

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 20th November 2019 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Louise Krupski, Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Mark Chapman, Jamie Luke, Alex Raha, Josh Learner (Lewisham Borough (LBL) Walking and Cycling Programme Manager).
Apologies: Matt Begg, Rik Andrew, Cllr Aisling Gallagher, Cllr Sophie McGeovor, Roger Stocker, Iliana Koutsou.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Update from Josh Learner
 - Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood scheme (see link below).
Expecting TfL sign-off on Trial road closures by Xmas. Letter drop to households across the area soon after Xmas/New Year, followed by Public Exhibition/Drop In sessions. Trial closures implemented sometime after that.
LBL have been receiving a fair amount of correspondence about the scheme recently and have prepared an extensive FAQ to explain the scheme.
 - East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood scheme (see link below).
Consultation Report is being prepared and expected at end November. Josh will share with LC for feedback.
 - Telegraph Hill Healthy Neighbourhood scheme.
Community Engagement expected to start in Feb/Mar 2020.
 - Bellingham Healthy Neighbourhood scheme.
Community Engagement expected to start in Apr/May 2020.
 - Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood Project consultation.
The public consultation is currently open (link below).
Members are encouraged to respond now to ensure this great project, with lots of improved connectivity for walking and cycling in north Deptford, goes ahead. LC are supportive of the whole project, but would very much prefer to see the full closure of Rolt St to through traffic - a separate question in the consultation.
The post-Consultation Report is expected in Mid February.
Any design changes as a result of the consultation will be incorporated during March.
LBL will be looking for confirmation of funding from TfL in April, then detailed design can proceed which is expected to take 6 months.
 - Cycleway 4 (Tower Bridge to Greenwich segregated lanes)
Construction has just started on the Greenwich section which includes the Deptford Church St/Creek Road junction.
Construction on the Lewisham section is due to start in April 2020.
 - Cycle Parking.
Back in summer LC assisted Josh in preparing a bid for monies from the TfL 2019/20 Cycle Parking Fund. Josh recently heard that the bid was successful and £222k has been allocated to LBL - a huge success.
Josh has commissioned CycleHoop to deliver the whole project which will deliver additional parking as follows:

- At six schools that showed an interest.
 - In town centres.
 - At railway stations.
 - Cycle Hangers - 25 in each of the current Healthy/Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme areas - Lee Green, East Sydenham and Deptford North. Other LIP funded Cycle Hangers will still be delivered as planned.
- Topical Items
 - Downham to Deptford 'Spine' Project. Alex and Tim reported on a recent meeting with the TfL Team (Rachel Birrell and Chris Tomkin) preparing the Outcome Definition Report (ODR) for this project. Key points:
 - LC walked TfL through the Cycle Level Of Service (CLOS) Report prepared by LC in 2016. Chris seemed to have a good knowledge of the route having walked over it with Josh previously.
 - TfL informed us that the ODR is pre-Feasibility and involves looking at the priorities, opportunities and issues along the route. The objective is to make a case for the project and present it to the TfL Healthy Streets Board which should then lead to funding being allocated for the Feasibility. The ODR is scheduled to be put forward for approval in Spring 2020.
 - One key point they made was that the presence of the existing Waterlink Way (WW) cycle route within 400m of the Spine route was impacting the expected modelled demand on the Spine. As there are some big 'barriers' between the A21 and WW - two North-South railway tracks, they are planning to rerun the modelling excluding the WW.
 - TfL requested that LC give them a list of potential high popularity cycle access points and destinations along the route for inclusion in the ODR. We will put a document on the LC Google Drive for general input by the group.
 - Catford Bridge A205 South Circular tragic cyclist fatality - LC response and future actions. <https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/tragic-death-on-catford-rd/>
 - This tragic event received a fair amount of publicity and attention from local politicians; however no interim safety measures have been put in place and no commitment to long term solutions have yet been made by TfL (who have responsibility for the road).
 - Jane is going to draft a follow-up letter asking for action to our London Assembly member Len Duvall CCd to other relevant people like Heidi Alexander, Will Norman and the Lewisham Mayor.
 - John is also going to draft a letter of sympathy to the family of the cyclist that died in the incident.
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Local Assembly priority definition (link below).
NCIL activity has been held up due to the General Election and cancellation of Local Assemblies. We are waiting for new end dates to be posted on the NCIL website.
 - Bakerloo Line (BL) extension to Lewisham and beyond consultation (link below).

- We briefly discussed this proposal. We are supportive of the plans to extend the line to Lewisham.
 - Attendees were less sure about the benefits of the further extension to Hayes, replacing the SouthEastern trains on that route. Cllr Louise made a strong argument that the line was an essential part of the redevelopment of Catford Town Centre with substantial amounts of new housing planned and a need to provide the new residents with high capacity public transport links.
 - Tim was concerned that bikes may not be allowed on the trains, Mark pointed out that they are already allowed on the north London section of the BL where it is running overground.
 - Another concern is the potential re-routing of the WaterLink Way as the plans appear to show the re-routing of all traffic away from Thurston Road and down Jerrard St to accommodate the new BL station. Jerrard St probably being too narrow for two-way traffic and protected cycling space.
 - Mark also mentioned that the planned use of the Wearside Road LBL council depot as a BL depot may re-open the opportunity to re-route the Waterlink Way through to Molesworth St or Silver Road - an idea that has been discussed by LBL and LC in the past.
 - LC to prepare a Group Consultation Response and highlight these issues.
- Lewisham Borough cycle path maintenance e.g. Q1 Millwall Path.
Cllr Louise has successfully concluded a negotiation with Glendale so that maintenance of the Millwall Path is included in their workscope.
Over the last week or so Glendale have been clearing the path and it is now back to its full width.
- West Greenwich Healthy Neighbourhood consultation (link below).
 - Two options are being offered - 24/7 closures or timed closures, to through traffic.
 - LC strongly prefer the 24/7 closure option and do not believe the timed closure option would be effective or practical.
 - Members are encouraged to respond supporting the project, as excluding unnecessary through traffic will improve the area for walking and cycling.
 - Greenwich Cyclists (GC) are preparing a Group consultation response - details can be accessed on CycleScope. Alex will prepare an LC response broadly mirroring the GC response.
- Royal Parks Movement Strategy public engagement findings (link below).
Generally encouraging conclusions particularly the finding that Royal Parks should not host through traffic. Hopefully a policy decision that can be used in the future to stop rush-hour through traffic in Greenwich Park.
- Lee Green 'Cycle Bus' - Xmas special on 11th December 8am.
Cllr Octavia Holland is coordinating this ride to enable local children to cycle to school. LC members will be assisting Cllr Holland by accompanying the ride.
- Update from Cycling Champion (Cllr Mark Ingleby)
 - Lewisham Spine segregated cycle lanes.

- This was further discussed and it was agreed that LC should host a ride-over with Josh to evaluate the potential design of segregated cycle lane(s) on Deptford Church Street (DCS). S106 Funding is available from the London ‘Super Sewer’ works for reinstatement works. If LBL commit to these works it will show intent for the ongoing development of the Spine.
 - Once the Outcome Definition Study is completed we can use that report to get a commitment from the Lewisham Mayor (and TfL) to take forward the design and installation of segregated lanes along DCS. This would be a first step making a connection with Cycleway 4 that is now under construction.
- Financial update from Treasurer (see Appendix A).
 - John summarised the position saying that outgoings had been higher than incomings over the last year but we are not in a critical position. If necessary we may need to be a bit more conservative with our expenditure plans over the next year.
- Lewisham Cyclists Vision and Aims / Effective Campaigning - proposed for discussion. This item was again deferred to the next meeting as we ran out of time to ‘give it justice’ at this meeting.
 - Vision
 - ‘Our borough will be a place where people of all ages and abilities feel safe and happy to make local journeys by foot or bicycle’. We want to see a more diverse population of people on bicycles in Lewisham, including more women, ethnic minorities, children, elderly people, and disabled people.
 - Campaigning Aims
 - To facilitate cycling for all ages and abilities, Lewisham Cyclists will support:
 - Low traffic neighbourhoods in every ward.
 - Installing physically protected space for cycling on main roads including the A21 Lewisham Spine and gyratories such as Gateway, New Cross.
 - A joined-up network of safe direct walking and cycling routes
 - Roads outside all schools should be ‘School Streets’, which means traffic free space for people walking and cycling during school drop off and pick up hours.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Lewisham Cyclists Xmas Drinks are planned for Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm, expected to be in Ladywell Tavern. Contact us via the LC Gmail nearer the time if you plan on attending to confirm the location.
 - Louise mentioned an exciting proposal for the funding of an experimental ‘last mile’ cycle delivery hub in central Lewisham. We will look forward to hearing more about this at future meetings.
- Useful links - for information.
 - Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood draft Trial location map: <https://streetbuilder.io/lewishamandleegreen/blog?share=draft-trial-location-map>
 - Royal Parks Movement Strategy engagement findings: <https://theroyalparks.org.uk/1EGE-6KNKP-WEQLMU-3TMQLU-1/c.aspx>

- East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood:
<https://streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham>
- Live Consultations - please make a personal response.
 - Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood Project consultation (closes 3rd January):
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/regeneration-and-place/dpln/>
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) (closing dates being revised because of General Election):
<https://lewishamlocalassemblies.commonplace.is>
 - Bakerloo line extension consultation (closes 22nd December):
<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/tube/bakerloo-extension/>
 - West Greenwich Healthy Neighbourhood consultation (closes 8th December):
<https://consultations.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/kms/elab.aspx?CampaignId=654&noi p=1&SessionId=MD4E547RWG>
 - Bakerloo Line extension TfL consultation (closes 22nd December)
<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/tube/bakerloo-extension/>

Meeting ended around 8.20pm.

N.B. There is no Monthly Meeting in December. Next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th January at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

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Appendix A - Financial update

Lewisham Cyclists Main Account ongoing budget for 2019/20 as at 14th November										
Income										
Received to date										
Bank balance from end March 2019								2794		
Donations								622		
Bike jumble								69		
Main LCC grant- £200 block + 634 members at 30p each								390		
Deptford Folk reimbursements								1422		
Ride London - payment for feeder ride								180	total rec'd to date > 5477	
Estimated or expected										
Donations November to March								250		
								Total actual + estimated income	5727	
Expenditure										
Paid to date										
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees								180		
Deptford Folk & 2nd Sunday (Note 1)								1226		
Event costs: Crofton Pk.,Hilly Fields,Abbotshall, Blythe Hill,Ladywell								1322		
Van hire for equipment removal from Grove Park								25		
Re-imburement due to Jane Davis re. electric cargo bike repair (Note 1)								1555	total paid to date > 4308	
Expected or estimated										
Deptford Folk & 2nd Sunday - advance payment for Nov. & Dec. sessions								200		
Mend & Ride scheme - mechanics fees January to March (3 x £80)								240		
Mend & Ride scheme - consumables restocking								0		
Further mechanic costs at events								200		
								Total actual + estimated expenditure	4948	
								Estimated balance at end March 2020	779	current bank bal'ce > 1169
Notes										
1) The replacement electric motor for the cargo bike came in at £1555. Jane made immediate payment for this from her own funds and indicated that she wished to bear some of the cost. Committee have now however decided that all of the cost should be reimbursed. An initial payment of £1037 was made in September and the balance in November when further funds became available.										
2) The recently-opened Grant Account currently has a balance of £3111 - £3960 initial deposit less payments for Riverside and Woodpecker youth club events and a Pepys Park Dr. Bike. It is understood by the terms of the grant that these monies are restricted to activities in the Deptford area only.										