

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

**held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 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, Roy Volume, Ian Welsby, Laura Balzanella, Matthew Sparkes (of bike UK).

**Apologies:** Roger Stocker, James Soteriou.

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) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

**Action:** Jane to email the last LC paper insert for the LCC magazine document to Tim as a basis for the next E-Bulletin.

**Action:** Tim to create E-Bulletin based around the above document.

**Action:** Tim/Jane. Under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which is effective from 25/5/18 we may need to email all recipients of the E-Bulletin to ask them to opt-in to receive further E-Bulletins.

c) **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.

d) **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:** Tim to add to list of questions for Josh Learner (the new Cycling & Walking Programme Manager at LBL) at Annual Meeting.

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

The Lewisham Mayor has previously 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 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>

At this meeting Mark informed us that 'Master Planners' for the Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) were now due to be appointed in May 2018.

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, including a link to the LCC Better Junctions layouts <https://lcc.org.uk/pages/better-junctions> to LBL and the Master Planners in May 2018. And request a meeting to discuss the projected plans soon after.

f) **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.

**g) LC Annual Meeting (AM)**

We have scheduled the AM to take place at our 21<sup>st</sup> March meeting. Jane has emailed Will Norman, and Sustrans re potentially speaking at the meeting. Jane reported at this meeting that Will is unavailable. Other suggestions were Enfield LCC (re mini-Holland), Deptford Folk or Josh Learner (re Liveable Neighbourhoods project) and Cllr Sophie McGeever (LBL Clean Air Champion).

Action: Jane to confirm potential speakers.

Action: Tim to compile list of questions from members for Josh Learner on cycle schemes in LBL. Send to him in advance of meeting.

**h) Lewisham Gateway (and other central Lewisham developments).**

There has been a new planning application for phase 2 of the Lewisham Gateway construction project. Brian T. has already written, on behalf of Lewisham Cyclists, objecting to the application along the lines of our previous objections particularly related to the Lewisham Gateway road system. The Planning Meeting is scheduled for 20/3/17.

The Connington Rd (Tesco site) is also back in for planning approval.

The Carpetright site application has apparently been approved with a 30 storey building, plus a subsidiary building(!) and a new Western entrance to Lewisham Station.

Action: Brian to keep watching brief on these developments.

**i) 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).**

Tim attended the exhibition on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at Deptford Albany and reported that it seemed to be a high level study by an Architects firm to encourage community participation and look at land use and connectivity options. Two notable cycle related elements were that they still had CS5 in their transport plan running along New Cross Road and also the Cycling & Walking bridge across the railway near New Cross Gate station. These routes being potentially enabled by the redevelopment of New Cross Gate station for the Bakerloo line extension.

There are further opportunities to engage with this process over the next month at Richard Hoggart Building, Goldsmiths, SE14 6NW. Drop-ins on 3/3/18 1pm to 4pm and 14/3/18 6pm to 9pm, plus an exhibition running from 28/2/18 to 26/3/18. Members are encouraged to attend.

<https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/regeneration/deptford/Pages/A-new-vision-for-New-Cross.aspx>

**j) 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 and send to Josh Learner.

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

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

Tim submitted a Group response supporting this:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/TfL-ULEZ-Consultation-LC-response.pdf>

**l) 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 a previous 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: Outstanding. Jane to contact them for further information.

**m) 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 follow-up on this issue.

**3) Other issues & projects:**

**a) Local Elections and Lewisham Mayoral candidates.**

When the Local Election and Mayoral candidates have all been declared we should write to them all individually asking them to pledge to deliver the Lewisham Cycling Strategy pledges in the defined

timescales.

Action: Jane to prepare letter to send to all candidates.

**b) Rat runs list for Lewisham Council.**

Josh Learner has asked us to provide a list of Rat Runs that we are aware of as LBL are starting work on a 'traffic reduction' strategy.

It may also be worthwhile to meet with Living Streets regarding this initiative.

Action: Jane/Tim to request input from Members via E-List and Facebook Group.

**c) Quietway Developments update.**

Roger received the following information from TfL which includes LBL's Quietway funding for the upgrade of the Waterlink Way and Canada Water to Deptford sections.

[https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/quietways\\_funding\\_2?nocache=incoming-1112747#incoming-1112747](https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/quietways_funding_2?nocache=incoming-1112747#incoming-1112747)

The relatively modest sums involved do not suggest any major interventions on the scale we were expecting. And no apparent monies for the Southend Lane signalised crossing. The lack of ambition may explain why there has not been any public consultation to date.

Action: Tim to add this issue to the questions for Josh Leaner to answer at Annual Meeting.

**d) Brockley Corridor (Crofton Park) consultation conclusions.**

LC were not represented at the wrap-up meeting for this consultation as we were only invited at very short notice.

Action: Tim to request a copy of the formal Consultation Report from Josh Learner.

**e) Old Kent Road Area Action Plan further consultation.**

<https://consultations.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-regeneration/old-kent-road-aap-further-consultation/> (closes 21/3/18).

Members are encouraged to respond to this consultation.

**f) National Bike Week (9/6/18 to 17/6/18).**

Jane suggested doing a Bike Breakfast.

Tim said he would lead a Lewisham Peaks ride and an Infrastructure Ride up to Central London to look at the new Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park segregated routes.

Any other suggestions for events welcomed.

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

**a) Cllr Damien Egan - selected Labour Party Lewisham Mayoral candidate (at beginning of meeting).**

Cllr Egan attended the beginning of the meeting to share some thoughts on cycling related commitments for the upcoming Labour manifesto. The attendees expressed their preference for the main commitment to be centred around the A21 Lewisham Spine project, but for this to be presented as a Liveable Neighbourhood, more than Cycle Superhighway development, making the most of the opportunities to eliminate vehicle rat-running in the surrounding areas and generally improve the public realm.

Another commitment about tripling secure cycle parking e.g. on-street Bike Hangars, was also quite popular although we thought tripling was a modest aim given how little there is in the Borough so far.

**b) OfoBike presentation by Matthew Sparkes (OFO UK) (given at beginning of the meeting).**

ofobike are a dockless bike provider with plans to expand in London. <https://www.ofo.com>

Matthew gave a brief overview of ofobike's plans.

They are currently funding bike training and providing bikes for this, in partnership with London Cycling Campaign.

Some particularly positive aspects of their service:

E-bike transport of bikes between virtual docks (not diesel vans).

Living wage employer, employing local staff without contracting out of services.

Bikes are locked out of service if they go outside their operational area – as per TfL rules.

Similar costs to other dockless bikes schemes and running without subsidy.

You can request an ofo virtual hub near your home/work etc. by going to:

<https://lcc.org.uk/pages/dockless-bike-hubs>

**c) Cllr Ingleby report (given at beginning of the meeting).**

Mark and Jane attended a recent meeting at Deptford Folk where Will Norman was attending to discuss their successful Liveable Neighbourhoods bid for the 'Canal Approach Greenway' and linked

projects. Will was apparently very impressed by the Liveable Neighbourhood project and Mark took the opportunity to discuss the A21 Lewisham Spine project with him.

**d) Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding 2018-2019**

The LIP funding details for 2018-2019 (and outcomes for 2017-2018) are here:

<http://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s52658/LIP%20Annual%20Spending%20Submission%202018-19.pdf>

Also contains some interesting proposals in section 11 for potential Liveable Neighbourhoods schemes – Canal Approach Greenway (in feasibility stage), Creekside, Lewisham High St and Deptford Church Street.

**Meeting closed around 8.45pm.**

**Next LC Monthly Meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at Lewisham Civic Centre.**