

Minutes of Annual Meeting (AM) of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) held in Room 4 at The Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford Road, SE6 4RU

Wednesday 21st March 2018 6-30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Cllr Sophie McGeevor (Brockley Ward), Matt Begg, Cllr Mark Ingleby (LBL Cycle Champion & Whitefoot Ward), James Soteriou, Clare Rogers (Enfield LCC), Roger Stocker, Rik Andrew, Brian Turpin, Michael Tisdell, Cllr Joyce Jacca (Evelyn Ward), Cllr John Paschoud (Perry Vale Ward), Jeremy Doyle, Paul Davies (Deptford Folk).

Apologies: Cllr Joan Millbank, Cllr Maja Hilton, Cllr Susan Wise, Cllr Hilary Moore.

2) **LC Coordinator's Report.**

Jane presented her Coordinator's report.

If you want to view Jane's report please click on the following link or copy and paste link into your web browser:

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3) **LC Treasurer's Report.**

John presented his Treasurer's report – please see Appendix A for a copy of the report.

4) **Elections to LC Management Committee.**

Alex Raha took the Chair for the elections.

There was a brief discussion about the large amount of work that was being done by Jane and whether the introduction of some additional role(s) e.g. Rides Coordinator may take some of the load off Jane. This issue was deferred for discussion at the next routine Monthly Meeting.

Action: Tim to add to Agenda for April meeting.

Jane Davis nominated herself for the post of Coordinator, seconded by Rik Andrew and she was elected unopposed.

Tim Collingridge nominated himself for the post of Secretary, seconded by Alex Raha and he was elected unopposed.

John Phillips was nominated by Jane Davis for the post of Treasurer, seconded by Brian Turpin and he was elected unopposed.

5) **Presentation from Josh Learner (Cycling and Walking Programme Manager for London Borough of Lewisham (LBL)) on the Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhoods project and update on current cycle developments within LBL.**

Josh walked us through the essential elements of the very exciting Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhoods project which is now in the Feasibility Stage. If this project moves forward to implementation it will include the re-opening of Canal Approach providing a key walking and cycling route between Folkestone Gardens (Quietway 1) and the Thames, plus enhancements to a number of other key cycle routes in the Deptford North area.

Members are encouraged to contribute to the project by adding their ideas to the commonplace map for the project: <https://deptfordparks.commonplace.is/>

If you want to view Josh's presentation on the Liveable Neighbourhoods project please click on the following link or copy and paste link into your web browser:

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Specific comments on other cycle-related projects planned or under way:

CycleSuperHighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich).

The consultation report is due to be published on Friday 23rd March showing very high

levels of public approval for the scheme.

TfL are currently performing modelling of the whole route which is due to be completed by June. There will be a second consultation report reflecting the modelling – scheduled for July.

The aim is to have a public consultation regarding the missing 'Lower Road' section this summer.

Project build currently slated for the back-end of 2019.

Lewisham Spine (A21) segregated cycle lanes and Liveable Neighbourhoods.

Cllr Ingleby and Josh have recently discussed with Will Norman. Currently the project is not in TfL's top 20 potential routes as identified by their Strategic Cycling Analysis, possibly due to the parallel existing Waterlink Way route. This means it is not in their Business Plan either. It may be that LBL need to find monies to commission a Feasibility Study to raise the project's profile as was done with the Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhood bid. Josh will be pressing his management to see if this can be done.

Bike Hanger roll-out (on street secure cycle storage).

First phase is scheduled for May 2018 with 30 to be installed in the streets already identified to have the highest number of requests. Subsequent phases are scheduled for Oct 2018 and Mar 2019.

Quietways.

Greenwich to Lower Sydenham - Waterlink Way widening has started south of Catford and a new flat and wider bridge over the river is planned to be installed at this location. The Southend Lane crossing on the Waterlink Way, and the adjacent Worsley Bridge Road signalised junction, are being modelled by TfL to ascertain what the signalised cycle crossing options are across the two locations.

It could also be an option to provide a walking and cycling bridge solution on the Waterlink Way if signalisation is not feasible.

Canada Water to Deptford – Josh to provide LC with the detailed design documentation for this section of Quietway.

Josh warned that TfL funding issues could have a significant impact on future Quietway developments.

Tim commented on the fact that there had not been a Stakeholder or Public consultation on the current Quietway improvements that are now underway. Josh couldn't comment specifically on this point as he was not 'in post' at the time, but he committed to consult, at least, Stakeholders in the future. Public Consultation is not necessarily needed if the scope of the improvements is modest.

Brockley Corridor (Crofton Park scheme).

LC have requested the final consultation report for this project to ascertain what the formal plans for the project now are. Both LC and Lewisham Living Streets are dissatisfied with the designs they have seen and are questioning whether the project should proceed in its current form. Josh said he will track down the Lead Engineer on the project and get this information for LC as a top priority.

Walking and Cycling bridge from Catford Green development to Doggett Road.

Josh said there is still a commitment to provide this essential link, however there is a section 106 funding shortfall which is currently being discussed in the Council and with Barratts, the Developer.

Gritting of cycle routes.

Members have previously highlighted the lack of gritting on key cycle routes in Lewisham during the recent icy weather. The response we received from the Highways department indicated that they did not consider it practical to grit these routes due to a number of

issues e.g. vehicular access.

Josh indicated that he would raise this again within the Council to see what could be done.

LIP (Local Implementation Plan) outcomes (2016-2017).

LC have repeatedly requested information on the cycle-related outcomes of the LIP budget for 2016-17. Josh said that he had requested and was waiting to receive this information from within the responsible LBL group and would forward it onto LC when received.

6) Presentation by Clare Rogers (Enfield Cycling Campaign (LCC)) on their experiences in the development of the 'Cycle Enfield' 'Mini-Holland' project.

Clare Rogers gave us a fascinating presentation on the mini-Holland project in Enfield. She described the project as being similar in style to the implementation in Seville, Spain where a large amount of semi-segregated cycles routes, of varying quality, were created in a short time.

In Enfield around 20km of routes have now been created - generally segregated or semi-segregated.

There has been strong resistance to modal filtering from the Council.

Some plans have been heavily watered down due to well-organised resistance, particularly from local businesses, e.g. a plan for Enfield Church Street to become car free received 63% opposition in consultation and was abandoned.

Overall however the plans are still quite ambitious aiming to move from 1% modal share now, to 5% modal share.

Lessons learned from the campaign are that to avoid 'bikelash' you need to widen the campaign to involve other local community groups and make the focus on reducing traffic, improving air quality and making the streets safer for children, rather than a narrow campaign to provide enhanced cycle facilities - 'Better Streets for Enfield' <http://betterstreets.co.uk/>

Interestingly this was very much the same as the experiences related by Paul Gasson regarding the Waltham Forest mini-Holland at the 2017 LC Annual Meeting.

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We are hoping to organise trip(s) to Enfield and Waltham Forest this Summer to check out both these projects as a feed-in to our Lewisham Spine project – watch out for mention of these trips in forthcoming LC meetings.

7) Actions from Minutes of last AM and matters arising.

There were no outstanding actions or matters arising.

8) A.O.B.

There wasn't time to take A.O.B at this meeting.

Meeting closed around 8.45pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th April at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford.

Appendix A – Treasurers Report

Lewisham Cyclists Treasurer's Report to 2018 AGM

Our finances remain healthy with our available bank balance of £831 being almost the same as it was this time last year. This is in part as a result of several large donations from the Deptford Folk organisation related to the monthly Deptford Mend and Ride scheme. We also owe a small vote of thanks at least to one individual, who wishes to remain anonymous, who's been contributing £20 a month to us since last June.

Our biggest single purchase was the cargo bike. Its £2,280 cost was met by two personal donations of £1,000 each with the balance coming from our general funds.

Some relatively modest donations have also been received in cash at Mend and Ride sessions. This income stream has mostly been used to pay the Mend and Ride mechanics directly and is not detailed in the accompanying summary. There was a residual £9 in cash at the last count.

The presented figures were compiled last week, a fortnight before the 31st March year end. It is not expected that any substantial changes will occur before then.

John Phillips

Treasurer

21 March 2018

Lewisham Cyclists Treasurer's provisional summary report for 1 April 2017 to 21 March 2018

Income						
Grants						
£451 LCC and £180 Ride London			594			
Donations & jumble proceeds						
Donations			1301			
Bike jumble			126			
			2021	<i>total income</i>		
Expenditure						
M & R scheme - Mechanic costs £485 & Consumables £380			865			
Events - Mechanic costs £497 & Pitch fee £60			557			
Balance of Cargo Bike purchase			280			
Domain renewal			24			
Refund of 2016 Xmas dinner deposits			150			
			1876	<i>sub- total</i>		
Consumables received but not yet paid for			156			
			2032	<i>total expenditure</i>		
Bank balance at start			892			
plus income			2021			
less expenditure			1876			
			1037	<i>current bank balance</i>		
less: Consumables not yet paid for & March M&R mechanic			-226			
plus expected March donation			20			
Estimated year-end (31 March) surplus			831			
John Phillips						
Treasurer						
21 March 2018						

Appendix C – Josh Learner’s presentation

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Appendix D – Clare Roger’s presentation

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