

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Council Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 21st January 2015 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), David Mill, Roger Stocker, Ivan Cornell, Duncan Peterkin.
Apologies: Brian Turpin.
- 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 again for this information.
 - b) **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 again regarding this.
 - c) **'Cycling Champion' councillor.**

Previously we discussed if LBL should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Cllr Mark Ingleby indicated he would be happy to fulfil the role but apparently this has to be approved by Cllr Alan Smith (Deputy Mayor). Jane emailed Cllr Smith about this before Xmas.
Action: Jane to chase Cllr Smith regarding this.
- 3) **Current issues:**
 - a) **Waterloo to Greenwich Quietway (Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).**

LC made a formal submission to the LBL consultation in early November, a copy of which can be found on the Lewisham Cyclists website.
There were some lively discussions at this meeting about the chosen solution for the Trundleys Road crossing of a traffic island rather than a Toucan crossing. The meeting was fairly evenly split between those who felt the Toucan crossing to be the only acceptable solution and those who felt the traffic island was OK as an expedient solution. Apparently one of the reasons that the Trundleys Road crossing cannot be signalised is that TfL have modelled the traffic impact and it was very detrimental across the area.
Action: Jane to follow up on the traffic modelling issue with TfL to establish if it is valid.
Roger commented that the results of the Southwark Council Quietway consultation were already available on the Southwark Council website. He questioned when the results of the Lewisham Council one would be out?
Action: Roger to post to Lewisham Cyclists Yahoo Group a link to the Southwark consultation conclusions.
Action: Jane to chase Nick to establish when the Lewisham consultation conclusions would be published.
The section of the Quietway from South Bermondsey station to Surrey Canal Road is being developed separately with Sustrans coordinating the work. Some delays have apparently occurred due to the proximity of Network Rail works in the area as part of the Thameslink project. Roger commented that it would be impossible to open the Quietway without this section being in place. Tim commented that they could use the

existing section of LCN Route 2 via Ryder Drive and Verney Road temporarily, but it obviously would not be particularly satisfactory.

Additionally we have previously 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 cycle path. Jane has previously passed this issue to Southwark Cyclists to raise with Southwark Council.

Action: Jane to also raise this issue with Sustrans at the Junction Review Meeting on 22nd January where Sustrans are making a presentation on the progress of the project.

b) Deptford Broadway/Deptford Church St junction re-configuration - Transport for London (TfL) consultation.

Jane has written to Andrew Gilligan about this project and he agreed it was not satisfactory from a cycling point of view. However as the junction is not currently one of the TfL Junction Review junctions it does not have budget priority within TfL. Agreed to continue as an LC campaigning issue with Local Councillors, Community Groups etc.

c) Coulgate St (outside Brockley Station) public realm improvements - LBL consultation.

Before Xmas John Bishop (LBL Engineer) hosted a meeting to which various community groups (LC, Brockley Cross Action Group, Brockley Society and Living Streets) were invited plus Local Councillors. Tim attended for LC.

John told us informally that the conclusion of the consultation was that most respondents favoured some degree of 'pedestrianisation' of the street. At the meeting John presented two enhanced options for the project – one a No Through Road and the other a revised One Way Street. Both options have dramatically reduced parking and would have implications for relocation of parked traffic – this may require consultation on a Resident Parking Zone in the surrounding streets. On this basis John is contacting TfL to request that the committed monies for the project are moved into the next financial year so that options can be further discussed and finalised. Everyone seems to agree that any solution should retain two way cycling access throughout the street, enhanced cycle parking and retain cycle access to the ramp up to the station. Tim has proposed to the Community Groups and Councillors that the eventual solution could be modelled on the very successful one implemented in Railton Road outside Herne Hill station.

Action: Tim to contact Councillors and Community Groups re an onsite meeting to further discuss options.

d) 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. The location will be the Ringway Project in Grove Park. We need to run the first session in March 2015 to satisfy the requirements of the grant.

See [Appendix A](#) for an Action Plan for the project as developed by Jane.

Action: Jane to post on Facebook and LC Yahoo Group to ask for volunteers to assist with the setting up of the project.

There are issues surrounding Public Liability insurance for both the Loan Bikes and the Maintenance Workshop. Jane has received a quote costing £265 from Tennyson Insurance that looks like it will satisfy our requirements.

Action: John to verify that this quote is suitable.

See [Appendix B](#) for an email from LCC received subsequent to the meeting regarding the Insurance issue discussed above.

For information Jane has successfully completed her City & Guilds Level 2 Cycle Mechanic qualification.

e) **Lewisham Mayor approval of 20MPH whole Borough speed limit.**

This was discussed briefly - everyone agreed it was great news.

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 previous meeting and agreed various amendments. 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.

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

4) **A.O.B**

It has been suggested that LC rides and Ride Leaders are only covered by the LCC insurance policy if the ride is cross-posted onto the LCC website. Jane has received contradictory communications from Amy at LCC on this point.

Action: Jane to confirm with Amy exactly what the situation is.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th February at 6.30pm

Appendix A – Lewisham Cyclists Maintenance Workshop

Lewisham Cyclists Maintenance Workshop

We secured a £5,000 start up grant for this from the CCFL (Cycling Community Fund for London) at the end of November. We had been promised the use of premises at the Ringway Community Centre in Grove Park, which, if the arrangement proves workable, will save us on the cost of paying for premises.

There was some delay in the conversion of the premises (the garage of the house which forms the offices of the centre) so we have been a little delayed. The terms of the grant meant we had to have delivered some sessions by the end of March...not an ideal time of year to be launching a brand new cycling initiative!

We need to organize a small team of volunteers who would be willing to help out on this...we have some money to pay for experienced mechanic support too.

Project: To offer a drop in workshop for assisted bicycle maintenance				
Tasks:	Responsibilities:	Resources:	Timeline:	Cost:
1. Liaise with Community centre to organize open date	Group coordinator	Centre premises being provided	Mid Feb	None
2. Organise insurance	Coordinator and Treasurer	Grant funding	Mid Feb	c£150-£250
3. Order tools and stock	Coordinator and volunteers	Grant	Mid Feb	£3000
4. Organise tools and stock	As above	Storage boxes	Mid to end Feb	£50
5. Create publicity: Leaflets Local press	Centre (Stephen Kenny) Group coordinator			£150
6. Run initial session: targeted at specific group (Max 6, due to space)	plus another qualified mechanic and volunteers	Grant	March (First week)	£90 (extra mechanic time)
6. Set calendar for subsequent sessions	Group coordinator and volunteers	Meeting time	End of March	

Appendix B – Email from Chris Evans LCC Finance Officer

From: "Chris Evans" <chris@lcc.org.uk>

Date: 22 January 2015 16:55:18 GMT

To: <saoirse.davis@btinternet.com>

Cc: <ashok@lcc.org.uk>

Subject: RE: Lewisham and Greenwich Loan bike Insurance problems

Dear Jane

I am writing to you with good news about insurance of the Lewisham Bike Loan scheme. We have been back to our insurers to check our cover and they have informed us that we are in fact covered for the loan and hire of pool bikes.

So this means that we are happy for you to resume loaning out pool bikes under your scheme. We apologise for the worry and inconvenience that this may have caused you and other officers of the Lewisham Group and wish you well with this activity and the other activities which you carry out.

However, we are obviously concerned that all current and new activities which your group undertakes are covered by our insurance. At present our insurance covers the following activities:

- Cycling Promotion and Cycle Related Campaign and Activity Organisers
- Pool Cycle Providers
- Events planning
- Bike Health Checks
- Maintenance Workshops
- Cycle Advice
- Cycle Training.

Please check that your all your activities come under one of these headings and if you have concerns that you are not covered, please let us know.

Kind regards

Chris

Chris Evans

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