

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 17th January 2018 6.30pm

1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Alex Raha, Mike Tisdell, Duncan Roberston (Mobike UK).

Apologies: Roger Stocker.

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: Outstanding. Jane and Alex to compile results from the final ride-over.

b) **Bell Green development.**

This major development in planning involved another supermarket with more car parking and some housing. A well-supported petition against the project was submitted by the 'Save our Gas Holders' campaign group.

There was a Lewisham Planning Meeting on 23/11 where they were looking for planning consent for the development and demolition of the gas holders:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=185&MId=4776>

Rik attended that planning meeting at which Planning Permission was Refused.

c) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

Action: Jane to adapt the last LC paper insert for the LCC magazine as a basis for the next 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 a previous meeting he indicated that his blog would soon be ready.

Action: Outstanding. Alex Ingram to provide us with the link when his blog is completed.

e) **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. However he has subsequently mislaid this email.

Action: Jane to raise this with Josh Learner (the new Cycling Programme Manager at LBL).

f) **Lewisham Cycle Strategy.**

The Strategy was formally adopted by the council at the Mayor and Cabinet meeting on 6th December:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=4640&EVT=101&DT=D>

The final strategy can be found on the Lewisham Cyclists website 'Campaigns on borough roads' page: <http://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/campaign-update/campaigns-on-borough-roads/>

g) **Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4) Consultation (closed 19/11/17).**

Consultation documents can be found here:

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

https://lewisham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/regeneration/t/cycle_superhighway_4_-_evelyn_street_a200_designs

The group response to the consultation can be found here:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/CS4-consultation-response-LC-draft.pdf>

h) 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 a previous meeting and Mark informed us that 'Master Planners' were 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: Tim to email the above analysis out to members for further comments before submitting to Master Planners.

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 soon after.

i) 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.

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

Consultation documents can be found here:

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

The group's response to the consultation can be found here:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/Rotherhithe-Walking-and-Cycling-bridge-TfL-consultation-v2.pdf>

k) LC Annual Meeting (AM)

We have scheduled the AM to take place at our 21st March meeting. Jane has emailed Will Norman, Sustrans and Ned Boulting re potentially speaking at the meeting. If they are unavailable other suggestions were Enfield LCC (re mini-Holland), Deptford Folk (re Liveable Neighbourhoods project).

Action: Jane to confirm potential speakers.

l) Lewisham Gateway proposed 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. At the previous meeting 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.

Brian T. wrote to local Councillors concerning the idea, but hasn't had any positive response.

There is now an amended planning application out for consultation (10/2 deadline) so we agreed to hold this idea until the results of this application were known.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Liveable Neighbourhoods funding for Deptford North.

Overview of project here:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/DPLN-Canal-Approach-Greenway.pdf>

Jane to keep watching brief with Deptford Folk on the project as she visits them monthly for their drop-in workshop.

b) New Cross masterplan development (area around New Cross Gate station, extending as far as Kender Street, Surrey Canal Road, Rolt Street and Deptford High Street). Exhibition 18/1/18 1800hrs to 2100hrs @ Deptford Albany.

Action: Tim & Jane to attend this exhibition and report back at the next meeting.

c) Greenwich to Kent House & Lower Sydenham to Bromley Quietways. Bromley Council consultations (close 2/2/18)

http://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200123/cycling/1183/quietways_consultation

It was agreed to have a ride-over of these sections to assess Bromley Council's proposals before making a formal Group response. The ride-over was provisionally scheduled for Tue 23/1 at 8.30am meeting at Southend Lane NCN21 crossing. Date/Time was subsequently revised to Wed 24/1 at 1pm.

d) Gritting on Quietways, and major Cycle Routes in general.

Apparently there is no 'programme' for this when ice is forecast.

Action: Jane to compile a list of key routes/locations that should be gritted. Discuss with Josh Learner at next meeting with him.

e) TfL Consultation on Ultra Low Emission Zone – including extension out to South Circular (closes 28/2/18).

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/environment/air-quality-consultation-phase-3b/>

Action: Tim/Jane to prepare a response supporting this. In the meeting it was suggested that revenues from the charges should be spent on walking & cycling improvements.

f) Hither Green Festival 12-27 May, 2018

The Organisers have contacted us to ask if we want to participate in the Festival. This was discussed in the meeting and we felt that we needed to know more before committing e.g. would we part of a large event, so giving good exposure to the group and LCC, would we receive donation(s) to offset any costs of e.g. Dr Bike.

Duncan, from MoBike, also offered to attend with some demo bikes.

Action: Jane to contact them for further information.

4) A.O.B.

a) Mobike presentation by Duncan Robertson (Mobike UK) – given at beginning of the meeting.

Mobike are a dockless bike provider with plans to expand in London. <https://mobike.com/uk/> Duncan brought along a Mobike for us to look at and explained how their dockless bike offering works. It seemed much better thought through than the unsuccessful O-Bikes (unrelated company) that previously appeared in Lewisham.

The Mobikes have sim cards and GPS tracking in them so users/Mobike staff can see where they are located.

Mobike staff will re-locate misplaced bikes back to 'virtual' docking stations.

The Mobike itself appeared very robust; tamper proof and low maintenance with hidden cables, solid tyres and shaft drive.

Costs are low: £1 refundable deposit and £0.50 per 30 minutes. Rental of the bike is all handled through a Mobile Phone App using QR code scanning.

The scheme is already operational in a number of cities around the world, having originated in China.

In London they are currently operational in Islington, The City and Ealing. Hounslow soon.

Mobike are currently in discussions with Southwark and Lewisham councils. Could be 'Live' in 4-6 weeks once a council gives the go-ahead.

Mobike claim to need no funding from the boroughs – self-sustaining financially.

Duncan said that once operational they would be happy to provide 'heat-maps' of cyclists' routes across the borough, which could contribute to the development of new formal routes.

b) Cllr Ingleby report (given at beginning of the meeting)

Mark had a recent meeting with Nick Harvey and Simon Moss. Next Local Implementation Plan (LIP) approved for 2018/19 included some key items – Waterlink Way (Quietway conversion), Southend Lane crossing, Bike Hangers, Dockless Bikes....

Nick Harvey is no longer Cycling Programme Manager – he has moved into a more general transport role. Josh Learner (from Sustrans) has taken over the cycling portfolio.

A21 Spine project - Mark is intending to get Will Norman down to Lewisham, to meet with Cllr Smith and discuss this project in the context of it being a Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme. Propose that resources are needed to develop the Feasibility Report for the project, hopefully from TfL, or possibly we could use LIP money for this stage of the project?

Heritage Trail – signage is in place. Infrastructure works (gates & drop kerbs) pending. Mark to check with Nick/Josh when these will be done.

Action: Jane/Alex to send latest Quick Wins list through to Mark urgently, for discussion with Josh Learner.

c) Eddystone road railway bridge.

The lighting on this bridge is out of service making it hazardous for cyclists and pedestrians to use.

Skanska (who maintain the lighting) are claiming that the bridge itself is in some way 'unsafe', so they can't repair the lights until LBL make the bridge 'safe'. They didn't specify in what way the bridge is 'unsafe'

Action: Jane to discuss these issues with her local Councillors.

Action: Mark to discuss with Cllr Smith.

d) **Be Inspired event Wed 31/1/18 1100hrs to 1500hrs @ Glassmill Leisure Centre.**

LC are holding a Dr Bike and guided ride at this event. Any help will be welcomed.

<http://beinspiredlewisham.org/Glass-Mill-Jan-31st-2018-Invite>

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st February at Lewisham Civic Centre.