

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre

Wednesday 19th July 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker, Alex Ingram.
Apologies: Brian Turpin, Alex Raha, Corin Ashwell, James Soteriou, Paul McQuillen.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **Quietway 1 (Q1) Post Implementation Review – Trundleys Rd junction.**

At the May meeting Roger and Rik agreed to perform a standard Cycling Level of Service (CLOS) analysis of the Trundleys Road junction to feed into further group discussions. Roger commented at this meeting that Junction Assessment Tool doesn't really apply to the Trundleys Cycle crossing as it is not strictly sited in a road junction, although there are several adjacent.

Action: Outstanding. Roger and Rik to perform CLOS and report back.
 - b) **Lewisham Spine (A21) Project.**

Action: Outstanding. Mark to request vehicle count data and air monitoring results for the areas around the A21 from LBL Officers to feed into the justification for the Lewisham Spine project.
 - c) **Cycle Superhighway 4 (London Bridge to Woolwich).**

Brian Turpin independently wrote to Caroline Pidgeon (Liberal Democrat Assembly Member) on 28th May and she replied that she would look into the delays on the project. Her office replied on 28th June reiterating the standard TfL response 'Public consultation for Cycle Superhighways 4 and 9 are currently scheduled to commence later this year'. Brian replied on the 11th July questioning the timeliness of this schedule.

Action: Brian to keep us informed about his correspondence with Caroline Pidgeon.

Action: Mark to continue to raise CS4 at meetings with Len Duvall.
 - d) **Quietway future developments.**

On 3rd July several members did a ride-over of the section of LCN22 (Crofton Park to Catford) that is due to be upgraded as part of the future Quietway 83 (Q83) recording the improvements that are needed. See <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xpctcr841ipcvsw/Potential%20Qw83%20assessment.xlsx?dl=0> for details of their provisional conclusions.

There is also a link on the LC website here <http://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/campaign-update/quietways/> to Lucia's very good summary of the recent ride-over of the Southwark section of Q83.

Action: Jane to propose a couple more dates for ride-overs of the other cycle route sections that are expected to soon be upgraded to Quietway standard i.e. NCN21 (Greenwich to Kent House), section of Thames Path (Canada Water to Deptford) and a short section of path across Blackheath. Roger commented that the Greenwich to Kent House and Canada Water to Deptford sections of Quietway have been funded for implementation in 2017/18 financial year.
 - e) **Bell Green development.**

This major development involving another supermarket with more car parking and some housing is out for planning consultation. A well-supported petition against the project has been submitted by the 'Save our Gas Holders' campaign group.

LC also submitted a written objection which can be found here <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Bell-Green-Development-as-sent.pdf>

Action: Jane to contact Jessica Ormerod at the Save Bell Green (@SaferPerryVale) campaign re providing support to their campaign.
 - f) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

Ideas for the next bulletin – A21 Motion, Bell Green development, Literary Heritage Trail, Pothole Reporting.

Action: Outstanding. Jane to prepare content, then Tim to prepare final eBulletin.
 - g) **Loampit Vale highway modifications.**

The new pelican crossing on Loampit Vale just west of the Jerrard St Junction has attracted quite a lot criticism from members. For cyclists travelling west the large central island has created a pinch-

point which is approximately 3m wide. This issue was discussed in the previous meeting and it was queried why the crossing was not 'straight across' rather than staggered, then this problem wouldn't have arisen.

Brian prepared a letter regarding this issue and sent it to Local Councillors and Len Duvall on 11th June.

Action: Mark has also raised this with Len Duvall in writing – awaiting a response.

h) Lewisham Gateway Road Safety Audit.

Mark reported that, according to TfL, this is still in 'draft' mode and would not usually be made available to the general public. Eventually when it is finished it can be issued to Len Duvall.

i) Fact finding trip to Waltham Forest 'mini-Holland'.

Corin (Lewisham Green Party Coordinator) organised a trip over to Waltham Forest on 15th July with nine people attending. He reported that the cycle and public realm development work there was impressive and inspiring. He said he would be writing up a full account of the trip in time.

Action: Corin to share his account of the trip with LC members.

j) TfL Strategic Cycling Analysis document.

The initial results of this analysis have now been published although the modelling is an ongoing process. The Analysis endeavours to identify where cycle routes need to exist to best satisfy demand.

Action: Outstanding - Alex Ingram to write readily understandable summary of the document.

k) Mayor's Transport Strategy.

This has also now been released for consultation with a deadline of 2nd October for responses.

Action: Outstanding - To be discussed in a subsequent meeting when members have digested the contents. Potentially form a workgroup to discuss our response to the strategy.

Action: Tim to put out a request for members to join a workgroup to discuss the strategy.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Lewisham Gateway.

Tim commented that the Lewisham Gateway revised phase 2 planning application had been turned down by the Strategic Planning Committee. Not aware of whether this has any implications for cycling routes or facilities.

He also has heard that some local members of the Labour Party are putting forward a motion to start a campaign for cycling and pedestrian improvements around the Gateway.

Action: Mark to raise the issue of Lewisham Gateway when he meets with Will Norman.

b) Lewisham Consultations

Crofton Park Streetscape (closes 21/8/17) <https://www.pclconsult.co.uk/projects/crofton-park/> also https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/regeneration_and_asset_management/crofton_park_streetscape_improvements

This project was discussed at the meeting and the general view was that the proposals were not advantageous for cyclists. One of the main criticisms was that the roundabout (junction of Brockley Grove and Brockley Road) has been retained whereas a signalised T junction and filtering of Eddystone Road would be a much safer and more effective solution.

Members are encouraged to make their own responses to the consultation.

Action: Alex Ingram to produce a draft response by 2nd August for members to review via the eList.

c) TfL Consultations

Waterloo Roundabout (closes 20/8/17) <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/waterloo-roundabout/>
Lambeth South & North Roundabouts (closes 20/8/17) <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/lambeth-bridge/>

Nine Elms & Battersea Park (closes 20/8/17) <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/nine-elms-lane/>

Croydon Five-ways junction (closes 18/9/17)

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/fiveways/?cid=fiveways-croydon>

The Group don't have the resources to respond to all of these consultations in detail but members are encouraged to make their own responses.

4) A.O.B.

a) A205 re-alignment at Catford.

While the meeting was in progress we received tweets confirming that the South Circular road in

Catford is going to be relocated to South of Laurence House and the junction with the A21 turned into a cross-roads. Several tweets from @LewishamCouncil included this one 'Changing the route of the South Circular will create safer spaces for cyclists with a segregated cycleway on A205 & new cycle lanes on A21'. Great news indeed....

b) Lewisham Cycle Strategy.

Mark reported that the Cycle Strategy was going to be reviewed at the Sustainable Development Committee on Thursday 20th July.

A Summary of the proposed Strategy and cycle routes is available here:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=4638&Ver=4>

We briefly discussed the Summary at the meeting and agreed that it seemed to be a watered down version of the original Strategy that we developed.

Jane and Tim agreed to attend the Committee Meeting to represent LC views.

c) Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

Roger raised the issue of which projects LBL had spent the 2016/17 LIP money on.

Action: Mark agreed to ask the Officers for a breakdown of the monies.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

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