

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 17th October 2018 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Anna Schulenburg, Cllr Louise Krupski (Rushey Green Ward, LBL Clean Air Champion), Richard Freeston, Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, Matt Begg, Ian Welsby, Jeremy Doyle.

Apologies: John Phillips, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Roger Stocker, Alex Raha.

- 2) **Presentation on LC campaigning strategies, communications and organisation structure by Jeremy Doyle and Brian Turpin.**

We had a very interesting group discussion for around an hour while working through this presentation from Jeremy and Brian. The overall presentation, plus the draft of a presentation for members to give at other Stakeholder meetings e.g. local Ward Assemblies, are here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/i0rv770yuqp7969/AAAT9dXJVAH6PxVkd6BI2Vksa?dl=0>

The attendees agreed that we should adapt future monthly meetings to be more participative and less focused on detailed infrastructure considerations, pivoting our focus towards community based actions. Infrastructure will still feature, but detailed discussions should take place in work-groups outside the monthly meeting. Actions from previous meetings could also be dealt with in a pre-meeting. The intention is that this will enable more members to engage on issues relevant to their communities, thus broadening our support.

Another suggestion was to periodically make meetings 'themed' and maybe invite an external speaker, holding the meeting in a different, more sociable, venue e.g. a cafe. Considering trialling this for the Feb 2019 meeting.

Action: Jeremy and Brian – distribute notes on the main points in the discussion and other conclusions drawn.

- 3) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**

- a) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP3) – consultation (closes 24th October).**

The 2019-2041 LIP3 programme was presented to the Mayor and Cabinet on 20th September for approval. There is now a short public consultation period:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lip>

Action: Tim to collate members' comments and prepare an LC response to the consultation.

- b) **Catford Master Planning and A205/A21 junction redesign.**

The 'Master Planners' for the whole Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) have now been appointed – they are Studio Egret West and Carl Turner.

Action: Outstanding - 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> and to request a meeting with them, including LC representatives, to discuss the projected plans.

Action: LC representatives to attend the Sustainable Development Committee meetings on 29th October or 12th December at one of which the Planners are scheduled to present plans – check Agendas beforehand.

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

The Lewisham commonplace map contained a range of comments on Lewisham Gateway that are worth considering in future campaigns.

Last month Brian Turpin composed a letter re the Gateway to be sent to Will Norman. Jane emailed the letter on 17th October. See the letter here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Lewisham-Gateway-letter-20181017.pdf>

Cllr Bill Brown (Ladywell Ward) has contacted us regarding campaigning on improvements to Gateway to benefit pedestrians and cyclists. He is meeting with Council Officers soon and wishes to meet with LC representatives soon after that.

Action: Tim to organise a meeting with Cllr Bill Brown.

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

- d) **Summer Councillors' visit to Waltham Forest (WF) to view a mini-Holland project.**

This fact-finding trip took place on the morning of Saturday 15th September (see September Meeting Minutes for details).

Action: Jane to prepare a special update for members on this visit. To be sent out via eBulletin.

e) **Recent tragic cyclist fatalities along the proposed route of CS4 between Tower Bridge and Woolwich.**

Action: Outstanding - Jane and Neil Robertson (Greenwich LC Coordinator) to agree a joint statement to send to the London Mayor/Greenwich Council/Len Duvall/Local MPs etc.

f) **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.

Jane emailed Josh on 17th October to ask if he has access to any indicative costings for such a bridge for future reference.

g) **Quietway developments.**

The upgrade of LCN22 (Peckham to Catford) to a Quietway is still apparently being worked on in Southwark, while a few modest improvements e.g. resurfacing, seem to be the sum total of what is planned for the Lewisham section.

On the Lewisham/Southwark border Eddystone Bridge and St Norbert Rd junction with Brockley Way are both unsatisfactory for a Quietway as they stand.

Jane contacted Lucia Quenya at Southwark Cyclists to establish if these sections are included in Southwark Council's work plan. He replied that the St Norberts Rd junction is included in Southwark's scope and he will forward us the plans when they are formally released.

h) **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>

At a previous meeting 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: Outstanding - LC to make a group response to the planning application.

Jane emailed Josh on 17th October to ask if he has a general view on the area-wide impacts of the Convoy's Wharf development and the cycling related elements in particular.

i) **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. LBL Officers to present progress against the policy targets and Stakeholders having the opportunity to feedback their views likewise.

Action: Outstanding. Mark to put this on the agenda for the Sustainable Development Committee with a view to the Formal Review taking place in the January Committee meeting.

j) **LBL Parks & Open Spaces Consultation (closes 28th Oct).**

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/environment/newparks/>

Tim posted this up on Facebook and eList for member's comments.

Action: LC to prepare a group response based on comments received.

k) **Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood Steering Group – nomination of LC representative.**

Tim has informed Deptford Folk that Jane will be our representative on this Steering Group. Jane reported that they hadn't convened any Steering Group meetings yet.

l) **Lewisham Youth Cycling Club proposal.**

Neville Fernandes proposed the idea of establishing a Cycling Club in Central Lewisham, maybe based in the Ladywell Arena. Modelled along the lines of Bigfoot Bromley where kids are trained in various styles of cycling from the age of 5 years onwards. Other potential locations that could be utilised are Herne Hill Velodrome, Forster Memorial Park and Beckenham Park BMX track.

Neville apparently attended the Beckenham Place Park Events and Activities Forum meeting on Tuesday 2nd to present his proposal. Jane was unable to make the meeting at short notice but has asked to be kept in the loop on future developments.

m) **Catford Green development.**

Despite the planning application apparently showing on-street cycle parking none has yet been

installed.

Action: Outstanding. Jane to email Josh and ask if Barratt have satisfied their planning obligations in terms of on-street visitor cycle parking.

4) Other issues & projects:

- a) **Lewisham Local Implementation Plan 2019 - 2041 (LIP3). Consultation (closes 24th October).**
See item 3a) above.
- b) **Tragic death of cyclist Peter Harris at Evelyn St. Again along the proposed Cycle Superhighway 4 route.**
See item 3f) above.

1) A.O.B.

a) School Super Zone.

Cllr Louise Krupski informed us that Lewisham plan to trial the Public Health England (PHE) initiative of a School Super Zone. Summarised in this PHE blog:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2018/07/04/an-update-on-the-london-devolution-memorandum/>

“Healthy urban environments around schools. London partners will be piloting ways to improve the environment around schools by focusing on areas around schools, developing 400m ‘super zones’ where the food environment, advertising, gambling, smoking and air quality will be tackled to give children a much healthier environment to learn and live in. We will be actively supporting pilots in areas with the greatest inequalities.”

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st November at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.