

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Council Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 19th November 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Rik Andrew.
Apologies: Ian Welsby, Alex Raha, Brian Turpin, David Mill, 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.
Action: Tim to chase Nick for 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. We now seem to be receiving these.
 - c) **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.
Action: Tim to chase Nick regarding this.
 - d) **'Cycling Champion' councillor.**

Previously we discussed if LBL should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Jane approached Joe Dromey and Mark Ingleby to see if they could fulfil that role. Mark indicated he would be happy to fulfil the role but apparently this has to be approved by Cllr Alan Smith (Deputy Mayor)
Action: Jane to check with Mark on whether this has been done.
- 3) **Current issues:**
 - a) **Quietway route 2 (Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford). Colloquially known as 'Q2'. LBL consultation**

LC made a formal submission to the consultation in early November, a copy of which can be found on the Lewisham Cyclists website.
One of the reasons that the Trundleys Road crossing cannot apparently be signalised (a Toucan) is that TfL have modelled the traffic impact and it was very detrimental across the area. Rik questioned this and Jane agreed to contact Nick Harvey at LBL to discover more about this modelling with a view to challenging it.
Action: Jane to contact Nick Harvey.
The section of Q2 from South Bermondsey station to Surrey Canal Road is being developed separately with Sustrans coordinating the work. Sustrans say that a planning application for the works was submitted in October. Some delays have apparently occurred due to the proximity of Network Rail works in the area as part of the Thameslink project.
Tim raised the issue of what the alternative route will be on Millwall Match Days (when the path will need to be closed for Away Supporter access) and late at night when some cyclists may not wish to use the route due to its relative remoteness. Ilderton road is the obvious alternative and there is potentially enough road width to provide a segregated path.
Action: Jane to raise this issue with Cllr Barry Hargrove (Southwark) cc Southwark Cyclists.

- b) **Quietways Phase 2 future routes.**
Apparently further routes are now starting to be developed. It was agreed that campaigning for the upgrade of LCN22 (London Bridge to Bromley) should be a priority for the group.
- c) **Deptford Broadway/Deptford Church St junction re-configuration - Transport for London (TfL) consultation.**
Gavin Clark from the TfL Communications Team has been in contact with Jane to organise a meeting between LC and the TfL Engineers working on the scheme.
Action: Jane to co-ordinate this meeting.
Len Duvall (GLA Member for Lewisham & Greenwich) also wants to meet regarding this project.
Action: Jane to co-ordinate this meeting.
Cllr Alicia Kennedy (Brockley Ward) has apparently already had a meeting with TfL about this project.
Action: Jane to contact Alicia and find out what was discussed.
- d) **Coulgate St (outside Brockley Station) public realm improvements - LBL consultation.**
John Bishop (LBL Engineer), who we met on site in October, would like to have another site meeting with LC and other interested local community groups who all apparently share the view that the street should be closed to traffic. We are waiting to hear when that meeting will be.
Action: Jane to contact John if she hasn't heard anything within a week or so.
- e) **TfL Community Cycle Grant award to LC to set up a Cycle Maintenance Drop-In project.**
After a successful application by Jane, LC have been awarded a £5,000, grant to set up this project.
It is planned to set this up in accommodation at the Ringway Centre in Grove Park – a shipping container with installed light and power is going to be obtained for this purpose.
It is planned to open the drop-in twice a month – once on a weekday evening and once at the weekend.
Jane will be trained on the City & Guilds cycle mechanic course.
There is also money for a hired-in mechanic to work with Jane.
Voluntary help will also be welcomed.
The project needs to be set up and fully operational by the end of March 2015.
Action: Jane to produce an Action Plan for the project.
- f) **Campaigning priorities for next year and draft 'SurveyMonkey'.**
At the August 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 and other interested parties to assess which issues people felt we should focus campaigning on. Typical issues that could be included were:
- (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
- (k) Lewisham Gateway road system

Alex has produced an initial version of the Survey Monkey. We reviewed the initial version at the meeting and agreed various amendments which Jane will communicate to Alex. It was proposed that we should distribute it via the LC Elist, Facebook, Twitter and local members via email. Potentially also distribute to a couple of large employers in the area e.g. LBL (via Nick Harvey) and Lewisham Hospital to get a wide range of views. It was also agreed that it would be opened for submissions on 1/1/15 and closed on 31/1/15.

Action: Jane & Alex. Finalise the 'Survey Monkey' and distribute the link to it.

g) London Cycling Campaign (LCC) request for additional funds for Space4Cycling campaign.

It was decided that LC do not currently have adequate surplus funds to respond positively to any LCC S4C funding request. We will need all our income to take forward the 'Cycle Maintenance Drop-In Project' after the Community Cycle Award funds are exhausted.

4) A.O.B

Possibility of training for LC Ride Leaders.

This was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed that as a matter of good practice training for regular ride leaders could be funded by LC if the leader wanted it and at the Committee's discretion. The cost of the training is around £50.

It has been rumoured that LC rides and Ride Leaders are only covered by the LCC insurance policy if the ride is cross-posted onto the LCC website.

Action: Jane to confirm with LCC whether this is the case or not?

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st January at 6.30pm