

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Council Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 18th February 2015 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Matt Barker, Alex Raha.
Apologies: Ian Welsby.
- 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 emailed Nick on 15th Feb regarding meeting up to discuss this and other outstanding issues.
 - 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 emailed Nick on 15th Feb regarding meeting up to discuss this and other outstanding issues.
 - 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.
Jane has recently been informed that she needs to send a letter to the Mayor's Office to formally request this.
Action: Jane to send letter to Mayor's Office.
- 3) **Current issues:**
 - a) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).**

Jane has emailed TfL regarding the traffic modelling data around Trundleys Road which fed into the decision not to signalise the crossing and is waiting to hear back.
Action: Jane to follow up with TfL.
As per last month's actions Roger posted the link to the Southwark Council Q1 consultation conclusions on 2nd Feb via the LC Yahoo Group. Here it is again: <http://modern.gov.southwark.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5040>
Action: Tim and Jane to follow up with Nick Harvey when a similar conclusion document is going to be produced for LBL's consultation. Also review with him any changes made to the original plans.
We're previously identified the need for an alternative routing e.g. via Ilderton Road, for the Bermondsey South Station to Surrey Canal Road section of Q1 on Millwall Match Days and late at night. This section is currently under development by Sustrans. Jane raised this issue with Sustrans at the LCC Infrastructure Review Group meeting on 22nd Jan. Sustrans didn't appear to feel that a diversionary route was necessary replying that the main route would be well lit, wide and safe. Councillor Mark Williams (Southwark) is looking into this further.
Action: Jane to follow up with Cllr Williams.
 - a) **Coulgate St (outside Brockley Station) public realm improvements - LBL consultation.**

A further meeting on this was held on the 4th Feb and representatives from various Community Groups (LC, Brockley Cross Action Group, Brockley Society and Living Streets) and Local Councillors again attended. Tim attended for LC. A consensus was reached that the road should be turned into a one-way street with flow from North to South. The whole road should be converted into 'shared space' with high quality paving. Cyclists would be allowed contra-flow riding and additional cycle parking should be an essential element of the design. There should be an objective of creating a 'piazza' effect directly outside Brockley Station with no parking/stopping in that area. Parking should be dramatically reduced elsewhere in the road and generally restricted to loading/unloading for servicing and short term drop-off. It is now up to LBL to produce a revised design to satisfy these Community Group aspirations.

b) LC 'Mend & Ride' workshop project.

This project is progressing well with LC planning to provide 2 sessions/mth at the Grove Park Ringway Project and 1 session/mth at the Young Lewisham Project. Nine people attended an initial set-up session on Sunday 15th Feb when all the equipment was unpacked, put together and stowed away.

The first public session is planned for Mar 11th.

A committee of 9 people have volunteered to help with the sessions.

Jane will also be advertising for a fill-in mechanic for the occasional times that she can't make it along.

Action: Jane to finalise design of leaflets advertising the project and get them printed by the end of February.

Action: Jane to prepare a 'portfolio of evidence' that the project is underway for submission to TfL by 6th Apr.

c) Deal's Gateway Changes – TfL consultation closes 1st March.

The proposed changes were discussed at the meeting. The general view was that the reinstatement of a Green traffic light phase specifically for Deal's Gateway traffic was excellent news, although long overdue. The addition of a staggered pedestrian crossing on the Western arm of the junction was also welcomed, although we would prefer it to be straight across – not really a cycling issue though. Another issue that concerned us was the apparent pinch points on the far side of the junction when travelling East or West although it is hard to tell if there is actually enough road space without detailed measurements. Also briefly discussed was the safety of the right-turn into Greenwich High Road – the general view was that most cyclists would use the alternative cycle routes through the back streets before they get to this turn.

Action: Jane to prepare a LC response to the consultation.

d) LBL development plans for the following local areas: Kirkdale Shopping Area, Burnt Ash Hill, Manor Lane, Dartmouth Rd, Sangley Road, Hither Green Lane.

LC have been contacted by David Pope from a planning consultancy working for LBL on initial development plans for these areas. He would like to meet/phone to discuss our aspirations for these areas.

In general terms, as these are linear local shopping areas, we imagine we would be looking for enforcement of reduced traffic speeds e.g. with speed tables, widening of pavements, more cycle parking, improved 'permeability' where appropriate and potentially shared use where LCN or Quietway cycle routes cross the main road.

Actions: Jane to discuss Dartmouth Rd and Kirkdale with David. Alex to discuss Burnt Ash Hill and Manor Lane with him. John to discuss Sangley Road with him.

e) Campaigning priorities for this year - 'Survey Monkey'.

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

This Survey Monkey has now been available for completion for a few weeks and has elicited quite a few responses.

Everyone is encouraged to make a response and ask their Lewisham-based friends and colleagues to do the same.

Here is a link to it: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZLBRPRY>

It was agreed that we would keep the Survey open until Sunday 15th Mar and then review the results at the next Monthly Meeting.

Action: Alex to set the Survey to close on the 15th and collate the results for the next meeting.

4) **A.O.B**

Ann Slater in the Development Group for Chinbrook Meadows (very close to the Grove Park Ringway Project) has asked for us to be involved in their 'Bike Day' on May 16th. It was agreed that we would do this and provide a Dr Bike service on the day.

Other Community Events that LC are anticipating being involved in this year are:
Deptford Festival - 1st to 4th May, either the Sunday or the Monday (with a Dr Bike)
Hither Green Festival – May, Waterlink Way led ride (no Dr Bike)
Brockley Fayre – June (with a Dr Bike)

We will need to review available monies nearer the time to establish how many Dr Bike sessions we can afford...

Jane has sometimes received cash donations to LC for the use of hire bikes and for the free bike training that she does on behalf of LC. We talked about alternative ways to process donations and wondered whether we could use PayPal for this.

Action: Mark to investigate how PayPal could work, what the charges would be and whether the money could be satisfactorily controlled e.g. double authorisation?

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

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