

## Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Alex Ingram.  
**Apologies:** Roger Stocker, Alex Raha.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
  - a) **Lewisham Quietway phase 2 developments.**

Lewisham Quietways future developments ride-overs. Assessments after completed ride-overs:

    - a) LCN22 (Crofton Park to Catford) - Quietway 83.
    - b) Waterlink Way/NCN21 (Greenwich to Kent House)can be found here:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/wvgcplfenw1tqws/AACAxMLkXPOuvAnXZY5CjUFUa?dl=0>

The final ride-over, covering a section of the Thames Path (Canada Water to Deptford), was completed on 1/11/17.  
Action: Jane and Alex to compile results from the final ride-over.
  - b) **Bell Green development.**

This major development in the planning phase currently involves another supermarket with more car parking and some housing. A well-supported petition against the project has been submitted by the 'Save our Gas Holders' campaign group.  
There is a Lewisham Planning Meeting on 23/11 where they are looking for planning consent for the development and demolition of the gas holders:  
<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=185&MId=4776>  
Action: Rik to attend planning meeting on 23/11 to represent LC's views against this proposed development.
  - c) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

Ideas for the next bulletin – CS4, Cycle Strategy, Literary Heritage Trail, Pothole Reporting.  
Action: Jane needs to prepare the LC paper insert for the LCC magazine by 27/11. Any topical ideas for inclusion will be welcomed. Once the insert has been produced we can use the contents to generate the E-Bulletin.
  - d) **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.  
Alex Ingram is writing a blog on this which we can link to on the LC website. At this meeting he indicated that his blog should be ready by the next meeting.  
Action: Alex Ingram to provide us with the link when his blog is completed.
  - e) **Mayor's Transport Strategy.**

This has also now been released for consultation with a deadline of 2/10/17 for responses.  
Jane confirmed at this meeting that we did not send a response to this consultation.
  - f) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**

Roger previously raised the issue of which projects LBL had spent the 2016/17 LIP money on. Just before the September LC meeting Mark received an email detailing the spending from the Deputy Mayor.  
Action: Mark to locate this email from the Deputy Mayor and pass onto the group or, if he can't find it, request the data again from the Deputy Mayor.
  - g) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy consultation (closes 22/10/17).**

The Strategy was recently out for public consultation:  
[https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/consultation\\_on\\_draft\\_lewisham\\_cycling\\_strategy](https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/consultation_on_draft_lewisham_cycling_strategy)  
LC's response to this phase of consultation can be found here:  
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Lewisham-Cycle-Strategy-response-20171022.pdf>  
As per our response, at this meeting we discussed the fact that we considered the periodic

Stakeholder reviews and regular updates of the policy were essential. Mark indicated that he would ensure these were included in the final version of the Strategy.

**h) Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4) Consultation (closes 19/11/17).**

The CS4 detailed plans are now out for public consultation. This, Lewisham's first Cycle Superhighway, is an exciting development for the borough. There is some localised opposition so members are all encouraged to respond directly to the consultation:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/cs4/>

[https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/cycle\\_superhighway\\_4\\_-\\_evelyn\\_street\\_a200\\_designs](https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/cycle_superhighway_4_-_evelyn_street_a200_designs)

Mark indicated that he was aiming to schedule a meeting with Lewisham Council Officers and TfL within the next couple of weeks to discuss any issues related to CS4. LC representatives will be invited along too.

**Action:** Jane to circulate a draft response for comment to the LC Yahoo Group E-List, then prepare and submit a final group response.

**i) Catford A205/A21 junction redesign.**

The Lewisham Mayor recently announced that the A205 South Circular road is going to be re-routed South of Laurence House and the Catford one-way gyratory is going to be removed. We want to influence the plans from the beginning to ensure Space for Cycling is inherent to the design. To this effect we have done an initial analysis of the roads around the area and produced the following document to highlight the changes we feel are needed:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lz8lfnmjkr4m7mn/AABljt-t8EICedw8NYdchdLra?dl=0>

We discussed the project at this meeting and Mark informed us that 'Master Planners' are due to be appointed in March 2018. He suggested that we should address these points to them when they are appointed.

In the meantime members wanting to express their views about the Catford Redevelopment can post their ideas on the Catford 'Common Place' website: <https://catfordtowncentre.commonplace.is>

**Action:** LC to send the junction assessment to LBL and the Master Planners in March 2018. And request a meeting to discuss the projected plans asap.

**j) A21 Lewisham Spine project (liveable neighbourhoods and segregated cycle lanes).**

It was noted that the Labour candidate for Lewisham Mayor, Damien Egan, had included the A21 project in his internal manifesto. It would be helpful if Labour members, and members of other political parties, could campaign to get this project into their parties' manifestos for the upcoming local and mayoral elections.

**k) Silver Road planning application – potential route for Waterlink Way/NCN21.**

In the past it was identified that a good off-road route for the Waterlink Way could be developed between Silver Road and Wearside Road. With the planned development on the Silver Road site this route needs to be protected and could be included as a Section 106/Community Infrastructure Levy on the development.

**Action:** Outstanding. Roger to prepare an LC response to be sent to Planning and local Councillors.

**l) Loampit Vale Southbound, junction with Thurston Road – potential for cyclist early release due to vehicular traffic being held-back at traffic lights.**

This was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed not to take it any further at this time. There was a concern that the provision may be non-standard, therefore confusing to cyclists. Also the hold-back may only be restricted to the rush-hour, which could also be confusing.

**3) Other issues & projects:**

**a) Proposed new River Crossing (Brunel Bridge) – Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf TfL Consultation (closes 8/1/18).**

We are very supportive of this exciting project to dramatically improve cycling and walking connectivity from north Lewisham to Canary Wharf. It will provide relief to the Greenwich Foot Tunnel and take some pressure off the Jubilee Line. Members are encouraged to respond positively to the consultation and share views via the Yahoo Group E-List and Facebook so we can compile a Group response.

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings/rotherhithe-canarywharf/?cid=r2cw-crossing>

At this meeting we had an interesting discussion about a number of issues including visual impact of the bridge; whether it should be shared use/segregated lanes; how long/often the bridge may be open for river traffic and how queues would be managed; best landing areas for the bridge and

issues of lifts/ramps; connectivity to planned/existing routes e.g. CS4.

Action: LC make group response to the consultation.

**b) Quarterly financial report (see Appendix A below)**

John presented the financial report as detailed below. Following a clarification by Jane earlier in the meeting the surplus was now likely to be £600 provided a similar amount was spent on parts and equipment prior to end March. He considered that the estimated end of year balance put us in a reasonable financial position.

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

**a) Canal Approach Greenway.**

LC are strongly supportive of this exciting project in North Deptford which is being submitted under the London Mayor's Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme for Feasibility funding. See the overview of the project here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DPLN-Canal-Approach-Greenway.pdf>

**b) LC Annual Meeting (AM)**

It was agreed that we should schedule the AM to take place at our 21<sup>st</sup> March meeting. Suggestions for presentations/speakers were – Will Norman, Enfield LCC re their mini-Holland, Sustrans re Brunel Bridge, TfL re CS4. Also the idea of showing some short cycling films (or maybe as a separate event).

Action: Jane to contact potential speakers early in the New Year.

**c) Dockless bikes e.g. oBike**

Mark raised the issue as to whether LC were in favour of dockless bikes. There was a brief discussion with mixed views. One of the main issues being that we have been actively campaigning for the TfL London Hire Bike scheme to be extended to the north of the borough and we wouldn't want that to be replaced by less effective dockless bike schemes.

Action: LC to discuss this issue at the next meeting.

**d) Lewisham Gateway temporary path.**

It was noted that phase 2 of the Lewisham Gateway project is on hold awaiting final planning permission and the remainder of the site appears to have been cleared. John and Brian raised the possibility of creating a temporary path across the site from the West (near DLR station) to East, roughly along the line of the future 'Confluence Park', to allow pedestrians and cyclists to short-cut the gyratory until the development restarts.

Action: Brian T. to write to local councillors to garner support for this idea, before proposing it to the Developer.

**e) Oxford St pedestrianisation. TfL Consultation (closes 17/12/17).**

Members are encouraged to respond to this consultation under which cycling will be banned from the pedestrianised sections of Oxford St.

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/oxford-street/>

**Meeting closed around 8.15pm.**

**Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at Lewisham Civic Centre. N.B. there is no LC meeting in December.**

