meeting with Len Duvall. Other issues on the list - the A21 Lewisham Spine project, Lewisham Gateway Road Safety Audit and delays to CS4.

m) **Mature riders group.**

Duncan said at the last meeting that he 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: Outstanding. Duncan to send Jane some suggested dates and she will provide assistance subject to other commitments.

3) **Other issues & projects:**

a) **Ladywell Fields proposed path from Malyons Rd (South End) to Catford Green development.**

Tim attended a meeting regarding this proposed path with Lewisham Council Officers along with Ladywell Fields User Group and Ladywell Society representatives. The path will be funded by Section 106 monies from the Catford Green development. It was agreed that the path should be tarmac (or similar bound surface) and of a similar width to the other paths in the park to minimise conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. The Council Officers need to do further negotiations with the Catford Green Developer on funding before the path can move to the design and construction phase.

4) **A.O.B.**

a) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy.**

Cllr Ingleby reported that Project Centre are making good progress with the Strategy. The current schedule is that there will be a review meeting very soon with Lewisham Cyclists.

On July 12th it will be in the public arena.

On July 18th it will go to the Sustainable Development Committee for endorsement.

Mark is also hoping to share it with Will Norman at his meeting with him on 24th July.

b) **Fact finding trip to Waltham Forest 'mini-Holland'.**

Corin (Lewisham Green Party Coordinator) is keen to organise a trip over to Waltham Forest particularly for Lewisham Councillors. Attendees could ride all the way from Lewisham or take the DLR to Stratford to shorten the riding distance. The meeting agreed that we would post this as a ride

on the Lewisham Cyclists calendar.

Action: Corin to organise this in coordination with Lewisham Cyclists and Cllr Ingleby.

c) **TfL Strategic Cycling Analysis document.**

The initial results of this analysis have now been published although the modelling is an ongoing process. The Analysis endeavours to identify where cycle routes need to exist to best satisfy demand.

Action: Tim to post document to LC website.

Action: Alex to write readily understandable summary of the document.

d) **Mayor's Transport Strategy.**

This has also now been released for consultation with a deadline of 2nd October for responses.

Action: Tim to post document to LC website.

Action: To be discussed in a subsequent meeting when members have digested the contents. Potentially form a workgroup to discuss our response to the strategy.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

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