

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 18th September 2019 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Josh Learner, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Aisling Gallagher, Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Matt Begg, Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Iliana Koutsou, Roger Stocker.

Apologies: Jane Davis (Coordinator), Anna Schulenberg, Cllr Sophie McGeevor.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Update from Josh Learner (Lewisham Borough Walking & Cycling Programme Manager)
 - A21 Spine Segregated Cycle Route Project. A route walk has taken place with TfL Engineers to review the junctions on the route from Deptford to Downham. The conclusions from this will be fed into the Outcome Definition report, the first draft of which is due in autumn. Josh will share this with LC subject to appropriate confidentiality conditions.
 - Healthy Neighbourhoods (Lee Green & Lewisham/East Sydenham). First experimental road closures expected to be implemented in October/November.
 - TfL are taking a further look at developing a main road based cycle route from Oval to Greenwich. Now known as FR14 (previously known as CS5 and was planned to go to Lewisham). Would involve a major rework of the Deptford Bridge road junction.
 - Cycleway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich). Construction has started on the Jamaica Road section. The next section to be worked on will be the Greenwich section. Lewisham and Lower Road (Southwark) sections are planned to be started in April 2020.
 - Southend Lane crossing on Waterlink Way. Detailed design is now being performed on the signalised crossing. However Waterman Consultants have recently been retained by the council to perform a study across the Bell Green development area which may impact this scheme, the gyratory and the Worsley Bridge road junction.
 - The council are about to submit a bid for £150K to TfL for additional cycle parking. Priority is being given to stations and additional bike hangars (x50) for the two initial Healthy Neighbourhoods areas.
 - Phase 4 of the LIP funded cycle hangars roll-out is being delivered this month. 13 more to add to the 37 already deployed.
 - Deptford Park Liveable Neighbourhood. Local engagement has now finished. The final plans are expected to go out for formal public consultation on October 29th. Where the Canal Approach route passes under Evelyn St it is planned to raise the obstructing Thames Water main by 1m and dig down a bit to create enough headroom for walkers and cyclists.
 - Prince St (Deptford) large planters are being installed on Friday 20th September to ensure the 6 month experimental road closure is effective in preventing rat-running vehicles.
 - New Waterlink Way river bridge, to replace existing narrow wooden bridge about half a mile south of Catford. This will be made of fibre reinforced plastic, flat and 3m wide. Targeted installation date is February 2020.

- Way-finding on LCN routes. Josh is going to chase Conway regarding preparation of the new signage for LCN route 22 after the LC audit a couple of months ago. Tim asked if we would also be allowed to install stick-on signs on lampposts etc to aid way-finding as the Sustrans Rangers do on NCN 21 (Waterlink Way). Josh said that should be OK and we can contact Becka at Sustrans to commission the preparation of the signs, which could then be invoiced to LBL.
- Topical Items
 - London Car Free Day (22nd September) events.
27 streets closing in Lewisham - a list can be found on the Lewisham Council website.
Other Clean Air related meetings -
'Catford Clean Air' 2pm Sat 28th Sept at Corbett Library. Louise attending this and would appreciate support.
'Clean Air for SE23' Sat 28th Sept. Jane was going to attend one of their meetings.
LC are running a feeder ride to the central London road closures leaving central Lewisham (Glass Mills) at 10am on Sunday 22nd Sept.
 - Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf ferry proposal.
Tim attended an informal briefing for cycling groups at TfL on Tues 17th Sept. As the Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf cycling and walking bridge is 'paused' due to the costs exceeding the reserved budget, TfL are now looking at an interim scheme to provide a fast ferry link for pedestrians and cyclists.
The plans are in the early stages of development so the ideas below are very much provisional.
Three boats at peak times with 3 to 5 mins crossing times depending on chosen pier locations.
Aiming for maximum 5 mins waiting time at peak times.
Operational hours 0600hrs to 0000hrs.
Issue with ramp gradients. 7m tidal range means at lowest tide it is difficult to keep within Disability Accessibility limits and useable gradient for all ability cycling.
Issue with free to use or nominal charge for use. Attendees all agreed must be free. TfL have not yet made a final decision on this.
Project appears to have high level commitment with a public announcement of outline plans and timetable anticipated for late October 2019.
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Local Assembly priority definition.
A portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) on new developments has been reserved for ward based projects. The distribution of the monies to the wards will follow a formula based on the amount of scheduled development in the ward/deprivation index with a minimum amount to ensure all wards have some funds. There is a commonplace map online now for people to mark priorities for their wards (see link below) with these priorities needing to be recorded before 21st October. Once the priorities are set community organisations will be able to bid for funds for projects that meet those priorities in a ward/across wards.
We will aim to set active travel/sustainable transport priorities in all wards

across the borough and encourage members to do the same in their wards. We will also be contacting local community groups with interests in active travel to encourage them to do the same.

There will also be a larger central CIL pot to be managed by the council which will be used for significant infrastructure and other improvements to mitigate the impact of new developments.

- Update from Cycling Champion (Cllr Mark Ingleby)
 - Catford Masterplan. The Master Plan will indicate the position of the new road but not necessarily the detailed designs for it.
TfL have submitted a £40M bid to DfT (£10M contribution from TfL) for the removal of the gyratory. Cycle safety and bus priority are elements in the bid but with recognition that the road is part of the strategic distribution network. TfL modelling results for the new design is expected in Jan 2020.
 - Railway Children Walk. Power Networks works are starting soon. The widened path from Reigate Rd to the railway bridge, with improved sightlines, should be complete before Xmas.
 - Perry Vale area improved access to the Waterlink Way via Vineyard Close. Improvement of Elm Lane. NCIL funds from the Local Assembly looks like the best potential source of funding for these works.
- Update from Treasurer (see Appendix A)
 - Jane's reimbursement for cargo bike repair costs. It was agreed that LC should reimburse Jane for the whole amount, rather than 2/3 as planned. Some of this repayment may have to be deferred to next year for cash flow reasons.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback
 - LC will be assisting Cllr Octavia Holland (Lee Green Ward) in running a local family ride before school on Friday 20th Sept in the Hither Green area.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Review of Rotherhithe Movement Plan - Lower Road Two-Way streets and Cycleway 4
Alex has met with Sean Howes (Southwark Cyclists Infrastructure Lead) to review these plans and feedback LC's views to him. Alex has now prepared a response for LC along similar lines to the Southwark Cyclists one.
 - Cllr Brenda Dacres (Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport). We are now hoping to have an introductory meeting with Cllr Dacres on Tues 24th Sept in the afternoon.
- 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/1HFwVOkRPvTYxXIRdwtq7Bb6zIBnn2DY>
More detailed plans:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/183r5fK_cmKbpjsnC8pmwsxuBXOSkVGUw

- East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood:
<https://streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham>
- Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) (closes 21st October)
<https://lewishamlocalassemblies.commonplace.is>

Meeting ended around 8.20pm.

Next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th October at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

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Appendix A - Treasurer's Budgetary Update

Lewisham Cyclists - Quarterly Treasurer's report

As can be seen from the attached ongoing budget it's estimated that although we'll still be solvent with an estimated surplus of near £600 come March 2020 year we'll still be considerably down from our brought forward surplus of some £2750 at the beginning of the current year in April.

Even after allowing for the one-off cargo bike cost we'll have effectively spent around £1000 more this year than our income. That has been possible due to the useful surplus brought forward from 2018/19 which came about as a result of above-average grant and donation receipts during that period.

So to summarise - and if the ongoing budget estimates are reasonably accurate - over the next eighteen months between now and March 2021 we will probably have to reduce our current level of activities and consequent expenditure or find additional sources of income.

John Phillips

11 September

Lewisham Cyclists Main Account ongoing budget for 2019/20 as at 11th September										
Income										
Received to date										
Bank balance from end March 2019								2794		
Donations								338		
Bike jumble								69		
Main LCC grant- £200 block + 634 members at 30p each								390		
Deptford Folk reimbursement (Note 1)								522	total rec'd to date > 4113	
Estimated or expected										
Donations September to March								400		
Ride London - payment for feeder ride								180		
Deptford Folk further reimbursement								481		
								5174		
								Total actual + estimated income		
Expenditure										
Paid to date										
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees								180		
Deptford Folk & 2nd Sunday (Note 1)								1003		
Event costs: Crofton Pk.,Hilly Flds.,Abbotshall, Blythe Hill,Ladywell								1192		
Van hire for equipment removal from Grove Park								25	total paid to date > 2400	
Expected or estimated										
Re-imburement due to Jane Davis re. cargo bike repair (Note 2)								1037		
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees Sept. to March 7 x £80								560		
Mend & Ride scheme - consumables restocking								200		
Further mechanic costs at events								400		
								4597		
								Total actual + estimated expenditure		
								Estimated balance at end March 2020	577	current bank bal'ce > 1713
Notes										
1) We will continue to make payments for mechanic services at Deptford Folk but that organisation always reimburses us in full and usually adds a further amount as a donation. Their current indebtedness to us is £481 (£1003 - £522)										
2) The replacement electric motor for the cargo bike came in at £1555. Jane made immediate payment for this from her own funds and indicated that she wished to bear some of the cost. After some negotiation it was agreed that we (LC) would re-imburse her for 2/3rds of the cost i.e. £1037.										
3) The recently-opened Grant Account currently has a balance of £3345 - £3960 initial deposit less payments for Riverside and Woodpecker youth club events and a Pepys Park Dr. Bike. It is understood by the terms of the grant that these monies are restricted to activities in the Deptford area only.										