

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Tuesday 19th July 2016 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Stewart Whitworth, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Alex Raha, Rik Andrew.
Apologies: Brian Turpin.
- 2) **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising:** Minutes agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:
 - a) **LC Website – set up regular backup using BackWPU and Dropbox.**

Stuart, our website developer, previously offered to provide us with a full one-off ‘dump’ of the website. Still outstanding.
Action: Jane to request that Stuart provides us with a full ‘dump’ of the website.
 - b) **Catford Green development.**

At our meeting with Sam Yell, the Catford Green Project Manager, on 3rd Feb he agreed to look into replacing the barrier in Adenmore Road with a bollard. This bollard has now been installed.
 - c) **Lewisham Gateway development – follow up to Lewisham Mayoral Question.**

Brian and Tim had a follow-up meeting with Cllr Alan Smith (Deputy Mayor) on 11th March. At that meeting Cllr Smith agreed to support us in convening another meeting with TfL to get access to the definitive up to date detailed plans for Lewisham Gateway. This meeting has not yet been set up.
Brain again emailed Cllr Smith on 11th July regarding setting up the meeting between LC and Catherine Abrahams at TfL.
 - d) **Courthill Rd turning issue.**

Tim has previously had discussions with Cllr Stella Jeffrey (Lewisham Central Ward) about the left turn from Lewisham High St into Courthill Road. Under the traffic light scheme introduced recently the turn is banned for all but cycles. However a significant number of motor vehicles are still making the turn and omitting to stop at the pedestrian lights at the start of Courthill Road although they are at red.
Tim recently checked with Cllr Stella Jeffrey whether TfL had made any further proposals and the answer was nothing yet.
 - e) **Lewisham ‘mini-Holland’.**

The new London Mayor Sadiq Khan committed in his election campaign to fund a mini-Holland for every London Borough. The meeting discussed potential mini-Holland locations in Lewisham e.g. Catford Town Centre, Deptford Town Centre or the A21 Segregated Lanes Project. The general view was that mini-Holland funding would be best utilised on the A21 Project which has close analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.
Action: Jane to email Jessica Ellery at TfL to see if she can provide the definitions for a mini-Holland used in the first phase evaluation under Boris Johnson as an initial guide for our project(s).
 - f) **Beckenham Place Park (BPP) cycle-related developments.**

Jane & Matt Beale-Collins (Wheels for Wellbeing) recently met with Access Sport regarding the development of a new BMX track within BPP. The BMX track is due to be constructed late in 2016.
At our meeting Jane fed back that this project is separate from the wider Heritage Lottery funded works in BPP. There doesn’t seem to be any opportunity to integrate WfW activities into the project as Access Sport are only funded to build the BMX track.
Action: There are some old ‘Sure Start’ buildings on the site that could be of use for e.g.

Mend & Ride. Jane to contact Friends of BPP to see if they know what the status of these buildings is?

g) Quietway 1 (Q1) – general update on progress and schedule.

Rik has produced a thorough Post-Implementation Audit document covering the full length of Q1. LC are going to ride over at least the Lewisham section of Q1 on 3rd August starting at 8am to review Rik's document for subsequent submission to LBL.

Action: Jane to notify Gareth Scarlett (Greenwich Cyclists) and Andy Cawdell (Southwark Cyclists) of our ride-over to see if their groups want to participate.

h) Deptford High St – Northern section project.

Tim fed back the Group's comments in an email to Sandra Plummer on 22nd June. Sandra replied that they were looking again at the Hamilton St junction plans.

i) A21 Project – extension from Lewisham Town Centre to Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4).

We need to decide on the best routing for the Northward extension of our proposed segregated provision – either via Deptford or Lewisham Road.

Action: The group to look at these routes as part of the Quietway 1 Post-Implementation Audit ride arranged for 3rd August.

j) London Cycle Network (LCN) route 22 conversion to Quietway standard.

We need to decide on improvements that we believe should be included in this conversion in advance of the ride-over with London Borough of Lewisham (LBL), Southwark Council and Transport for London (TfL)

Action: Jane to organise a ride-over of this route in coordination with Southwark Cyclists in advance of any evaluation with other stakeholders.

3) Current issues & projects:

a) Lewisham Cycle Strategy.

Stewart gave a presentation to the LBL Sustainable Development Select Committee (SDSC) on the Strategy on Wed 29th June which was apparently well received. After comments from the committee he made some minor amendments to the Strategy with some additional pictures of Quietway 1 and additional references to the New Cross area. The Strategy document needs to be finalised and the SDSC then notified and provided with the final version so they can recommend it to Full Council.

Action: Jane to finalise the Strategy document next week and send to Cllr Liam Curran (Chair of SDSC) and Simone Van Elt (LBL).

As part of the promotion for the Strategy we agreed that we would host a 'Councillors Ride' on Sat 17th Sept at 2pm for around 1.5hours. The exact route this will take is to be agreed, but it could take in some of the new features of Quietway 1 e.g. Edward St two-way segregated cycle lane and a section of the A21 to illustrate how that road could be improved with similar cycle provision.

b) 'Deptford Canal Link' campaign update.

This proposed pedestrian and cycling 'link' would run from Folkestone Gardens (Quietway 1) along 'Canal Approach', under the Blackhorse Bridge on Evelyn Street to join up with the new 'Wharves Deptford' development shared path and the Thames path.

The planning application for 'Trophy House' at the east end of Canal Approach which could have interrupted the proposed link (Lewisham Planning Ref DC/16/095258) went before the Planning Committee on 19th May and was 'deferred' due to the level of objections. Subsequent discussions with the developer Shurgard have resulted in them giving a 'unilateral undertaking' in their planning application that the land around the development will be reserved for a future walking and cycling route. On that basis this planning application has now been approved.

c) 'Quick win' cycle developments in Lewisham.

A number of 'Quick win' cycle developments have been highlighted recently in general emails, eList emails and previously in the Space for Cycling campaign. We wish to bring

these together so we can present them to Simon Moss (LBL) and Nick Harvey (LBL) and start moving them forward under the auspices of the Lewisham Cycle Strategy.

Action: Cllr Mark Ingleby to organise a meeting for LC, himself, Simon Moss (LBL) and Nick Harvey (LBL) for early August. Intention being to subsequently have regular quarterly meetings to keep the projects moving forward.

Action: Stewart and Alex to compile a comprehensive list of the 'Quick wins' before the meeting.

d) **Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle (Sat 30th July) feeder ride.**

We will be running a feeder ride to this event as usual this year. It was agreed to start at 08:30 from the normal location – the bridge on NCN 21 behind the Bell Green Sainsbury's shop.

Jane, John and Tim will be marshalling the ride – other volunteer marshals are welcome but need to notify Jane in advance.

4) **A.O.B**

a) **Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4).**

Action: Jane to contact Nick Harvey (LBL) to ascertain the current status of this essential project.

b) **'Low Emissions Neighbourhoods'.**

The new London Mayor Sadiq Khan has already allocated £11M of spending to a variety of Low Emission Neighbourhood projects in other London boroughs.

Action: Jane to discuss with Simon Moss (LBL) and Nick Harvey (LBL) at their next meeting whether LBL could apply for this area of funding.

c) **Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) proposed extension.**

The London Mayor is proposing extending the ULEZ out as far as the North and South Circular roads.

Action: Cllr Mark Ingleby to check on LBL's policy position on the London Mayor's proposed extension of the ULEZ.

d) **Dr Bike at Deptford Park (on previous weekend to the meeting).**

John mentioned that we did maintenance work on 17 bikes. Total cost was £200 (mechanics' fees) and £35 was raised in donations. He observed that a donation 'tin' seemed to attract more donations, a principle he recommends we use for future events.

e) **Proposed 'crowd-funding' for purchase of cargo bike.**

Jane proposed that we could consider 'crowd-funding' for the purchase of a cargo bike for the group. It might also be possible to raise the money via the £10K annual funding application managed by Groundworks (closing date 19th Sept).

The bike could be used to represent the group at public events or maybe for a mobile 'Mend & Ride' or to be loaned out to third parties. We probably couldn't formally hire the bike out as the financial transaction may have VAT implications for LCC.

Action: Jane to look at initial funding options and the group to review further at next LC meeting.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th August at Lewisham Civic Centre.