

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Council Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 18th March 2015 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Alex Raha, Ian Welsby, Emma Winn, Duncan Peterkin, Kemi Yusuph, Meaghan McClure, Roy Ashman, Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker, Stewart Whitworth.

Apologies: John Phillips, Clare Griffiths.

- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:

a) **'Cycling Champion' councillor.**

Previously we discussed if London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) should have a 'Cycling Champion' Councillor. Cllr Mark Ingleby indicated he would be happy to fulfil this role. Jane has sent a letter to the Mayor's Office to formally request this and is waiting on a response.

b) **Deal's Gateway Changes – Transport for London (TfL) consultation closes 1st March.**

Jane submitted a LC response to TfL regarding this consultation, broadly welcoming the reinstatement of the dedicated green traffic light phase for Deal's Gateway traffic. Mentioning concerns that there were apparent pinch points on the far side of the junction when travelling East or West. With an overall proviso that the wider Deptford Broadway/Bridge traffic system still needs major rationalisation and to be made cycle safe.

3) **Goldsmith's University Workshop & Bike Share Scheme**

Meaghan McClure, who is currently doing a Design Research course at Goldsmith's, gave a brief presentation on their plans to set up a bike share scheme and workshop at Goldsmith's. Ben Buckley, also at the Uni, has for a while been trying to persuade Goldsmith's to provide space. This project should be moving ahead soon as Goldsmith's have now offered some space on the Campus. The bike share scheme would be based around cargo bike(s) as they have a lot of practical uses. There would also be a workshop for students to mend their own bikes. Ultimately this could become a Community Hub and there may be synergies with LC's 'Mend & Ride' project.

4) **Current issues:**

a) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).
LBL managed section (Creekside to Surrey Canal Road).**

Tim & Jane had a meeting with Nick Harvey on 17th March at which current designs and schedules for Q1 were discussed.

Nick admitted there has been delays to the schedule and is now expecting an overall October 2015 completion on this section of Q1. Start of work on the Surrey Canal Road section is expected within two weeks. The Trundleys Road junction rebuild is being let as a separate contract, which is currently under negotiation, with a scheduled 4 month build period.

The main changes to the design as a result of the public consultation are as follows: Childers St – local residents objected to the point closure in the Southern arm of the junction between Childers St and Rolt St as it resulted in a long diversion for them to leave the area. As an alternative, which still stops the rat-running traffic through Childers St, LBL have proposed a point closure in Rolt St where the width restrictor is located outside the entrance to the Woodpecker Estate. This will be enacted initially for a 12 month experimental period.

Edward St – there will still be a bi-directional segregated cycle path along Edward St but to avoid the tricky exit into Deptford High St (where there was not enough road width to continue segregated lane(s)) the route will instead cross Edward St on the cycling zebra and go South on a new shared use section (currently pavement) into Hamilton St. This means the route has an unconflicted exit into Deptford High St and only uses a short section before turning into Crossfield St.

Action: Jane & Tim to follow up with Nick Harvey to see if LBL have, or will be, releasing a consultation report.

- b) **Quietway Route 1 ('Q1' - Waterloo Station to Greenwich via Deptford).
Sustrans managed section (Surrey Canal Road to South Bermondsey Station)**
Action: Jane & Tim to make a response on behalf of LC to the Sustrans consultation on the recently released detailed route plans.
We've previously identified the need for an alternative routing e.g. via Ilderton Road, for this section of Q1 on Millwall match days and late at night.
Ilderton Road is in Southwark so this needs to be discussed with Southwark Council. Nick Harvey said he would provide us with the name of the Council Officer working on the Southwark elements of the route.
Sustrans apparently do not feel that a diversionary route is necessary as the main route will be well lit, wide and safe and a sign-posted alternative route will be available for match days presumably via the existing tortuous route.
Action: Jane to follow up with the Southwark Council Officer and copy in Southwark Cyclists.
- c) **LC 'Mend & Ride' workshop project**
This project is progressing well with the first public event having taken place at the Young Lewisham Project on the 11th March, with very good feedback from attendees. It was proposed that, if Roy Ashman (YLP) and Stephen Kenny (Ringway Centre) were happy with the idea, that a Press Release be prepared and sent to the local press.
Action: Jane to prepare Press Release if the two host organisations are content to release this.
Action: Jane to provide leaflets to members who want to promote the project at their Local Assembly(s) e.g. Duncan.
Action: Jane to prepare a 'portfolio of evidence' that the project is underway for submission to TfL by 6th Apr.
- 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 a consultant from Project Centre Ltd 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, less car parking, 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.
- e) **Campaigning priorities for this year - 'Survey Monkey'.**
The 'Survey Monkey' received 27 responses and is now closed. The top three identified priorities were:
- 1) Enforcement of 20 MPH limits throughout LBL.
 - 2) Deptford Broadway/Bridge junction re-configuration.

3) Bromley road (A21) segregated or semi-segregated cycle lane.

Action: Alex to write a brief report on results for discussion at the next LC meeting.

f) **Budgeting for 2015/2016.**

Action: Agenda item deferred to next meeting when John Phillips will be able to attend.

g) **LC website hacking.**

The LC website was offline for a few days this month after being hacked and temporarily becoming an advertisement for certain pharmaceuticals. Stuart, our Webmaster, has now cleaned up the rogue code and the site is back online. The comments facility is currently turned off in case they were the source of the vulnerability.

4) **A.O.B**

Molesworth St (A21) TfL Consultation. Robert Hunter from TfL has been in contact with LC about our ideas for the upgrading of the cycle path along Molesworth St as 'TfL are proposing a scheme along this section of road'.

Action: Jane to collate ideas from the group on this scheme and reply to Robert.

Future A21 development plans. In a broader sense, and referring back to the identified 'Survey Monkey' priority of segregated cycling along the A21 to Bromley, there was a feeling that LC should be co-ordinating more with Bromley Cyclists regarding improvement to this road.

Future Quietway Developments. Nick Harvey told us that TfL are now planning to take forward two more Quietways in LBL to the Route Development Plan (RDP) stage with a view to delivering the upgrades in 2016 to 2017. The chosen routes are Waterlink Way (whole section within LBL, and beyond) and LCN22 (section from Catford to Central London). It was agreed in the meeting that LCN22 should be upgraded for its entire length down to Bromley.

Action: Jane to contact TfL regarding upgrading the whole of LCN22.

Summer Family rides. Jane indicated she was again planning to run some of these rides in the South of the borough. Duncan indicated he would be available to help with these.

Lewisham Pensioners' Forum General Election hustings. Duncan mentioned these were taking place at Saville Centre on Tuesday 14th of April and that it may be an opportunity to raise cycling related issues with potential local MPs.

Email contact with Lewisham members. As we have a complete mailing list for all the London Cycling Campaign members in the Borough Stewart proposed periodically emailing them to inform them of LC activities, events and campaigns. Would be important to allow members to opt out from the emails.

Action: Idea to be discussed further at the next meeting.

TfL 20MPH Infrastructure Review Group. TfL are planning to experimentally introduce some 20MPH zones on their roads, which are usually 30MPH limit. It was suggested that we should propose some sections of road in LBL – namely Lee High Road, South Circular (West and East from Catford).

Action: Jane to follow up with TfL.

Community Events LC are attending for your calendars. Any assistance on the day welcomed:

Chinbrook Meadows 'Bike Day' on Saturday 16th May. Chinbrook Meadows is very close to the Grove Park Ringway Project.

Deptford Festival - 1st to 4th May, either the Sunday or the Monday tbd.

Brockley Fayre – Saturday 20th June.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th April at 6.30pm (venue t.b.a. – Civic Centre not available due to proximity of General Election)