

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

**held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 6.30pm**

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Roger Stocker, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rik Andrew, Jeremy Doyle, Alfred Hage, Roy Volume, Mike Tisdell, Matt Kendall.

**Apologies:** Matt Begg.

### 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**

#### a) **Lewisham Cyclists E-Bulletin.**

See item m) below. Create a new Mail Chimp E-Bulletin and include reference to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which are effective from 25<sup>th</sup> May.

#### b) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**

2016/2017 LIP spending. Still waiting on information from Josh Learner. Roger suggested that we should raise a Freedom of Information enquiry to get this information. Mark said he would request it again from Josh.

After the meeting I noticed that the subsequent year's LIP contains outcomes for the prior ones:

The LIP for 2017/2018 contains details on the 2016/2017 outcomes in Appendix A:

<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/documents/s45564/LIP%20Annual%20Spending%20Submission%202017-18.pdf>

The LIP for 2018/2019 contains details on the 2017/2018 outcomes in Appendix A:

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

Both the above documents have also been saved in the LC Dropbox folder for future reference.

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.

**Action:** LC to arrange with Josh for a review of the LIP submission before it is sent to TfL.

In the LIP discussion Roger queried which one way streets were being prioritised for one way to two way cycling conversion. LC have already submitted a non-prioritised list to Josh in our 'Quick Wins' document.

**Action:** Tim to check with Josh which one way streets they are actively working on.

#### 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/lz8lfnmjr4m7mn/AABljt-t8EiCedw8NYdchdLra?dl=0>

The 'Master Planners' for the Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) were due to be appointed in May 2018. Mark reported at this meeting that they have still not been appointed.

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) **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.

#### e) **Local Elections 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Our letter and candidate responses can be found here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/responses-received-from-local-election-candidates-to-our-pledges-3rd-may-2018-elections/>

#### f) **Rat Runs list for Lewisham Council.**

Josh Learner has previously 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.

Tim compiled the list from members' E-List responses and submitted it to Josh & Nick Harvey (LBL Traffic Reduction Strategy Manager) on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June. The submitted list can be found here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/LC-Suggested-roads-for-traffic-filtering-v2.pdf>

**g) 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.

Brian and Jeremy have prepared a 'job description' for this role and a broader presentation on campaigning objectives and target stakeholder groups

Jeremy also suggested there should be a tracking database/spreadsheet to allow us to record the progress on our key campaigning objectives.

With a view to engaging more effectively with the local community it was also proposed that we should encourage local members to visit their local Ward Assemblies and give a brief presentation on our objectives. Each member could cover their three nearest assemblies, requiring seven members across the borough.

Action: Jane to prepare a presentation for LC representatives to take to their local Ward Assemblies.

Action: Brian to prepare a doodle poll for a separate meeting to discuss these ideas further.

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

We are planning to run a councillors' fact-finding trip up to WF on Sat August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Brian prepared an outline of the proposed visit which Mark will be sending out very soon to all the Councillors and the Lewisham Mayor. We agreed we should also invite the Council Officers Alex Crush, Josh Learner and Simon Moss.

According to Paul Gasson from WF LCC, who is guiding the trip, getting hire bikes is still an issue in their borough. He suggested using Brompton Dock who have locations in the borough e.g.

<https://www.bromptonbikehire.com/docks/3124-london:walthamstowcentral>

Action: Mark to send out the invitation to Councillors etc. and pass the responses back to LC asap.

Action: Brian to coordinate the trip on behalf of LC.

**i) 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: Outstanding - Tim to contact Tom Henry for an update.

**j) Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June 12pm – 5pm.**

Three pitches have been booked.

Previously Tim agreed to do a morning shift 11am to 2pm and Jeremy agreed to do an afternoon shift 1.30pm to 5pm.

At this meeting Brian and Alex also indicated they would be able to help out.

Jane and Seb are the bike mechanics for the Dr Bike.

**k) Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich)**

Josh met with Osman, the responsible TfL Project Engineer, last month and fed back the following update to us:

"Modelling to be complete in June 2018 and response in July 2018.

Detailed design to begin August 2018.

Project Build throughout 2019.

TfL have made some changes to the toucan road crossing at Oxestalls Road to allow for wider crossing and closer to Evelyn Street to improve desire line."

Action: Jane. Request a meeting with Osman for a formal update on the project. Particularly for an update on the modelling results and the Lower Road section – which was missing from the original consultation.

**l) A21 Lewisham Spine segregated lanes and Liveable Neighbourhoods project.**

Mark has been working with Alex Crush and Cllr Dacres on preparing a letter for the Lewisham Mayor to send to the London Mayor pledging support for the A21 Spine project and encouraging TfL to commence work on it as a priority. The scheme is not yet in TfL's Business Plan.

Funding for the Feasibility stage is an issue, Mark has been looking to TfL to provide the funding for this but members at the meeting encouraged Mark to see if some of Lewisham's LIP money could

also be spent on this part of the project to get it moving asap.

Action: Mark to keep pushing the project forward.

**m) Circulation of Agendas and Minutes for Monthly Meetings.**

There is currently no direct circulation of Agendas and Minutes to local Councillors and we previously thought this could be a good idea for Councillors who had shown an interest in our activities e.g. by attending our Annual Meeting.

At this meeting Alex raised the issue of the Mail Chimp E-Bulletin and whether this was still actively generated. He is interested in re-activating it and this may be more appropriate to send to Councillors than Agendas and Minutes.

Action: LC to discuss at upcoming Communications meeting.

**n) By-election for Lewisham East MP – 14<sup>th</sup> Jun 2018.**

Brian compiled a cycling commitments letter which he sent to all of the major candidates. The details of the letter and the one response received are here: <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/lewisham-east-by-election-pledges-letter/>

**o) Deptford North Liveable Neighbourhood.**

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

Roger raised a point that although this was a form of consultation it didn't appear on the Lewisham Consultation 'Hub'.

Tim commented that it had been promoted quite widely e.g. via the Lewisham Life weekly email.

Action: Tim to ask Josh why it is not on the Consultation 'Hub' and for him to add it if possible.

**p) Department for Transport (DfT) Cycling & Walking safety public consultation ends 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

We didn't have time to make a Group response to this consultation.

**3) Other issues & projects:**

**a) Tragic cyclist fatality in collision on Childers St (and two other recent cyclist fatalities in Greenwich).**

After this tragic fatality, about which the exact circumstances are not known, there was a general feeling amongst attendees that Childers St is still not as safe as it should be for a busy Quietway route.

This is particularly due to the fact that Rolt St, which was originally proposed for complete filtering, has been left with one-way westbound access. The proposed full closure was not taken forward due to strong local resident opposition.

It was also noted that Childers St does not have full width speed humps, only speed cushions (apparently due to emergency vehicle access requirements) and still has pavement parking on the north side.

Members have also witnessed cars regularly coming illegally eastbound through the Rolt St one-way section.

Action: Jane to write to Alex Crush/Josh Learner to request speed monitoring on Childers St to check vehicle speeds and highlight where further speed restraint measures are needed.

Also to request a camera is set up to deter vehicles from illegally coming eastbound through the Rolt St closure.

Regarding the two tragic fatalities in Greenwich, on the main road between Greenwich and Woolwich, it was agreed that we would like to make a joint statement with Greenwich Cyclists emphasising that the plans for CS4 to be extended all the way to Woolwich should be taken forward as a top priority.

Action: Jane to contact Neil at Greenwich Cyclists to agree a joint statement to send to the London Mayor/Greenwich Council/Len Duvall/Local MPs etc.

**b) Prudential Ride London Freecycle Sat 28th July.**

<https://www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk/events/freecycle/>

We will, as usual, be coordinating a feeder ride with an initial meeting point on the Waterlink Way near the blue iron bridge, behind Sainsbury's, Bell Green, Lower Sydenham, SE26 4PU at 10am. There may be a further pickup point in Deptford – details to be finalised.

Jane is leading the ride with John, Tim, Deb and one other Marshall so far confirmed.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Action: Jane to finalise arrangements over next few weeks.

c) **Recent LC meeting with 'Brockley Better Streets'.**

Jane and Tim met with Niels and Sara from Brockley Better Streets on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

<http://www.brockleystreets.co.uk/> They are a local community group looking to reduce through traffic in Brockley, thereby reducing pollution, improving road safety and enhancing the local environment for walking and cycling. We expressed our support for their plans and intend to stay in touch with them as their campaign develops.

d) **Bellingham pedestrian bridge over Hayes railway line replacement works.**

This bridge is currently being refurbished by Network Rail. We were hoping that the bridge was going to be replaced with a ramped cycle and disability accessible one in the near future e.g. as part of the Waterlink Way Quietway works.

Action: Jane to write to Josh to express our disappointment about this and suggest that Network Rail and LBL need to coordinate better over the issue of railway footbridges as they are a significant barrier to movement across the borough.

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

a) **Quietways**

We didn't get time to discuss the status of the Quietway conversions that are planned/ currently under way.

Action: LC to discuss at the next meeting.

b) **Pedal on Parliament (Stop Killing Cyclists event) Sat 13<sup>th</sup> October**

For members' information this event is being planned for the Autumn.

**Meeting closed around 8.20pm.**

**Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.**