

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 20th March 2019 at 6.30pm

Present: Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, Matt Begg, Cllr Mark Ingleby (part), Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Timo Tatzell, Iliana Koutsou, Anna Schulenberg, Cllr Louise Krupski (part)

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Roger Stocker

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

School Superzone working session:

- Louise introduced this discussion topic as a public health initiative aimed at the most deprived schools. Lewisham has chosen two pilots based on overall health indicators, obesity and nutrition, air quality, active transport and public realm safety and design. Haseltine School adjacent to the Bell Green gyratory junction in Lower Sydenham has carried out a comprehensive audit of these characteristics in a 10 minute walking zone. The meeting formed two groups and assessed the catchment area for how best to improve the safety of children walking or cycling to school, and how to reduce the pollution, congestion and safety hazards of the busy traffic that blights this school. Many options were discussed including
- Closing Haseltine Road and the Bell Green Lane spur completely to allow filtered permeability
- Partial closures of the above at start and finish times in keeping with School Streets
- Closure of Stanton Way and two way operations along Southend Lane
- Improved cycle crossing of Southend Lane on Waterlink Way (already scheduled as Quietway improvement) and cycle lane along Southend Lane from Railway PH to school
- Restricted parking by/near school & enhanced enforcement
- Enhanced use of green space in Bell Green Lane at Southend Lane end
- Agreed to contact school governors (Anna), school (Jane/Brian), Sydenham Soc (Alex) to offer support, and seek advice from Mums for Lungs. Further ideas submitted by Rik post meeting to inform future discussions alongside above.

Topical Items:

- **Lewisham Gateway** - Brian, Alex & Jane attended a meeting with TfL to discuss the Road Safety Audit (RSA) Stage 3 review. This reviews the existing junction rather than a more structural overhaul along modern design thinking. However, despite this, the meeting was positive and there was acceptance that the current design is effectively an old and outdated model. We will prepare a short term list of dangerous aspects to be urgently addressed, plus a long term analysis of the need to re-design the Lewisham "H" under TfL's dangerous junction programme. We are having a follow up meeting in the next month or so and will also be shown the RSA stage 4 due out later this year. We feel it is crucial to maintain dialogue with TfL, and continue to press for a structural review.
- **Lewisham Cyclists Member Communications** - website navigation has been simplified and the home page de-cluttered by Anna. However the priority is to improve our communications with activities such as the newsletter which should be e-mailable, and encourage feedback. It will focus on our community events, rides and workshops, and campaigning issues. Produced quarterly also to time with the LCC mail out. This will

encourage members to contact us, and local councillors on issues, and help promote our agenda. Thanks to Anna for her ongoing work on this, and getting to grips with Civi software for the e-mail outs. Editorial and copy support will also be needed.

- **Bromley Council Shortlands Liveable Neighbourhood** - Alex fed back on this bid from Bromley which is available on Bromley Cyclists and Sustrans web sites. The bid includes re-configuration of the road junction and access to Shortlands Station and a cycle hub. Other local junctions are also to be calmed and made safer for active transport. There will be a consultation for local and regional stakeholders which we will input in due course.
- **Annual Meeting planning** (now scheduled for 15 May) - Jane is chasing various potential speakers including Rachel Aldred, Lucy Saunders, Heidi Alexander, Cllr Brenda Dacres and Will Norman. Mark supported Heidi Alexander as this would be a good opportunity to re-visit our aims for the A21 spine project.
- **Update from Cycling Champion:**
 - **Catford Master Plan** - Mark will aim to include our representatives at a future design team meeting likely on 3rd June to check any progress and re-iterate need for the cantilevered bridge amongst other aspects
 - **Grove Park/Railway Children Walk** - the 'kissing' gates are due to be removed; £25k has been awarded from a pocket parks fund which will help with the project and a community celebration on National Parks Day on 20 July. Potential to tie in with a Borough wide parks ride.
- **Projects & Community Activity feedback:**
 - Matt informed there had been a disturbing accident in Canadian Avenue resulting in a car demolishing the boundary wall of his property. Agreed that he would build support from neighbours to filter the road from rat running fast moving traffic, and contact Cllr Krupski to raise this proposal at a forthcoming Rushey Green Assembly.
 - Alex reported he was considering a Volunteers Event for the summer, all interested in supporting to contact him.
 - He also reported the Met Police are looking for volunteers to support the neighbourhood speed-watch patrols.
- **Important links for members to review and where appropriate respond:**
 - Shortlands Village Liveable Neighbourhood
 - <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/news/sustrans-works-bromley-secure-multi-million-pound-funding-package-liveable-neighbourhood>

Meeting ended around 8.15pm.

Next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th April at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

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