

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford

Wednesday 15th August 2018 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** John Phillips (Treasurer), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha, Brian Turpin, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Rik Andrew.
Apologies: Jane Davis, Roger Stocker, Matt Begg, Jeremy Doyle.
- 2) **Actions from Minutes of last monthly meeting:**
 - a) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP).**

2019/2020 LIP to be submitted in Oct 2018 to TfL. There should be provision in the LIP for Feasibility/Design Work on the Lewisham A21 Spine and associated Liveable Neighbourhoods.
Action: LC to arrange with Josh for a review of the LIP submission before it is sent to TfL.
 - b) **Catford Master Planning and A205/A21 junction redesign.**

As part of the Catford Master Plan 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 whole Catford Redevelopment (including the road realignments) have now been appointed – they are Studio Egret West and Carl Turner.
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: Outstanding - Mark to get us a contact at Studio Egret West and Carl Turner so we can send them the junction-assessment, including a link to the LCC Better Junctions layouts
<https://lcc.org.uk/pages/better-junctions>.
Action: Outstanding - Mark to request a meeting with them, including LC representatives, to discuss the projected plans.
 - c) **Lewisham Gateway (and other central Lewisham developments).**

The Lewisham commonplace map contained a range of comments on Lewisham Gateway that are worth considering in future campaigns.
Action: Brian to keep a watching brief on these developments.
 - d) **LC campaigning strategies, communications and organisation structure.**

A sub-group meeting was held on Monday August 13th at 7pm to discuss these issues with a view to making our campaigning more effective and enhancing communications with members, residents and other stakeholder groups in Lewisham.
Action: Jeremy to produce a summary of the conclusions from the meeting for further discussion.
Action: Outstanding - Jane to prepare a presentation for LC representatives to take to their local Ward Assemblies.
 - e) **Planning for summer Councillors' visit to Waltham Forest (WF) to view a mini-Holland project.**

This fact-finding trip has been re-scheduled to Saturday 15th September and the Lewisham Mayor Damien Egan plus a number of LBL councillors are likely to attend.
The Leader of WF Council Clare Coghill is also planning to attend.
We agreed that the primary meeting point would be Cannon St station and we would then take attendees onwards to WF via London Overground from Liverpool St station.
Action: Mark to confirm if WF Council are planning to coordinate the trip or whether this will be left to Paul Gasson (and LC) with Clare Coghill only making a brief appearance.
Action: Brian/Jane to coordinate with Mark, Paul Gasson etc. to finalise arrangements for the visit.
According to Paul Gasson 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 confirm an attendees list, how councillors will be travelling and whether they need bikes in WF.
Action: Rik to prepare a route back to Central London for those who wish to cycle back.
 - f) **Catford Green to Doggett Road cycle and walking bridge (Section 106 funding from Catford Green development).**

Tim contacted Tom Henry again regarding the shortfall in funding on the bridge. Tom replied on the 30th July: "Bridge estimate circa £4m, S106 contribution £2m minus costs to date."

g) Cycle Superhighway 4 (CS4 - Tower Bridge to Greenwich)

Latest schedule that we are aware of is: Modelling to be complete in June 2018 and response in July 2018. Detailed design to begin August 2018. Project Build throughout 2019.

Jane contacted Osman Qayyum (TfL) on 17th July requesting a meeting to have 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. No response received yet.

Action: Jane/Tim to chase Osman re the proposed meeting. CC Simon Munk, Josh Learner.

Action: Mark to email Heidi Alexander about the formal 'de-linking' of the Jamaica Road and Evelyn St sections of CS4 from the Lower Road section. This will allow construction to proceed as soon as detailed design has been completed on those sections.

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

Mark has recently had meetings with TfL (Heidi Alexander, Simon Mounsey and Will Bradley) and Simon Moss (& other Officers) regarding finding funding for the Feasibility Work on the project. Simon Mounsey has committed to delivering a safety audit of the Green Man junction (after a recent accident there) and adjacent parts of the A21 by Xmas.

He also will provide a quote for TfL to do the Feasibility work on the segregated lanes plans. Funding could come from the TfL 'Growth Fund' or the LIP.

Sustrans (Matt Winfield) are also apparently interested in preparing a Feasibility Report. They recently did one on the A12 (a similar type of road) and the outcome cost was around £25K.

Action: Mark to keep pushing the project forward.

i) 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.

Jane wrote to Alexandra Crush/Josh Learner on 18th July 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.

Alexandra Crush replied on 25th July:

"As you may already be aware, we have taken a number of actions following the fatality, although as you say police investigations are ongoing:

Although the road signs and layout were all compliant with the regulations, we are installing extra signs to reinforce the message that the road is not a through route towards Childers Street.

The mobile enforcement camera continues to visit on a regular basis. (Looking at the most recent data we currently have available, the mobile camera car visited Rolt Street 17 times throughout May issuing 51 penalty charge notices for contravening the one way plug.) We are also investigating the feasibility of a permanent camera.

Google maps and Tom Tom Maps have been updated with the new restrictions.

In terms of possible further interventions, I think these are best looked at through the Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood project. We have been gathering feedback from the community on what they would like to see included (subject to funding) and I note from the Commonplace map that we have received a number of comments regarding Childers/Rolt Street, which will be taken into consideration.

We are confident that the above measures along with the Liveable Neighbourhood proposals will significantly reduce the issue but we will be monitoring the situation closely over the next few months."

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.

Jane wrote to Neil Robertson at Greenwich Cyclists on 17th July suggesting we agree a joint statement to send to the London Mayor/Greenwich Council/Len Duvall/Local MPs etc.

j) 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.

Jane emailed Josh Learner regarding this issue on 18th July but no response has been received yet.
Action: Jane to chase Josh regarding this issue.

k) Quietway developments.

We have now been authorised by Josh Learner to release most of the plans for the proposed Kent House to Greenwich Quietway, excepting Southend Lane which is about to go through 'modelling'. The plans and our comments on them can be found here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7w9gxdbq1ae9rn2/AADhmnbnYrhkUaqUNOjjo5FTa?dl=0>

All of these enhancements are budgeted for and planned to be delivered in the 2018/19 financial year, apart from Southend Lane and Lower Sydenham Station parts which are budgeted for 2019/20 financial year.

Southend Lane will be formally consulted on before it is taken forward.

Action: Tim to put designs up on DropBox and send link out via eList.

l) Lewisham Commonplace Map <https://lewishamstreetsmap.commonplace.is/>

LBL have created this map to capture input across the whole borough about how people want to make their local streets healthier and better for walking, cycling and access to public transport.

Before the consultation closed Tim posted the following from our previous submissions to LBL:

- 1) Ideas on one way to two way cycling conversions
- 2) Suggested filters to reduce through traffic
- 3) A21 Spine segregated lanes.

The map is still accessible in read-only mode.

m) Planning Application DC/18/107698 CONVOYS LTD, PRINCE STREET, LONDON, SE8 3JH

<https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 95605>

We had a brief discussion about this planning application – the first of the buildings to be constructed on the wider Convoys Wharf development. Points that came up were as follows 1) Given that there is a commitment to extend the Thames walking and cycling path through the development – how soon will that be open? 2) Is the amount of car parking sustainable in an area which already suffers serious congestion and rat-running issues? 3) Is docked, or dockless, cycle hire part of the transport planning as all the rail/underground stations are some distance away from the development? 4) Is the building's Cycle Parking readily accessible and properly secure? 5) Will building materials be conveyed predominantly by river to reduce the number of hazardous HGV movements?

Action: Outstanding - LC to make a group response to the planning application.

n) Cycle Policy Formal Review Meeting.

The approved Lewisham Cycling Policy included provision for a periodic Formal Review with Stakeholders on the progress against the policy. LBL Officers to present progress against the policy targets and Stakeholders having the opportunity to feedback their views likewise.

Action: Mark to put this on the agenda for the Sustainable Development Committee with a view to the Formal Review taking place before the end of 2018.

3) Other issues & projects:

a) Congestion Charge consultation (closes 28th Sept).

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/policy/private-hire-charge-exemption/>

It was agreed to publicise this via the eList and Facebook to elucidate views from members for collation and discussion at the next monthly meeting.

Action: TC to post on eList. Alex to post on Facebook group.

b) Routine Financial Report (see Appendix A)

Attendees were generally satisfied with the current and projected financial position as described in the report provided by the Treasurer.

4) A.O.B.

None taken at the meeting.

Meeting closed around 8.20pm.

Next LC Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

Appendix A – Routine Financial Report

Lewisham Cyclists ongoing budget for April 2018 to March 2019 (as at 2 aug)					
<u>Income</u>					
Bank balance from end March 2018				1056	
Received to date					
Donations				385	
Main LCC grant - £200 block+605 members x 30p each				381	
Bike jumble proceeds from Broc. Fair Fields event; + misc. from Seb Achibou				126	
Deptford Folk reimbursement (contra 1)				312	
Deptford Folk reimbursement (part contra 2)				100	rec'd to date: 2360
Expected or estimated					
Ride London, July 2018- payment for feeder ride				180	
Bike jumble proceeds				50	
Donations - ex. M&R scheme, Events etc.				600	
Reimbursement of Mountsfield Pk. mechanic costs (Achbiou)				117	
Reimbursement of Mountsfield Pk. mechanic costs (Ashman)				117	
Deptford Folk reimbursement (part contra 2)				420	
			Total estimated income	3844	
<u>Expenditure</u>					
Expenditure to date					
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees March to July				380	
Mechanic costs at events : M'field Pk.,Brockley Fair, Ladywell Fields				377	
Brockley Fair pitch booking				60	
Mend & Ride scheme - consumables restocking ex. Cycle Division				156	
Deptford Folk mechanic costs (contra 1)				312	
Deptford Folk mechanic costs (contra 2- £100+420)				520	paid to date: 1805
Incurred but not yet paid or cheque not yet cashed					
Mountsfield Pk. mechanic costs (Roy Ashman)				117	
Expected or estimated					
Major service/repairs to Cargo Bike				200	
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees Aug to March 2019 (8x£76)				608	
Dr Bike - further events - say £200				200	
Mend & Ride scheme - further parts & equipment spend - say £100				100	
			Total estimated expenditure	3030	
					current
			Estimated total funds at end March 2019 : £	814	bank balance: 555

Note from Treasurer - We remain in a generally healthy financial position. Although our expenses this year may exceed our total income we are currently less than halfway through the spending season and it is therefore felt that we do not need to be over concerned at the present time.