

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 17th July 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Michael Barratt, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Aisling Gallagher, Cllr James Rathbone, Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, Matt Begg, Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Iliana Koutsou; Roger Stocker.

Apologies: Jane Davis (Coordinator).

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Iliana gave a brief tribute to Jane's sterling work over the years on promoting and enabling cycling for all, particularly her commitment to making cycling accessible to everyone notwithstanding age, social background, gender, ethnicity or disability. This has recently been recognised in her being named as one of Cycling UK's 100 Women for 2019. We all signed a celebratory card for Jane which Brian will pass on to Jane (as she was not at the meeting).

- Presentation by Michael Barratt (TfL Development Impact Assessment Lead) 'Barriers to Accessibility' - addressing accessibility issues during construction of new Cycleways. Presentation followed by a short Q&A session.

This was a very interesting presentation and particularly relevant with the Cycleway 4 (C4) construction starting soon in the north of the borough - the 'Tier 1' ride-over for C4 will take place fairly soon. Michael's presentation is here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/gx2y5yal1qerd8x/Barriers%20to%20accessibility%20Lewisham%20CC.pptx?dl=0>

Michael also pointed us to the 'Temporary Traffic Management handbook' which is relevant to all construction projects across London e.g. Convoys Wharf. You can find the document here:

<https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/suppliers-and-contractors/health-safety-and-environment/traffic-management>

Michael also mentioned that he is endeavouring to promote cargo bikes for use in construction projects. Anyone who is interested in being involved in this please contact us and we'll pass your details onto Michael.

- Topical Items
 - LC summer major events: Two rides to Beckenham Place Park - see summer community activities below (20th July); RideLondon Freecycle (3rd August) etc.
 - Mike volunteered to marshal for Freecycle.
 - Lewisham and Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood scheme.
 - James reported that there had been a very enthusiastic response to the consultation with the bulk of the > 1000 responses wanting a reduction in motorised traffic and improved facilities for active travel modes. The consultation has been extended to 26th July as part of the area is in Greenwich and they needed a bit more time to prepare their consultation.
 - It's anticipated that the Councillors and Officers will meet in September to review the proposed measures. After this there will be some discussion with the local community steering group, but it is not planned to formally consult again before introducing these experimental measures.
 - East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood scheme.

- The consultation on this area is now open (see links below) and members are encouraged to respond. This will be discussed in more detail at the next LC monthly meeting.
 - South Row/Kidbrooke Park Gardens (KPG) - Quietway 1 extension high vehicle flows.
 - LC representatives recently attended an onsite meeting with Greenwich and Lewisham councillors regarding this issue. A petition requesting further measures to reduce motorised vehicle flow in KPG has been organised by KPG residents and has received good support. The petition is being presented to Greenwich Council this week.
 - LBL one way to two way cycling conversion plans overview.
 - Josh recently provided us with a report prepared by Waterman consultants on potential conversions. The report concentrated on 23 one-way roads in the Healthy Neighbourhood areas of Lewisham/Lee Green, Sydenham East and Telegraph Hill. All roads were considered suitable for conversion most with simple road markings and entry signage; where traffic volumes are higher additional signage and road markings are proposed.
 - Five 'Quick win' roads in the Lewisham/Lee Green 'cell' were identified - Millbank Way, Leyland Road (North and South sections), Leahurst Road and Pascoe Road.
 - Tim to check with Josh what the next steps are on these conversions.
 - School Superzones project.
 - Louise reported that this project has been fairly quiet recently. She has recently forwarded on our proposals for traffic reduction measures and improved active travel accessibility for Haseltine School to the relevant people in LBL.
- Update from Cycling Champion
 - Mark briefly attended the meeting to finalise the arrangements for the Heritage Trail/Beckenham Place Park ride for Sat 20th July.
 - He also suggested that September would be an appropriate time for LC to again meet with the Catford Masterplanners.
 - He agreed to feedback to us on his latest meeting with the Catford Masterplanners.
 - Also provide us with details of the A21 Spine 'Outcome Definition' document recently prepared by TfL.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback
 - Summary of summer community activities (see below for details)
 - Iliana to contact Jane to ask where she needs volunteers to help out with these events.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Louise raised the Lewisham Parking Consultation and encouraged us all to respond. Her view was that the proposed parking fees were too low - cheaper to take a car than go by bus! Also should not be a flat rate across the borough as there should be the option to charge higher rates where congestion/pollution was higher. Alex is preparing a response for LC.

- Iliana suggested we run a ride to central London on Sunday Sept 22nd for London Car Free Day as many roads will be closed. This was agreed.
- Roger has tabled five questions to Full Council for next week's meeting. These include:
 - LIP funding outcome, and breakdown of expenditure, for last three years.
 - Crofton Park public realm scheme.
 - Collision data for Catford Broadway as the council are apparently planning to ban cycling there - on what evidence?
- Matt mentioned that it would be good for the group's promotion if we had LC T Shirts, caps etc. for use at events. Alex said he would look into the potential costs for a run of T Shirts.
- Tim mentioned the proposed New Cross Gate Sainbury's site redevelopment which is currently in a community engagement phase, not yet in formal planning (see consultation link below).
 - Concerns were expressed about the scale of the development and whether it protects the site for the proposed Bakerloo Station.
 - Also in the New Cross Framework there was a proposed east-west cycle route through this area with a new bridge across the railway - we need to investigate if this is protected or not?
- Useful links and information
 - Lewisham and Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood consultation (closes Fri 26th July):
<https://www.streetbuilder.io/lewishamandleegreen>
 Lewisham Cyclists' response to the consultation is here:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Lewisham-Lee-Green-Healthy-Neighbourhood-consultation-response.pdf>
 - East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood (closes Sun 1st Sept).
<https://streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham>
 - Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood consultation (closing soon):
<https://deptfordparksproposals.commonplace.is/overview/>
 Lewisham Cyclists' response to the consultation is here:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/DPLN-consultation-response-v3.pdf>
 - Lewisham Parking Consultation (closes Fri 26th July).
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/public-services/new-parking-policy/>
 - Details of summer community activities (some dates are provisional)
 - Sat 13th July: Scouts Dr Bike Breakspears Rd.
 - Sat 20th July: City Parks Event. Dr Bike in Deptford Park 10am till 2pm. Ride to Beckenham Place Park leaves 1.30pm.
 - Sat 20th July: Literary Heritage Trail (Railway Children Walk) ride to Beckenham Place Park. Leaves Grove Park at 11.30am.
 - Mon 22nd July: Mulberry Ride from Sayes Court Park 6pm.
 - Tue 23rd July: First Woodpecker session.
 - Thu 25th July: Dr Bike in Pepys Park 10am till 2pm.
 - Tue 30th July: Second BAB at Woodpecker.
 - Tue 6th August: Third BAB at Woodpecker.
 - Wed 7th August: Bike fix at Riverside 4pm till 7pm.
 - Thu 8th August: Rideout to Surrey Docks Farm.

- Wed 14th August: Bike skills at Riverside.
- Wed 21st August: Rideout from Riverside.
- New Cross Sainsbury's Re-development (consultation closes Fri 19th July 5pm)
<http://www.nxgproject.mountanvil.com/>

Meeting ended around 8.30pm.

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

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