

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 18th July 2018 6.30pm

1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Roger Stocker, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Rik Andrew, Anne Fitchett.

Apologies: Matt Begg, Alex Raha, John Phillips, Brian Turpin, Josh Learner, Jeremy Doyle.

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

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

2016/2017 and 2017/2018 LIP spending. Mark is still waiting on information from Josh Learner. Roger suggested that we should raise a Freedom of Information enquiry to get this information. 2019/2020 LIP to be submitted in Oct 2018 to TfL. We emphasised that there should be provision in the LIP for Feasibility/Design Work on the Lewisham A21 Spine and associated Liveable Neighbourhoods. Josh aims to include this, but of course it will be subject to TfL approval.
Action: LC to arrange with Josh for a review of the LIP submission before it is sent to TfL. In the LIP discussion at the last meeting Roger queried which one way streets were being prioritised for one way to two way cycling conversion. Josh replied on 18th July: "We will be using your quick-win list, schemes from the new Lewisham Streets Commonplace map as well as commissioning a separate study to identify further one-way/two-way cycling conversions to implement."

b) **Catford Master Planning and 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 whole Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) have now been appointed – they are Studio Egret West and Carl Turner.

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: Mark to get us a contact at Studio Egret West and Carl Turner so we can send them the junction-assessment, including a link to the LCC Better Junctions layouts <https://lcc.org.uk/pages/better-junctions>. Also request a meeting for us with them to discuss the projected plans soon after.

c) **Lewisham Gateway (and other central Lewisham developments).**

Nothing to report on these developments this month.

Action: Brian to keep a watching brief on these developments.

d) **Discussion about introduction of additional LC Committee role(s) to spread workload.**

At our previous meeting it was suggested that there could be a Campaigns Coordinator with overall responsibility for campaigns (e.g. Cycle Superhighway, Liveable Neighbourhoods, Quietway and Planning applications) and communication (e.g. social media). This would help to ensure that nothing essential gets missed.

Brian and Jeremy have prepared a 'job description' for this role and a broader presentation on campaigning objectives and target stakeholder groups

Jeremy also suggested there should be a tracking database/spreadsheet to allow us to record the progress on our key campaigning objectives.

With a view to engaging more effectively with the local community it was also proposed that we should encourage local members to visit their local Ward Assemblies and give a brief presentation on our objectives. Each member could cover their three nearest assemblies, requiring seven members across the borough.

A Group meeting is being held on Monday August 13th at 7pm to discuss this further.

Action: Outstanding - Jane to prepare a presentation for LC representatives to take to their local Ward Assemblies.

e) **Planning for summer Councillors' visit to Waltham Forest (WF) to view a mini-Holland project.**

We are planning to run a Councillors' fact-finding trip up to WF soon.

Brian has prepared an outline of the proposed visit.

It has been agreed that we will invite all the Councillors and the Lewisham Mayor plus the Council Officers Alex Crush, Josh Learner and Simon Moss.

According to Paul Gasson from WF LCC, who will be guiding the trip, getting hire bikes is still an issue in their borough. He suggested using Brompton Dock who have locations in the borough e.g. <https://www.bromptonbikehire.com/docks/3124-london:walthamstowcentral>

Mark reported at this meeting that only Councillor Gibbons had definitely committed to the trip on the planned date of 4th August. Several showed an interest but said that this particular date was inconvenient for them. Mayor Egan also showed some interest in attending but again couldn't make this date. It was agreed to defer to September with Mark coming back to us asap with possible dates.

Action: Mark to inform us of possible dates asap so we can coordinate with Paul Gasson.

Action: Jane to inform Paul Gasson that the trip is deferred.

f) Catford Green to Doggett Road cycle and walking bridge (Section 106 funding from Catford Green development).

Tom Henry (LBL) replied on 17th July to Tim's email as follows: "The current position is that the cost of the bridge and associated works are beyond the available funding provision. In the current design, that received planning approval, ramps are not proposed. The Bridge was to be constructed by Barratt's but at this point the Council cannot require Barratt's to construct the footbridge themselves. A decision on the additional funding required to deliver the footbridge must now be carefully considered in the context of the regeneration plans for Catford. The development of the Catford Masterplan will inform upon key routes within transport connection areas and a public consultation in early 2019 may also inform whether the footbridge is still required for the purposes it was originally proposed."

Action: Tim to contact Tom Henry again to ask what the shortfall in funding is.

g) Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich)

Current schedule is:

Modelling to be complete in June 2018 and response in July 2018.

Detailed design to begin August 2018.

Project Build throughout 2019.

Jane contacted Osman Qayyum (TfL) on 17th July requesting a meeting to have a formal update on the project. Particularly for an update on the modelling results and the Lower Road section – which was missing from the original consultation.

Action: Mark. Rik requested that Mark ask Heidi Alexander whether LBL could commence work on construction of its section of CS4 in advance of the other sections which are still being debated e.g. the Lower Road section in Southwark.

h) A21 Lewisham Spine segregated lanes and Liveable Neighbourhoods project.

Mark has been working with Alex Crush and Cllr Dacres on preparing a letter for the Lewisham Mayor to send to the London Mayor pledging support for the A21 Spine project and encouraging TfL to commence work on it as a priority.

The scheme is not yet in TfL's Business Plan.

Funding for the Feasibility stage is also still an issue. Mark is still working on getting TfL to provide the funding for this.

Action: Mark to keep pushing the project forward.

i) Circulation of Agendas and Minutes for Monthly Meetings.

There is currently no direct circulation of Agendas and Minutes to local Councillors and we previously thought this could be a good idea for Councillors who had shown an interest in our activities e.g. by attending our Annual Meeting.

At the previous meeting Alex raised the issue of the Mail Chimp E-Bulletin and whether this was still actively generated. He is interested in re-activating it and this may be more appropriate to send to Councillors than Agendas and Minutes. If re-activating it, we may need to include reference to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which were effective from 25th May.

Action: LC to discuss at upcoming Communications meeting.

j) Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhood.

<https://deptfordparks.commonplace.is/about>

Roger raised a point that although this was a form of consultation it didn't appear on the Lewisham Consultation 'Hub'.

Tim contacted Josh about this point and he replied on 18th July that he would talk to the 'Communications Team' regarding doing this.

k) Tragic cyclist fatality in collision on Childers St (and two other recent cyclist fatalities in Greenwich).

After this tragic fatality, about which the exact circumstances are not known, there was a general feeling amongst attendees that Childers St is still not as safe as it should be for a busy Quietway route.

Jane wrote to Alexandra Crush/Josh Learner on 18th July to request speed monitoring on Childers St to check vehicle speeds and highlight where further speed restraint measures are needed.

Also to request a camera is set up to deter vehicles from illegally coming eastbound through the Rolt St closure.

Regarding the two tragic fatalities in Greenwich, on the main road between Greenwich and Woolwich, it was agreed that we would like to make a joint statement with Greenwich Cyclists emphasising that the plans for CS4 to be extended all the way to Woolwich should be taken forward as a top priority.

Jane wrote to Neil Robertson at Greenwich Cyclists on 17th July suggesting we agree a joint statement to send to the London Mayor/Greenwich Council/Len Duvall/Local MPs etc.

l) Prudential Ride London Freecycle Sat 28th July.

<https://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/events/freecycle/>

We will, as usual, be coordinating a feeder ride with an initial meeting point on the Waterlink Way near the blue iron bridge, behind Sainsbury's, Bell Green, Lower Sydenham, SE26 4PU at 10am.

There may be a further pickup point in Deptford – details to be finalised.

Jane is leading the ride with John, Tim and one or two other Marshals so far confirmed.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Action: Jane to finalise arrangements over next week.

m) Bellingham pedestrian bridge over Hayes railway line replacement works.

This bridge is currently being refurbished by Network Rail. We were hoping that the bridge was going to be replaced with a ramped cycle and disability accessible one in the near future e.g. as part of the Waterlink Way Quietway works.

Action: Jane to write to Josh to express our disappointment about this and suggest that Network Rail and LBL need to coordinate better over the issue of railway footbridges as they are a significant barrier to movement across the borough.

Also check if Josh has a Network Rail contact that we could coordinate with to ensure any other bridges they plan to improve are made fully accessible.

n) Quietway developments.

The LC Committee have been shown some of the designs for the two Quietway projects that are currently under development in Lewisham by (?) Sustrans: Kent House to Greenwich and Canada Water to Deptford; but these are currently not freely distributable.

Attendees at the meeting requested that we request that LBL release the latest designs for general appraisal.

Action: Tim to contact Josh regarding allowing general release of the designs. Also request information on progress on some critical unresolved sections e.g. Southend Lane.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Lewisham Commonplace Map <https://lewishamstreetsmap.commonplace.is/>

LBL have created this map to capture input across the whole borough about how people want to make their local streets healthier and better for walking, cycling and access to public transport.

Members are encouraged to input to this 'consultation' and to 'agree' with positive cycle related improvements. We will post the following 1) Ideas on one way to two way cycling conversions 2)

Suggested filters to reduce through traffic 3) A21 Spine segregated lanes.

Action: LC to post this information.

b) Cycle Parking on CS4.

Josh recently told us that the TfL project team had requested that we provide input on suitable cycle parking locations along CS4. Tim made an interim reply: "I'll check with the group at the next meeting, but essentially we would want to see as much parking as possible provided, particularly at locations that are typical cycling destinations e.g. pubs, stations, shops, restaurants, cafes, community centres, workplaces, parks.... Generally simple Sheffield stands are fine, located in visible and readily accessible locations."

When discussed at this meeting the statement seemed to pretty much cover people's thoughts on the issue.

- c) **Planning Application DC/18/107698 CONVOYS LTD, PRINCE STREET, LONDON, SE8 3JH**
<https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 95605>

We had a brief discussion about this planning application – the first of the buildings to be constructed on the wider Convoys Wharf development. Points that came up were as follows 1) Given that there is a commitment to extend the Thames walking and cycling path through the development – how soon will that be open? 2) Is the amount of car parking sustainable in an area which already suffers serious congestion and rat-running issues? 3) Is docked, or dockless, cycle hire part of the transport planning as all the rail/underground stations are some distance away from the development? 4) Is the building's Cycle Parking readily accessible and properly secure? 5) Will building materials be conveyed predominantly by river to reduce the number of hazardous HGV movements?

Action: LC to make a group response to the planning application.

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

a) **Cycle Policy Formal Review Meeting.**

The approved Lewisham Cycling Policy included provision for a periodic Formal Review with Stakeholders on the progress against the policy.

Action: LC/Mark to formally request Simon Moss to convene this meeting for e.g. October so LBL Officers can present progress against the policy targets and we can feedback our views likewise.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th August at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.