

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 19th October 2016 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Cllr Damian Egan, Rik Andrew, Brian Turpin, Alex Ingram.
Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby.
- 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 BackWPUp and Dropbox.**

Stuart, our website developer, previously offered to provide us with a full one-off ‘dump’ of the website.
Action: Jane to request again that Stuart provides us with a full ‘dump’ of the website.
Still outstanding from last Minutes.
 - b) **Lewisham ‘mini-Holland’.**

London Mayor Sadiq Khan committed in his election campaign to fund a mini-Holland for every London Borough. We are hoping that the A21 (Lewisham Spine) Segregated Lanes project could qualify for mini-Holland funding as it has close analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.
Jane previously emailed Jessica Ellery at TfL regarding this and is awaiting a reply.
Action: Jane to email William Bradley at TfL regarding this, as he previously worked for Andrew Gilligan and now reports to Val Shawcross.
Still outstanding from last Minutes.
 - c) **Quick Win cycle developments in Lewisham.**

Jane sent Nick Harvey a document containing a number of Quick Wins that could be implemented in the short term using Local Implementation Plan (LIP) money. The latest LIP apparently went to Mayor & Cabinet a couple of weeks ago.
Action: Jane to chase Nick Harvey regarding seeing the LIP details.
We also think that to keep the momentum moving on Quick Wins, the Cycling Strategy and the A21 Project we need to have regular meetings e.g. quarterly, with Nick Harvey and Simon Moss.
Action: Jane to request another meeting with Nick and Simon soon.
 - d) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review.**

Regarding the Trundleys Road junction the group is split between those who think that the completed improvements are a satisfactory solution and those who still believe it should be signalised. We further discussed this at the meeting and agreed that the junction is not wholly ‘safe’ as it stands, but is definitely working better than it was prior to the Q1 project works.
As part of the process of prioritising this as a campaigning issue Jane has compiled a simple survey regarding the junction and we are going to have a tea party at the location on Thursday 27th October between 4.30pm and 6.30pm and poll passing cyclists/pedestrians on their views. Any volunteers to assist on the day would be welcome.
We will collate the views for discussion at the next LC meeting.
- 3) **Current issues & projects:**
 - a) **Lewisham Gateway**

Following a site visit on 28th September and taking into account input from members we have compiled a Review Report of the Lewisham Gateway H Junction. On 5th October this report was sent to the Sir Steve Bullock (Lewisham Mayor), MP Heidi Alexander, Len Duvall (London Assembly Member), Katherine Abraham (TfL), Val Shawcross (London Deputy Mayor for Transport), Cllr Alan Smith (Lewisham Deputy Mayor), Cllr Kevin Bonavia and Cllr Mark Ingleby.
We have recently heard back from William Bradley (working in Val Shawcross’s office) and he indicated that Katherine Abraham will soon be convening a meeting to discuss the issues with the new junction layout. At the meeting it is planned to have representatives from LC, TfL, LBL, the developer and City Hall.
Action: Jane to chase William Bradley if we haven’t heard back regarding this meeting within two weeks.

Rik reported that he had an onsite meeting at Lewisham Gateway with Heidi Alexander MP and Cllr

Alan Smith late in September. He summarised the issues that they had discussed as – redundant traffic lanes, poor and confused on-road cycling provision, lack of pedestrian facilities along 'desire' lines, lack of synchronisation of traffic lights, overall an inefficient design for all road users.

b) Lewisham Cycle Strategy and A21 (Lewisham Spine) Project.

The meeting briefly discussed how we could keep up the momentum on the A21 Project. It was suggested that a LBL motion on it would be likely to be supported as there seemed to be enthusiasm amongst the Councillors for the scheme.

Action: Jane to discuss with Cllr Mark Ingleby the idea that he should raise the A21 Project as a standalone LBL motion to keep the project moving forward.

c) Annual Meeting pre-planning.

It was agreed that the LC Annual Meeting would be on Wednesday 15th February. Various potential speakers were discussed Paul Gasson (Waltham Forest), Paul Tuohy (CyclingUK), Lucy Saunders (GLA Transport & Public Health) and Brian Deegan (TfL Cycling Consultant).

Action: Jane to discuss the plans for the Annual Meeting with the group further over next few weeks and contact at least two potential speakers soon.

Action: Jane to confirm the February date is OK for Cllr Mark Ingleby and whether we would be able to use a larger room in the Civic Centre.

4) A.O.B

a) Manor Lane and Sangley Road LBL Consultations (Close on 29th October).

LBL have recently posted up consultations on two public realm improvement schemes for Manor Lane and Sangley Road.

Action: Jane to prepare a LC response for the Sangley Road consultation.

Action: Tim to prepare a LC response for the Manor Lane consultation.

b) Cycle Superhighway 4 (London Bridge to Woolwich).

At the London Cycling Campaign Annual Meeting Val Shawcross's presentation included a commitment that CS4 & CS9 plans would be out for consultation in 2017. It was agreed that we need to see the latest plans as soon as possible. To this end it was suggested that Cllr Mark Ingleby could request them from Simon Moss.

Action: Cllr Mark Ingleby to request the latest CS4 plans from Simon Moss.

c) Silvertown Tunnel project.

As part of the alleviation measures for this environmentally damaging project TfL are talking about providing a regular motorised cycle shuttle service through the tunnel. Alex commented that he was investigating whether this was just placatory or could actually be a useful facility if the tunnel ends up being built.

d) Cyclescape.net

Jane commented that LCC are keen for us to use this for campaigning and we now have access to the website.

e) Councillors ride.

The idea of doing another Councillors Ride was discussed. Possibly taking the train up to London then riding back via the new Central London Superhighways and Quietway 1. No schedule for the ride was agreed, so this remains to be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting closed around 8pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th November at Lewisham Civic Centre.