

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 18th January 2017 6.30pm

1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, David Mill, Stewart Whitworth, Brian Turpin, Corin Ashwell.

Apologies: Roger Stocker.

2) **Actions from Minutes of last meeting:**

a) **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 some analogies with the Waltham Forest work done on Lea Bridge Road.

No specific actions on this issue from last meeting, but Jane commented that she had provided Simon Munk at LCC with detail of our current campaigning activities, but had not heard back from him as yet.

b) **Quick Win cycle developments in Lewisham.**

Nick Harvey has previously received from Jane a document containing a number of Quick Wins that could be implemented in the short term using Local Implementation Plan (LIP) money.

Action: Mark to convene a meeting, preferably in the next two weeks, with LC, Nick Harvey (LBL) and Simon Moss (LBL) with the following agenda items – Quick Wins, Cycling Strategy and LIP Review.

c) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review.**

On Thursday 27th October we did an on-street survey of 51 riders passing through the Trundleys Road junction on Q1 to ascertain how they find the new junction design compared to the old one. Jane has now produced the questionnaire as an online Survey Monkey to give further users an opportunity to respond. The survey is here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WJC9PSB>

Action: Jane to extend online survey to run until the LC Annual Meeting.

Action: Tim to collate additional responses for further discussion in a subsequent LC meeting.

d) **Lewisham Gateway H junction.**

As per actions from the last meeting Jane sent Mark a briefing note on the Lewisham Gateway issues prior to his meeting with Len Duvall and Tim has uploaded all recent correspondence to the LC website in the 'Campaigning' section.

Mark had a meeting with Len Duvall on 5th January at which he raised the issue of the Lewisham H junction with a view to Len discussing it with Valerie Shawcross. Mark will be meeting again with Len Duvall on 6th February.

Action: Mark to feedback to LC on the outcomes from his 6th February meeting.

Brian has also had discussions with QWAG (Quaggy Waterways Action Group) regarding us working together on local issues with Developers e.g. Lewisham Gateway & Catford Green. The previous meeting agreed that this would be a good idea.

Brian has confirmed to Paul de Zylva, who is coordinating for QWAG, that we are interested and he will keep in touch with Paul.

e) **Lewisham Spine (A21) Project.**

At the October meeting we briefly discussed how we could keep up the momentum on the A21 Project. It was suggested that a LBL motion solely concerning the A21 would be a good way forward. Mark wants to discuss with Len Duvall & Simon Moss before taking this step. The next possible Council Meeting is 22nd February.

Action: Mark to discuss with Len & Simon and potentially raise the A21 Project as a standalone LBL motion for February's council business.

f) **Annual Meeting pre-planning.**

The LC Annual Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th February. Various potential speakers were discussed at the October meeting - Paul Gasson (Waltham Forest), Paul Tuohy (CyclingUK), Lucy Saunders (GLA Transport & Public Health) and Brian Deegan (TfL Cycling Consultant).

Apparently Paul Gasson may have problems getting to Catford for 6.30pm – it was suggested that we could move the Annual Meeting back to 7pm or 7.30pm to accommodate him.

Action: Jane to talk to Paul Gasson again and try re-contacting Lucy Saunders who has not responded so far.

Action: Mark to book a larger room in the Civic Centre for this meeting.

g) Manor Lane and Sangley Road LBL Consultations.

LBL recently ran consultations on public realm improvement schemes for Manor Lane and Sangley Road. On behalf of LC Jane responded to the Sangley Road consultation and Tim responded to the Manor Lane one. These responses have now been posted on the LC website.

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

TfL (who are preparing the design on behalf of LBL) have prepared outline designs for the Lewisham section of CS4 apparently including a two-way cycle track on the North side of Evelyn St – our preferred solution. However we have not been given access to these designs.

Action: Mark is planning to meet with Len Duvall on 6th February and will raise the issue of access to the plans again with him.

Action: Jane to provide Mark with link to CS4 route overview in advance of his meeting with Len.

i) Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.

Action: Tim & Jane to prepare the next E-Bulletin in advance of the Annual Meeting with potential subject matter being - Annual Meeting, Lewisham Gateway, Campaigning Targets for 2017, Q1 Trundleys Survey, Deptford Folk maintenance project.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Cllr Ingleby report on recent meeting with Len Duvall.

Mark met with Len on 5th January and will be having a follow-up meeting with him on 6th February. Issues covered included Lewisham Gateway, A21 Lewisham Spine Project and Cycle Super Highway 4 which Len will raise with Valerie Shawcross.

Action: Mark to feedback to LC on the outcomes from his 6th February meeting.

b) Deptford Folk (DF) cycle maintenance etc. project.

Jane briefed us on this project that DF have succeeded in receiving funding for from the Cycling Fund for London. The project is intended to cover:

- Cycle Maintenance training – upskilling local people
- Cycle Rides – provide Ride Leader training for leaders of e.g. family rides
- Cycle Training

Originally it was planned to use the Under 5s building in Deptford Park, but this has not proved practical, so it is now intended to use the Childers St Scouts Building.

Jane has scheduled initial Cycle Maintenance Training for 16th Feb, 23rd Feb and 2nd Mar. 4 people (pre-booked) each evening covering basic activities like puncture repairs and gears.

Also looking to do a drop-in session every other Sunday.

John raised the issue that LC budget won't stretch to paying for any staff or venue rental costs for these sessions. Jane confirmed that she would ensure that DF would fund these sessions.

c) Beckenham Place Park development project and 'Go-Ride' group.

Jane has recently been coordinating with Alison Taylor (Project Manager for the BPP development project) on various cycling related issues and became aware of British Cycling's (BC) plans to start a new Go-Ride group on the East side of BPP adjacent to the new BMX track. She alerted the existing Penge Go-Ride (Alexandra Junior School on Cator Rd, Sydenham) and Big Foot Go-Ride (Hayes Primary School) groups to this fact as they were apparently unaware.

d) Loampit Vale/Molesworth St – Cycle Track Formalisation.

This document was received from TfL on 3rd January, with a response due by 30th January. There appear to be one or two omissions from issues we highlighted at the onsite Lewisham Gateway meeting we had with Katherine Abrahams et al on 10th November.

Action: Tim to reply to TfL before 30th January.

e) Lewisham Cycling Programme update (16/11/16) provided by Nick Harvey at LBL.

Brief run through for members' information. See Appendix A.

Specific queries from this meeting:

Thames Path – where they are 'looking to create a link to Q1 via Dragoon Road and Gosterwood Street' this would be better going via 'Canal Approach' if re-opening is achieved.

Bromley to Greenwich/Waterloo – Worsley Bridge Road to Waterlink Way. Need more detail about how this is envisaged to work e.g. signalised crossing.

Catford to Burgess Park – 'realign the route to come down Eddystone Road to a new Ped Cycle

Toucan crossing'. Again need more detail about how this is envisaged to work.

Action: Tim to contact Nick for clarification on the points above.

4) **A.O.B.**

a) **South-East London LCC Groups Meeting.**

Brian attended this meeting on behalf of LC. The meeting was very useful and it was agreed to convene meetings every 3 or 4 months.

Action: Brian to raise a briefing note on this meeting for the Group.

Meeting closed around 8.15pm.

Next LC Meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 15th February at Lewisham Civic Centre.

Appendix A

Lewisham Cycling programme update 16/11/16

Station Cycle parking.

At the beginning of November we installed a 36 space sheltered rack at Brockley train station with solar lighting and maintenance stand and integrated air pump. This is the 3rd such shelter to be installed following installations at Honor Oak station and Blackheath station.

We have also added CCTV to the Honor Oak location to improve the perception of security at this location.

Other rail stations highlighted for improved parking are
Catford and Catford Bridge
Hither Green
Forest Hill
Lewisham
Deptford

These sites will need to be assessed for suitable locations and may require larger projects to complete before locations become available such as at Lewisham, Catford and Deptford.

Residential Cycle Parking

We have continued to work with housing associations to install hangers at numerous locations across multiple sites see www.cyclehoop for current locations.

While we have a successful installation programme on housing association sites. On highway sites have been more problematic due to issues around consultation, traffic orders, conservation areas and suitable long term locations for the units. No are these issues are unresolvable but do require a level of management that we do not currently have in house. As such we have now joined with Southwark Council to build a joint tender to a provider to be able to manage the whole process of on and off road installations of hangers.

We are hopeful to have a contractor appointed in the New Year with the first on road units being installed spring 2017.

Sheffield stand parking and public pumps

We continue to install hoop style parking and pumps in suitable locations, any locations that member can recommend would be welcomed.

Infrastructure

Quietway 1

Now open and operating successfully, TfL are monitoring use with results of increased use to follow.

Several issues have been identified and are being investigated to further improve the route. The Childers St section of the route which was put on hold due to surrounding developments. We now are looking to implement. We are starting to discuss the implementation of the route with local residents and hoping to start early New Year.

Other Quietway (delivery 2018)

We have been working with TfL on 4 further Quietway routes that pass through Lewisham. These are

Kent House Station to Greenwich

Following the Waterlink way. We will be looking to tackle the big barriers on the route such as Southend lane and Halfords car park along with smaller improvements such as surfacing and path widening along section of the route.

Thames Path

Following the existing route along Prince Street the route consists of minor improvements to the route. Long term alignment being through the Convoys Wharf site, we are also looking to create a link to Q1 via dragoon road and Gosterwood Street

Bromley to Greenwich/Waterloo

As well as looking at the crossing on Southend Lane on the Waterlink way we are also looking to create a link the other side of the low bridge on Worsley Bridge Road allowing cyclist to join the Waterlink way via the foot and cycle tunnel on Moremead Road.

Catford to Burgess Park

Improving the LCN 22 at Manwood Road junction and Crofton park junction, improving the Eddystone Bridge Surface and as part of the Honor Oak corridor LIP scheme looking to realign the route to come down Eddystone Road to a new Ped cycle Toucan crossing. Allowing better access to the route for cycles coming from Ladywell road.

CS4

Lewisham supported Lewisham Cyclists opinion that a segregated design CS4 was by far the best option for the Lewisham section of the route. TfL leading on design have currently produced an outline design of a 2 way segregated track on the northern side of Evelyn Street. This design requires some significant Land Take, to be able to implement, TfL are currently investigating this issue amongst others. We are hopeful that a solution can be found and CS4 can be built, with likely timescales for delivery being 2018/2019

A21

We have indicated our desire to provide significant Cycling infrastructure down the A21 to TfL. Currently there is no funding attributed to such a scheme. Update as and when this changes.

Cycling Strategy

Mayor and Cabinet at the November meeting agreed to produce a standalone cycling Strategy for Lewisham. We are developing the strategy which will include the opportunity for members of the public to feed into. With Formal adoption of the Strategy to coincide with the new LIP so both documents work in unison.