

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 18th October 6.30pm

1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Brian Turpin, Alex Raha, Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker, David Mill. **Apologies:**, Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, James Soteriou, Alex Ingram

2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**

a) **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.

b) **Lewisham Quietway phase 2 developments.**

Lewisham Quietways future developments ride-overs. Assessments after completed ride-overs:

a) LCN22 (Crofton Park to Catford) - Quietway 83.

b) Waterlink Way/NCN21 (Greenwich to Kent House)

can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wvgcplfenw1tqws/AACAxMLkXPOuvAnXZY5CjUFUa?dl=0>

Would those that are interested in attending the final ride-over please complete this doodle poll so we can schedule a mutually agreeable date/time: <http://doodle.com/poll/6fxcchxazmt7767x>

This ride-over will cover a section of the Thames Path (Canada Water to Deptford) and a short section of path across Blackheath. We will also look at the interaction of the Thames Path section with Cycle Superhighway 4.

Action: LC to compile results from the next ride-over.

c) **Bell Green development.**

This major development in the planning phase currently involves another supermarket with more car parking and some housing. A well-supported petition against the project has been submitted by the 'Save our Gas Holders' campaign group.

Jane has recently emailed offering our support and is awaiting a reply.

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

Ideas for the next bulletin – CS4, Cycle Strategy, Literary Heritage Trail, Pothole Reporting.

Action: Outstanding. Jane has started preparing it. Any topical contributions from members welcomed.

e) **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: Outstanding. Alex Ingram is writing a blog on this which we can link to on the LC website. According to Alex R., Alex I. has compiled a draft and needs to upload it then he will send us the link. Aiming to be done in next week or so.

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

This has also now been released for consultation with a deadline of 2/10/17 for responses.

Action: Jane to confirm if we sent a response to the consultation or not.

g) **Lewisham Consultations.**

Crofton Park Streetscape (closed 21/9/17)

Alex I. submitted a Group response which can be found on the LC website here:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Crofton-Park-LC-Response.pdf>

h) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**

Roger previously raised the issue of which projects LBL had spent the 2016/17 LIP money on. Mark has apparently received an email detailing the spending from the Deputy Mayor.

Action: Mark to pass the Deputy Mayor's email onto the group.

i) **Rat-running traffic in Deptford via Borthwick St**

James raised this at the last meeting as the situation seems to be getting a lot worse with the new housing developments in the area. Also could be an issue for Cycle Superhighway 4 due to

'crossing' movements. Jane has raised this with Nick Harvey.

Action: Jane to pass on Nick's response when received.

j) Shared pavement in New Cross

Raised by James at the previous meeting. We assume referring to the southbound shared pavement on Lewisham Way opposite Goldsmiths. Meeting attendees felt that discussion about space/conflicts on this shared pavement section with TfL could be counter-productive as they would probably now assess it as inadequate and potentially remove this very useful facility.

k) Central Lewisham Planning applications (e.g. Carpetright)

Brian has submitted comments to the Lewisham planners highlighting the opportunities for improving access to Lewisham Gateway from the north that these developments offer. His response is here:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Carpetright-Development.pdf>

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Lewisham Cycle Strategy consultation (closes 22/10).

The Strategy is now out for public consultation. All members are encouraged to respond directly:

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/consultation_on_draft_lewisham_cycling_strategy

There was a lively discussion in the meeting regarding the merits of the Strategy as it stands.

Members are encouraged to enter the debate via the eList or Facebook Group and Jane will prepare a final response taking into account these responses.

Action: Jane to collate comments and submit an LC response.

b) Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4) Consultation (closes 19/11).

The CS4 detailed plans are now out for public consultation. This, Lewisham's first Cycle Superhighway, is an exciting development for the borough. There is some localised opposition so members are all encouraged to respond directly to the consultation:

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/cycle_superhighway_4_-_evelyn_street_a200_designs

The detailed plans were discussed at the meeting and were received favourably. The two-way track is a minimum of 3m wide along its length which should be adequate for what is a very 'tidal' flow.

There were some concerns about the design of some of the junctions, in particular Oxstalls Road where we prefer a signalised junction with a banned left turn off Evelyn St. Also Prince St where action needs to be taken to prevent rat-running eastbound traffic crossing the track e.g. by a point closure in Prince St near the Dog and Bell - also see Minutes item 2)i).

Also there currently is a 'missing link' in the centre of the scheme around Surrey Quays. This is apparently due to interactions with the massive British Land Canada Water Masterplan development and to a lesser extent the proposed cycling/walking Brunel Bridge across to Canary Wharf. Alex R. commented that he had recently attended a Southwark Cyclists meeting on the project where TfL indicated that they were near to agreement on this and the consultation on this section should be going ahead in Spring 2018.

Members are encouraged to also post their views by 10/11 via the eList or Facebook Group and we will prepare a final response taking into account these responses.

Deptford Folk have apparently arranged for TfL CS4 representatives to attend our Second Sunday Bike Workshop on Sunday 12/11 between 1000hrs and 1400hrs (see LC website calendar for details), for those who have missed the local events held to date.

We also discussed improving engagement and strengthening the support of local Councillors/MPs on CS4 (and also the A21 project) with e.g. a ride up to view the Central London Superhighways.

Action: LC to prepare and submit a group response.

Action: LC and Mark to arrange a Councillors/MPs ride.

c) Catford A205/A21 junction redesign.

The Lewisham Mayor recently announced that the A205 South Circular road is going to be re-routed South of Laurence House and the Catford one-way gyratory is going to be removed. It is early days for the project and we want to influence the plans from the beginning to ensure Space for Cycling is inherent to the design. We have done an initial analysis of the roads around the area and produced the following document to highlight the changes we feel are needed to provide safe and effective cycle routes to and across Catford:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lz8lfnmjkr4m7mn/AABljt-t8EiCedw8NYdchdLra?dl=0>

We welcome comments on this initial analysis which we will be submitting to the council in late November.

Action: LC to collate comments and send the assessment to LBL by 30/11 and request a meeting to discuss the projected plans asap.

- d) **Silver Road planning application – potential route for Waterlink Way/NCN21.**
In the past it was identified that a good off-road route for the Waterlink Way could be developed between Silver Road and Wearside Road. With the planned development on the Silver Road site this route needs to be protected and could be included as a Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy on the development.
Action: Roger to prepare an LC response to be sent to Planning and local Councillors.
- e) **Loampit Vale Southbound, junction with Thurston Road – potential for cyclist early release?**
Action: Deferred for discussion at next LC monthly meeting.

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

- a) **Bank consultation (closes 9/11).**
City of London introduced an experimental scheme at Bank junction on 22/5/17 whereby only buses, cyclists and pedestrians were allowed through the junction for most of the day. Many cyclists have commented how much safer the junction has felt since the change and how the roads around the junction have become much less busy and less polluted. There is opposition to the scheme so everyone is encouraged to respond to the Consultation (closing 9/11) here:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/bankonsafetylive>
- b) **Tanner St/Druid St consultation (closes 19/11)**
TfL are consulting on changes to Tanner St/Druid St to tie-in with CS4. Members are encouraged to respond to this consultation:
<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/tanner-druid-street/>

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th November at Lewisham Civic Centre.