

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 16th May 2018 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Matt Begg, Jeremy Doyle.
Apologies: Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Alex Raha, Roger Stocker.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**
Action: Outstanding. Tim/Jane. Create a new E-Bulletin and include reference to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which are effective from 25th May.
 - b) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**
2016/2017 LIP spending. Still waiting on information from Josh Learner.
2018/2019 LIP spending. Earlier on the 16th Josh updated us on the £100K cycle related spend as follows: £90K - Secure Cycle Parking (cyclehoop Bikehangar roll-out across the borough); £10K - small interventions e.g. one way to two way cycling conversions.
2019/2020 LIP to be submitted in Oct 2018 to TfL. We emphasised that there should be provision in the LIP for Feasibility/Design Work on the Lewisham A21 Spine and associated Liveable Neighbourhoods. Josh aims to include this, but of course it will be subject to TfL approval.
 - c) **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>
The 'Master Planners' for the Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) are 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 when appointed. And Mark Ingleby to request a meeting for LC to discuss the projected plans soon after.
 - d) **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.
Roger has confirmed that he did submit a response on behalf of LC to Planning in November. Details here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Silver-Road-Planning-Application-response.pdf>
 - e) **Lewisham Gateway (and other central Lewisham developments).**
Nothing to report on these developments this month.
Action: Brian to keep a watching brief on these developments.
 - f) **Hither Green Festival 12-27 May, 2018**
Jane has arranged to provide a Dr Bike and a Family Ride led by herself and Deb. This will take place from 1pm to 4pm on Saturday 26th May in Mountsfield Park. John indicated that he would attend to assist with the Br Bike. More details of the Festival can be found here:
<https://ourhithergreen.com/local-calendar/>
 - g) **Local Elections 3rd May 2018**
Once the Local Election and Mayoral candidates were all declared we wrote to them all individually asking them to pledge to deliver the Lewisham Cycling Strategy pledges in the defined timescales. Brian actioned this and positive responses were received from a range of candidates. These will be summarised and circulated, and help build our list of prospective councillor invites to the WF mini-Holland - see item 2I).

h) 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 with Nick Harvey coordinating this work.

Action: Tim to compile the list from members' E-List responses over the past month and put it out for final comment on the E-List, before submitting to Josh & Nick Harvey (LBL Traffic Reduction Strategy Manager) before the end of May.

i) Brockley Corridor (Crofton Park Streetscape project).

LC have now received the formal Consultation Report from Josh Learner:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Crofton-Park-Consultation-Report-22-01-18-FINAL-without-app.pdf>

Full Consultation Report (with appendices) .

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/aay6vgd8a9gkh7i/AACVAGnXfV8wjEED6WJ9aOKTa?dl=0>

We, earlier on the 16th, emphasised to Josh that we are still opposed to the project proceeding in its current form, as are other Stakeholders e.g. Lewisham Living Streets, and believe that it should go back for a redesign. Josh informed us that it has not yet been internally approved for Detailed Design.

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

There is a Deptford Second Sunday Mend n Ride on Sun 10th.

There is a New Cross Field Dr Bike on Tue 12th.

It is a Tuesday Totter week so Jane will lead that ride on Tue 12th.

Jane has suggested doing a Bike Breakfast on Thu 14th or Fri 15th.

Tim said he would lead a Lewisham Peaks ride (Thu 14th) and an Infrastructure Ride up to Central London (Sat 16th) to look at the new Buckingham Palace and Hyde Park segregated routes.

Please refer to the LC calendar for the latest details on these events:

<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/calendar-of-events/>

k) Discussion about introduction of additional LC Committee role(s) to spread workload.

At our previous meeting it was suggested that there could be a Campaigns Coordinator with overall responsibility for campaigns (e.g. Cycle Superhighway, Liveable Neighbourhoods, Quietway and Planning applications) and communication (e.g. social media). This would help to ensure that nothing essential gets missed.

The detailed work on reviewing these developments would continue to be shared between individuals with the relevant skills, with working parties for larger schemes e.g. Lewisham Gateway, Catford re-development.

John also floated the idea of splitting the Monthly Meeting into two – one meeting to work at a technical level and one to be a higher level, and more approachable, campaigning meeting.

It was suggested that we should compile simple job descriptions for the current and potential roles, and put them out to the membership to see if any are interested on taking them on? Other areas included communications (social media & newsletters); chairing meetings & meeting follow up; community projects, events, workshops and rides.

Action: LC to discuss further at the next Monthly Meeting.

Action: Jeremy/Brian to prepare a draft 'job description' for the Campaigns Coordinator role.

l) Planning for summer councillors' visit to Waltham Forest (WF) to view a mini-Holland project.

We have identified that it is possible to get to Walthamstow fairly quickly from Liverpool St station on the London Overground. We are therefore proposing to run a councillors' trip up to WF on Sat August 4th. Attendees can either take their own bikes on the train or we can use the dockless bikes available up there. The plan is to look at the Liveable Neighbourhoods style work that has been done plus the more Cycle Superhighway like lanes that should by then have been completed on the Lea Bridge road.

It was also suggested that we should concentrate on getting the Catford area councillors particularly involved as there are significant Liveable Neighbourhood opportunities (particularly by elimination of through rat-running traffic) in these areas to coincide with the A21 Spine project.

Also encourage Josh Learner to come along to help briefing the councillors.

Action: Tim to contact WF LCC Group to confirm that they would have someone available to show us around and provide the background to the developments.

Action: Brian to prepare an outline of the visit for inclusion with the invitation to councillors.

m) Catford Green to Doggett Road cycle and walking bridge (Section 106 funding from Catford Green development).

This project is now being handled by the Capital Projects department in LBL with Tom Henry managing it. There is still a shortfall in funding and an active debate about the pros and cons of

ramps versus lifts.

Action: Tim to contact Tom Henry for an update.

n) Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre Sat 23rd June 12pm – 5pm.

Three pitches have been booked.

Tim agreed to do a morning shift 11am to 2pm. Jeremy agreed to do an afternoon shift 1.30pm to 5pm. John proposed starting to shut down the stall around 4pm to ensure a prompt finish.

Action: John is going to contact Jane after she is back from holiday (25th) to arrange mechanic(s) and check she is able to attend.

o) Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich)

Project build on this project is still due to commence in late 2019. At our meeting earlier in the day Josh indicated that he is meeting with Osman, the responsible TfL Project Engineer, within the next couple of weeks and will feed back the latest information to us after that meeting.

p) A21 Lewisham Spine segregated lanes and Liveable Neighbourhoods project.

Mark said there had been a recent accident near the Green Man on the Bromley Road (A21). He is hoping to convene a meeting with Heidi Alexander, TfL representatives and local councillors to highlight the issues on the road and lobby TfL to provide urgent funding for the Lewisham Spine project Feasibility work.

q) Circulation of Agendas and Minutes for Monthly Meetings.

At the previous meeting Brian queried whether Cllr Ingleby, Josh Learner and other interested Councillors, currently receive these communications directly (rather than by actively picking them up from Facebook, LC website etc.). Tim replied that there was no direct circulation at the moment. It was agreed that it could be beneficial for them to receive these details directly if they wish.

Action: Outstanding - Tim to contact Councillors who attended the Annual Meeting to see if they wish to be on an email circulation of this information.

Tim has already added Josh and Mark to the circulation list.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf river crossing. Consultation report here:

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/rivercrossings/rotherhithe-canarywharf/>

Tim attended a Stakeholders meeting at TfL regarding this project on 19th April. There appears to be a lot of momentum behind the project with a fair sized TfL team working on it. Current aspiration is to make a Transport & Works Act Order application in Spring 2019.

b) Local Elections 3rd May 2018. Discussion of outcome and implications for cycling in Lewisham.

There wasn't much time for discussions of this subject, but for information these are the notable political appointments over the past couple of weeks.

Cllr Sophie McGeevor/Cllr Brenda Dacres (job share) - Lewisham Council Cabinet member(s) for Parks, Neighbourhoods & Transport

Cllr Mark Ingleby – Lewisham Council Cycling Champion

Heidi Alexander – has resigned as Lewisham East MP and will be London Deputy Mayor for Transport replacing Val Shawcross in the summer.

We also learned from Josh Learner that he, and Nick Harvey, have a new Manager – Alexandra Crush (Transport Policy & Development Manager) reporting to Simon Moss (Group Service Manager – Transport).

c) Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhood – initial public consultation ends 31st May 2018:

<https://deptfordparks.commonplace.is/about>

Members are encouraged to submit responses to this project before the deadline at the end of this month.

4) A.O.B.

a) By-election for Lewisham East MP – 14th Jun 2018.

Action: Brian. To compile a cycling commitments letter to send to all of the candidates when they have all been declared. N.B. Cllr Janet Daby has since been nominated as the Labour Party candidate which will necessitate a further bye-election in her ward, if she is successful.

b) **Department for Transport (DfT) Cycling & Walking safety public consultation ends 1st June 2018.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-cwis-safety-review/cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy-safety-review-call-for-evidence>

Members are encouraged to respond to this consultation that runs until 1st Jun 2018.

Action: Rik. To circulate his ideas on the consultation to the E-List.

Meeting closed around 8.20pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th June at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.