

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 18th April 2018 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew.
Apologies: Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Alex Raha, Roger Stocker.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **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>

The final ride-over, covering a section of the Thames Path (Canada Water to Deptford), was completed on 1/11/17.
Action: Still outstanding. Jane and Alex to compile results from the final ride-over.
 - b) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

Action: Outstanding. Jane to email the last LC paper insert for the LCC magazine as a document to Tim to use as a basis for the next E-Bulletin.
Action: Outstanding. Tim to create E-Bulletin based around the above document.
Action: Outstanding. Tim/Jane. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is effective from 25/5/18 we may need to email all recipients of the E-Bulletin to ask them to opt-in to receive further E-Bulletins.
 - c) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**

Roger previously raised the issue of which projects LBL had spent the 2016/17 LIP money on. Just before the September LC meeting Mark received an email detailing the spending from the Deputy Mayor. However he has subsequently mislaid this email.
This was added to the list of questions for Josh Learner (the Cycling & Walking Programme Manager at LBL) at our Annual Meeting.
Action: Tim to chase Josh Learner on this point.
 - d) **Catford A205/A21 junction redesign.**

The Lewisham Mayor has previously 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. 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:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lz8lfnmjkr4m7mn/AABljt-t8EICedw8NYdchdLra?dl=0>
The 'Master Planners' for the Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) are due to be appointed in May 2018.
Members wanting to express their views about the Catford Redevelopment can post their ideas on the Catford 'Common Place' website: <https://catfordtowncentre.commonplace.is>
Action: LC to send the junction assessment, including a link to the LCC Better Junctions layouts <https://lcc.org.uk/pages/better-junctions> to LBL and the Master Planners in May 2018. And request a meeting to discuss the projected plans soon after.
 - e) **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: Outstanding. Roger to prepare an LC response to be sent to Planning and local Councillors.
 - f) **Lewisham Gateway (and other central Lewisham developments).**

There has been a new planning application for phase 2 of the Lewisham Gateway construction project. Brian T. has already written, on behalf of Lewisham Cyclists, objecting to the application along the lines of our previous objections particularly related to the Lewisham Gateway road system. The Planning Meeting took place recently and the revised plan was accepted.
Six more blocks are included with the highest being 29 floors. Apparently the main 'win' was that there is now up to 20% affordable housing in the plans. Also a £400K contribution to the Lewisham

Station 'improvement' fund.

Brian spoke at the planning meeting questioning the development on the basis of its safety, access issues (given its location in the middle of the unpleasant Lewisham Gateway road system) and lack of compliance with the Town Centre Plan.

Simon Moss (Lewisham Service Group Manager for. Highways and Transport) said that improvements in the junction could come in the future by lobbying TfL to make the Lewisham Gateway junction part of a more strategic network linking the A21 to the new Cycle Superhighway 4 coming to Deptford in the next two years.

The Connington Rd (Tesco site) apparently did not receive planning approval this time but will undoubtedly be resubmitted in the future.

Action: Brian to keep watching brief on these developments.

g) Gritting on Quietways, and major Cycle Routes in general.

Apparently there is no 'programme' for this when ice is forecast.

Jane has compiled a list of key routes/locations that should be gritted and sent it to Josh Learner on 27th Feb.

h) Hither Green Festival 12-27 May, 2018

The Organisers have contacted us to ask if we want to participate in the Festival.

Jane has arranged to provide a Dr Bike and a Family Ride led by herself and Deb. The Festival are funding these activities.

i) Eddystone road railway bridge.

The lighting on this bridge is out of service making it hazardous for cyclists and pedestrians to use. Skanska (who maintain the lighting) are claiming that the bridge itself is in some way 'unsafe', so they can't repair the lights until LBL make the bridge 'safe'. They didn't specify in what way the bridge is 'unsafe'

Action: Outstanding. No one at the meeting knew what the current status is. Jane to follow-up on this issue.

j) Local Elections and Lewisham Mayoral candidates.

When the Local Election and Mayoral candidates have all been declared we should write to them all individually asking them to pledge to deliver the Lewisham Cycling Strategy pledges in the defined timescales.

Action: Brian volunteered to draft a letter to send to all candidates.

k) Rat runs list for Lewisham Council.

Josh Learner has asked us to provide a list of Rat Runs that we are aware of as LBL are starting work on a 'traffic reduction' strategy.

Action: Attendees at this meeting committed to provide their top 10 areas before the next meeting.

l) Quietway Developments update.

Roger received the following information from TfL which includes LBL's Quietway funding for the upgrade of the Waterlink Way and Canada Water to Deptford sections.

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/quietways_funding_2?nocache=incoming-1112747#incoming-1112747

The relatively modest sums involved do not suggest any major interventions on the scale we were expecting. And no apparent monies for the Southend Lane signalised crossing. The lack of ambition may explain why there has not been any public consultation to date.

Please refer to the Minutes of the Annual Meeting for further details on these developments:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Minutes-20180321-AM.pdf>

m) Brockley Corridor (Crofton Park) consultation conclusions.

LC were not represented at the wrap-up meeting for this consultation as we were only invited at very short notice.

In advance of the Annual Meeting Tim requested a copy of the formal Consultation Report from Josh Learner. At the Annual Meeting Josh said he would follow up on this as a priority.

Action: Tim to chase Josh regarding this project.

n) National Bike Week (9/6/18 to 17/6/18).

Jane suggested doing a Bike Breakfast.

Tim said he would lead a Lewisham Peaks ride (Thu 14th) and an Infrastructure Ride up to Central London (Sat 16th) to look at the new Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park segregated routes.

Any other suggestions for events welcomed.

3) Other issues & projects:

- a) **Discussion about introduction of additional LC Committee role(s) to spread workload.**
 It was suggested that there could be a Campaigns Coordinator with overall responsibility for campaigns and communication e.g. social media.
 Detailed work on Infrastructure developments could continue to be shared between individuals with the relevant skills, with working parties for larger schemes e.g. Lewisham Gateway, Catford re-development.
 John floated the idea of splitting the Monthly Meeting into two – one meeting to work at a technical level and one to be a higher level, and more approachable, campaigning meeting.
 It was also suggested that we should compile simple job descriptions for the current and potential roles, and put them out to the membership to see if any are interested on taking them on? Other areas included communications (social media & newsletters); charring meetings & meeting follow up; community projects, events, workshops and rides.
Action: LC to discuss further at the next Monthly Meeting.
- b) **Planning for summer visit(s) to Waltham Forest and Enfield to view their mini-Holland projects.**
 See Cllr Ingleby report below.
- c) **Catford Green to Doggett Road cycle and walking bridge (Section 106 funding from Catford Green development).**
 There was a recent meeting with Stakeholders regarding this bridge which LC were invited to at very short notice. We don't know yet if Jane was able to attend or not?
Action: Tim to contact Josh for an update on what was discussed and what the conclusions were of the meeting.

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

- a) **Cllr Ingleby report (given by Brian after phone discussion with Mark).**
 A21 Lewisham Spine project – Cllr Ingleby is chasing the outgoing Lewisham Mayor to get him to write to the London Mayor formally supporting the project.
 Councillor visits to mini-Hollands - Cllr Ingleby is keen to get a group of councillors (up to twelve) to visit Enfield and/or Waltham Forest in June/July to view these mini-Holland projects.
 We need to discuss the practicalities of these visits with Cllr Ingleby and whether there is enough infrastructure in place that is similar to the A21 project. Some at the meeting suggested that the North end of Quietway 1 and Cycle Superhighway 6 could be a better destination.
Action: LC to discuss the scheduling and details of the visit with Cllr Ingleby.
 It was also suggested that we should concentrate on getting the Catford area councillors particularly involved as there are significant Liveable Neighbourhood opportunities (particularly by elimination of through rat-running traffic) in these areas to coincide with the A21 Spine project.
 Heritage Route in Grove Park – the drop kerbs have now been installed and Josh Learner is working on the replacement of the 'kissing gates'.
- b) **Draft Budget 2018/19 – see Appendix A below**
 The Draft Budget proposed by John was approved by the meeting.
- c) **Brockley Fayre Sat 23rd June.**
 Agreed to book three pitches.
Action: LC to discuss further at next meeting e.g. Dr Bike booking.
- d) **Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich)**
 With the Public Consultation Report now out showing >80% public support for the scheme. Rik queried why LBL can't just move ahead and start implementation of the section in the borough.
 The formal consultation report is here: https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/cs4/user_uploads/cycle-superhighway-4-consultation-report.pdf
Action: Tim to contact Josh and raise this issue and also establish the current planned timing of each phase of the project in Lewisham.
- e) **A21 Lewisham Spine segregated lanes and Liveable Neighbourhoods project.**
 Rik floated the idea that a 'demonstration' section of segregated lanes and improved junctions could be implemented between, and including, the Southend Lane and Beckenham Hill Road junctions on Bromley Road. The attendees were split on whether this was a good idea. It could show in a practical way what could be achieved or equally could impede the project as we first need to get community buy-in for the whole project by demonstrating the broader benefits for walkers, cyclists and the general public realm. Funding of works on this scale would also be a major issue in advance of TfL project approval.

The attendees were however in agreement that the Feasibility Report for the project does need to start asap and potentially some of the funding could come from the LIP rather than waiting for TfL.
Action: Tim to contact Josh to propose using some of the LIP monies to fund the Feasibility Report on the A21 Lewisham Spine project.

f) Circulation of Agendas and Minutes for Monthly Meetings.

Brian queried whether Cllr Ingleby, Josh Learner and other interested Councillors, currently receive these communications directly (rather than by actively picking them up from Facebook, LC website etc.). Tim replied that there was no direct circulation at the moment. It was agreed that it could be beneficial for them to receive these details directly if they wish.

Action: Tim to contact Councillors who attended the Annual Meeting to see if they wish to be on an email circulation of this information. And to add Josh and Mark to the circulation list.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be Wednesday 16th May at Lewisham Civic Centre.

Appendix A – Draft Budget for 2018-19

Lewisham Cyclists draft budget for April 2018 to March 2019						
Income						
Bank balance from end March 2018			1056			
Petty cash			8			
less debtor (Cycle Division for M&R consumables)			-156	908	Net cash at start	
Expected or estimated						
Main LCC grant - £200 block + 605 members x 30p each			381			
Donations ¹ (£500 - M&R and misc. + £300 ex Deptford Folk)			800			
Ride London, August 2018 - payment for feeder ride			180			
Bike jumble proceeds (as per 2017/18)			125	1486	Total estimated income	
				2394	Total available cash	
Expenditure (estimated)						
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics ¹ - (£485 in 2017/18 + 3%)			500			
Mend & Ride scheme - consumables re-stocking			500			
Major service of Cargo Bike			200			
Dr Bike costs at events (£557 in 2017/18 + 3%)			573	1773	Total estimated expenditure	
				621	Estimated total funds at end March 2019 : £	
<p>1. In 2017/18 some M&R mechanics fees were paid directly in cash from donations. These will be recorded separately in 2018/19. This will have the effect of raising both the donation and mechanic fees estimates given above by more-or-less the same amount with a consequent nil effect on the final net estimated balance of £621.</p> <p>2 . It is not expected that the £801 received in donations from the Deptford Folk organisation will be matched to the same level this year.</p>						