

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 21st August 2019 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Matt Begg, Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Iliana Koutsou; Jamie Luke.

Apologies: Cllr Louise Krupski, Brian Turpin.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items

- London Car Free Day (22nd September).

The Nature Reserve Community Group at Eddystone Road railway bridge are having a road closure and hosting a mini festival (10.30am to 5pm). Jane has arranged a mechanic to run a Dr Bike (12pm to 4pm).

LC previously discussed running a feeder ride to central London where many roads are closed. At this meeting it was agreed to run a feeder ride leaving Glass Mill at 9.30am meet for 10am departure. Up to London via Quietway 1. Return around 2pm via Peckham to end at Eddystone Road.

- Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf ferry proposal. Interim proposal now that development of the Rotherhithe walking and cycling bridge is on hold due to the planned cost exceeding TfL budget provisions.

Tim is attending a TfL meeting on 3rd September to discuss how this ferry can be made attractive to users. Any ideas welcome e.g. fast loading, frequent, 24/7, quick, free of charge, no queuing...

- East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood scheme (see link below).

Members are encouraged to attend upcoming local consultation meetings and workshops to support proposals to remove unnecessary through traffic from these residential areas.

Alex is going to upload details of the scheme to Cyclescape and prepare a draft LC response. Also reach out to local community groups to get their views e.g. Sydenham Society.

- GTR (Govia Thameslink Railway) and TfL Cycle Parking funds.

GTR are providing funding of £300K to enhance accessibility e.g. cycle parking, routes to stations, at their stations in Lewisham (Crofton Park, Catford, Bellingham, Beckenham Hill, Deptford). LC submitted ideas to Josh Learner who is collating the Lewisham response.

TfL. The London Mayor is funding an initiative to get at least 20 cycle parking spaces (or more if current capacity is full) within 50m of all London stations. LC submitted ideas to Josh Learner who is collating the Lewisham response.

Josh also told us recently that Lewisham have secured £50K S106 funding from the 'Carpetright' development to develop a secure bike hub opposite Glass Mill Centre in one of the railway arches. Josh has commissioned CycleHoop to design the facility.

- Prince St experimental point closure.

This road in Deptford (outside the Dog and Bell public house) is being closed by Lewisham for six months with an Experimental Traffic Order. This is a bad rat-

run and is part of the Thames Path/Cycle Route. The council's intention is to ultimately make the traffic order permanent.

- LCN22 signage ride-over.
The signage checks have been documented and passed over to Josh for signs to be designed and fabricated. LC are waiting for a successful outcome to the re-signage before initiating further route audits.
- Le May Avenue/Marvels Lane TRO.
Alex responded to this TRO on behalf of LC. Main objection was that there were too many speed cushions, as opposed to cycle friendly sinusoidal humps. The improvements were part-funded by TfL buses so the speed cushions are used on all the bus routes. Other elements in the overall speed calming measures are long overdue in the area.
- Review of Rotherhithe Movement Plan - Lower Road Two-Way streets and Cycleway 4
 - We broke into two groups and reviewed the plans for Cycleway 4 along Lower Road and through Surrey Quays.
One of the main issues identified with the plans is the apparent breaking of some of the useful cross-linking cycle routes that currently exist e.g. Oldfield Grove, Hothfield Place.
Over the next month or so we will be reviewing the plans, looking at the Southwark Cyclists template response and the CycleScape thread before preparing a Lewisham Cyclists response. We anticipate that our response will be very supportive with some local reservations. We will welcome any comments from members via email or CycleScape.
- Update from Cycling Champion (Cllr Mark Ingleby)
 - A21 Outcome Definition Study has not yet been published. Mark will make sure we see it as soon as it is released.
 - Catford Masterplan. Mark is still aiming to arrange a progress meeting between LC and the Masterplanners in September.
 - Railway Children Walk. Power Networks works have been delayed so subsequent improvements to the path have not yet taken place. Some additional 'Small Parks' funding has also recently been secured for this path.
 - Perry Vale area improved access to the Waterlink Way via Vancouver Rd. Mark has visited with Judith and talked to Lewisham Homes. Lewisham Homes have no objection to the plans provided the local residents are in favour. NCIL funds from the Local Assembly is the probable source of funding for the works.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback
 - As the result of an unresolved dispute with the Ringway Centre LC will no longer be holding Mend'n'Ride sessions at that location. Our tools and spares have been recently retrieved. We are now looking for an alternative location and have had some preliminary discussions with Youth First who have suggested Ladywell Fields Middle Park near the Adventure Playground as a possible site.
- Attendees News & Views
 - We are still hoping to set up a meeting soon with Cllr Dacres. It was agreed to come back to this at the beginning of September when the holiday period is over.
- Useful links and information

- Rotherhithe Movement Plan - Lower Road Two-Way streets and Cycleway 4 Southwark consultation (closes 4th October):
<https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/lower-road/>
 Detailed plans:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HFwVOkRPvTYxXIRdWatq7Bb6zIBnn2DY>
 More detailed plans:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/183r5fK_cmKbpjsnC8pmwsxuBXOSkVGuW
- East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood (closes 1st September):
<https://streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham>
- Mount Anvil New Cross Gate development consultation (closed):
<http://www.nxgproject.mountanvil.com/>
 Lewisham Cyclists' response:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Mount-Anvil-New-Cross-Gate-Project-consultation-response.pdf>
- Lewisham Parking consultation (closed):
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/public-services/new-parking-policy/>
 Lewisham Cyclists' response:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/LC-Parking-Consultation-response.pdf>

Meeting ended around 8.10pm.

Next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

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