

## **Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)**

**held at Lewisham Council Civic Centre, Catford**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014 6.30pm**

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha, Brian Turpin, Danielle Toyer, Chris Mahon, David Mill.  
**Apologies:** Ian Welsby, Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker.
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:
  - a) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP) spending plans 2014.**

Tim has requested a breakdown of where the monies are/have been spent from Nick Harvey at LBL (London Borough of Lewisham). Nick has indicated that he is waiting on information from others within LBL before he can provide this information.
  - b) **Utility works pre-notifications.**

Jane has asked Bill Tarplett at LBL if LC could be pre-notified by e.g. email, if Utility works are going to impact cycle routes. Bill seems to be 'prevaricating' on this...
  - c) **LBL 20MPH borough-wide plans.**

Clare Griffiths asked a question at Lewisham's first full council meeting since the elections on the plans and timetable for implementation of the borough-wide 20mph zone.  
She received the following response: "A detailed project plan and timetable for the implementation of a borough wide 20mph zone is being developed and will be presented to Mayor & Cabinet in November 2014."  
She will be following this up in November to confirm the details of the plan and timetable.  
We will also be keeping tabs on these proposals.
  - d) **Cycle parking provision.**

Nick has indicated that he is waiting on information from others within LBL before he can provide details of the best way to communicate new requirements to LBL.
  - e) **'Cycling Champion' councillor.**

At the last meeting we discussed if LBL should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Everyone agreed this would be a good idea and suggested Jane should approach Joe Dromey and Mark Ingleby to see if they could fulfil that role. Jane has contacted them and is waiting for a response.
- 3) **Space4Cycling (S4C) Campaign**

The meeting discussed LC's interaction with Local Assemblies at some length. Brian highlighted that as a Group we had made positive contacts with several Assemblies e.g. Lee Green, Blackheath, Perry Vale and New Cross. However, given our limited resources we need to:

  - a) Tie up discussions, or continue involvement if likely to be productive, with already contacted Assemblies – important to not just leave the ideas 'hanging'. Also make sure they know how to contact LC if needs be.
  - b) Find a way to keep track of when Assemblies in the future are working up projects that may include a cycling element, so we can be involved to provide guidance or influence the direction. Either via LC Members attending Assemblies or maybe via feedback from Councillors chairing the Assemblies.

Action: For further discussion in the Group and maybe at the AGM.

Last meeting it was agreed that we should put together a list of the major potential Lewisham cycling projects and create a 'Survey Monkey' for completion by members to assess which issues people felt we should focus campaigning on. Typical issues that may be included are:

- a) Trundleys road junction.
- b) Catford Town Centre East-West cycle bypass.
- c) LCN route 22 upgrade.
- d) Southend Lane cycle crossing.
- e) Bromley road segregated or semi-segregated cycle lane.
- f) Lee High Road protected cycle lane.
- g) Deptford Bridge junction re-configuration.
- h) Whitefoot Lane protected cycle lane.
- i) Enforcement of 20 MPH limits throughout LBL.
- j) Cycle Super-Highway 4

Alex has produced an initial version of the Survey Monkey. Now waiting on agreement on the contents of the full list.

Action: Jane, Tim & Alex. Pull together the full list of issues and finalise the 'Survey Monkey'.

## 2) **Current issues:**

### a) **Catford Green development/temporary re-routing of Waterlink Way (NCN Route 21)**

The partial re-opening of Adenmore Road footway during working hours has removed much of the inconvenience of the closure, particularly for school children. However there doesn't seem to have been much work done on Adenmore Road itself to justify the closure.

Action: Jane or Tim to contact Paul Willis at Barratt to establish when the work is now scheduled to be done and the route properly re-opened.

### b) **AGM arrangements.**

Jane has invited Christian Wolmar, a leading transport commentator and potential London mayoral candidate, to speak at the AGM and he has accepted the invite. Nick Harvey (LBL Cycle Programme Manager) has also indicated that he will be able to attend and should be able to share preliminary designs of Quietway 2 (Greenwich to Waterloo route) with members at the meeting. These designs are expected to go out for public consultation during October.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October but we are looking for an alternative venue as the Lewisham Civic Centre is apparently fully booked that day. Danielle kindly offered to look into the option of using the St Dunstan's College Pavilion in Catford.

Action: Tim and Jane to find a venue for the AGM and send out invites to all LBL councillors when location is finalised.

### c) **UP Projects Waterlink Way event this Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

UP Projects are holding an event 'responding' to the Waterlink Way. We will be having a stall with Dr Bike/Bike Jumble at Cornmill Gardens and will lead a ride along the Waterlink Way. Alex and Tim indicated they could help out – other helpers will be very welcome. Meeting time is 11ish at Cornmill Gardens for a 12 noon start and the

event is scheduled to run till 4pm.

<http://www.upprojects.com/portfolio/current/secret-garden-project-lewisham-32>

d) **South of Borough potential projects in co-operation with Community Groups**

No reported progress on this during the Summer holidays.

3) **Campaigning updates:**

a) **Quietway route 2 (Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford). Colloquially known as 'Q2'.**

As stated above Nick Harvey (LBL Cycle Programme Manager) has indicated that the designs of the Lewisham Section of Q2 are expected to go out for public consultation during October.

b) **TfL Central London Cycle Super-highway plans (East-West and North-South)**

Alex kindly brought print-outs of these plans along to the meeting. The attendees studied them with interest and discussed some of the features, many of which are quite ambitious and controversial. Generally the plans look good with proper segregated lanes in most locations. It was agreed that LC should make a full response to these plans.

Action: Tim and Alex to organise a meeting to review the plans and prepare a response.

Individuals are also encouraged to respond via the TfL Consultation website:

[https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/consultation\\_finder](https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/consultation_finder)

and/or via this LCC link: [http://petition.lcc.org.uk/ea-](http://petition.lcc.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1745&ea.campaign.id=31698&forwarded=true)

[action/action?ea.client.id=1745&ea.campaign.id=31698&forwarded=true](http://petition.lcc.org.uk/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1745&ea.campaign.id=31698&forwarded=true)

4) **A.O.B**

**This meeting's experimental change of location to Lewisham Civic Centre.**

David expressed the view that the Civic Centre worked much better as a meeting venue than the Catford Constitutional due in particular to the better lighting and lack of background noise. The majority of the other attendees agreed with this view – though bemoaning the absence of beer (was free tea and coffee though)!

**Meeting closed around 8.30pm.**

**Next LC Meeting will be the AGM on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm**