

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 17th June 2020 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Iliana Koutsou, Alex Raha, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Mark Chapman, Matt Begg, Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Sophie McGeevor, Roger Stocker, Jamie Luke, Judith Barrett, David White, Darren Reynolds, Georgia Smith, Alex Ingram, Lou, Richard Heap
Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer)

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Update(s) from Lewisham Council representatives - Cllr Sophie McGeevor (Lewisham Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport). Cllr Sophie briefed us on the latest situation regarding the Covid19 temporary measures in Lewisham:
 - Initial DfT (Department for Transport) and TfL (Transport for London) Funding Bids have recently been completed. Officers are now focusing on design and implementation of measures.
 - Modal filters - Initial six filters are in the process of being installed - Kitto Rd, Glenbow Rd, George Lane, South Row, Silverdale and Scawen Rd. Ultimately are planning to install more than thirty modal filters - aiming for completion by end July (hopefully). There will be another modal filters public announcement next week. Additional measures may be needed if new rat-runs develop avoiding the modal filters and also in response to Commonplace resident comments. Planters plus a single demountable bollard are being used on all filters. This enables emergency services access where necessary and alleviates residents' concerns on this issue even where not.
 - Temporary cycle lanes on Lewisham managed roads - No confirmed schedule for implementation yet. Officers are actively working on these plans with Brookmill Rd, Ladywell Rd, Lewisham Rd and Perry Hill anticipated to be the first four to be implemented. LC representatives have recently been on a ride-over with Officers looking at plans for these roads.
 - Pavement widening to aid social distancing and provide outdoor space for businesses - An initial phase of measures is currently being designed. If the measures are deemed successful, the DfT may provide further funding in a second autumn funding round. Highways Engineers are looking at revised options for Deptford High Street which they hope to implement soon.
 - Discussions with TfL on proposed A21 temporary cycle lanes between Catford and Lewisham are ongoing.
 - Waterlink Way replacement river bridge. Project is on hold after TfL removed LIP funding. Apparently the current bridge has recently suffered some fire damage and is now hazardous. Tim offered to take photos and send to Josh Learner so it can be assessed for repair.
 - Cllr Louise suggested that LC could develop some small promotional local maps/visuals for some of the modal filters illustrating how they provide opportunities for new short distance active travel journeys for new and inexperienced riders.

If any Members have time to prepare a local map/visual like this please

email them to lewishamcyclists@gmail.com so these can be shared more widely to encourage new riders.

- Topical Items
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 pandemic - temporary cycling and walking plans for Lewisham and Central London
 - Lewisham Council (links below)
 - TfL (links below)
 - These items were comprehensively covered by Cllr Sophie (see above).
 - Eddystone Bridge pocket park
 - An organisation called Fourth Reserve have been developing plans for a community area in this space at the west end of Eddystone Road. Recently three large planters were installed as part of these plans. Jane is concerned that the planters may be creating a hazard and could potentially cause conflict between cyclists and pedestrians. This has not historically been an issue here, except maybe on the bridge itself. Richard also commented at this meeting that in his experience riding over the bridge that the planters were causing conflicts.
 - Jane is meeting with Fourth Reserve representatives on Tues 23rd June at 8am to discuss their plans. Alex said he would also attend.
 - Cllr Mark said this issue has been referred to Louise McBride (Head of Transport) by the Crofton Park ward councillor Chris Barnham but did not have details of the context.
 - LC proposals for Deptford Church Street Cycleway (part of the proposed Lewisham Spine).
 - We sent a letter on 15/4 to the Lewisham Mayor requesting the commitment of funds (\$106/NCIL) to design and build a bi-directional cycle lane on Deptford Church St. Other local community groups also co-signed the letter.
 - On 1/6 we received a very supportive response from the Lewisham Mayor confirming their intention to take this plan forward (see link below for both letters).
 - We consider this to be a big campaign success in getting a funded commitment to construction of the first element of the Lewisham Spine.
 - Judith Barrett was going to give us an update on the proposal for development of a walking and cycling link between Catford Hill/Perry Hill and the Waterlink Way, however technical problems prevented this - she is going to email us details instead. This proposal was planned to be NCIL funded - Cllr Louise confirmed that NCIL monies are still available for active travel projects, but in the post-Covid environment there will need to also be some clear benefits to the local economy.
- Update from Cycling Champion
 - Cllr Mark commented that we potentially could talk to Janet Daby (MP for Lewisham East) for advice on how to garner more BAME involvement. Currently Jane is preparing a number of cyclist 'profiles' demonstrating that our campaigns and local activities have broad benefits across all communities.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback

- LC continue to be very active in supporting key workers by repairing their bikes, selling or loaning them bikes.
- LCC have recently issued new guidelines that should allow LC in a limited fashion to restart some other activities e.g. rides. Jane wishes to initiate a small working group to look at how this can be accomplished.
- Jane also commented that there has recently been a big increase in the membership of our Facebook Group and lots of questions. Alex suggested setting up a new cyclists' Zoom meeting with a panel from LC available to answer questions on maintenance, routes etc.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Mark C. mentioned that there was a new 'propensity to cycle' tool available on the internet which may help with future campaigning:
<https://www.cyipt.bike/rapid>
 - At the beginning of the meeting Roger suggested publishing the chat transcript from the meeting along with this record. After due consideration we have decided not to do this as we feel it may inhibit attendees from posting freely to the chat.
- **Live Consultations - members, please make personal statements supporting the modal filters and 'agree' with any supportive comments.**
 - **Lewisham Council Covid19 plans:**
<https://lewishamcovidresidentialstreets.commonplace.is/overview>
- Useful links and information
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - Lewisham Council:
Overall plans:
<https://lewishamcovidtransport.commonplace.is/>
Residential streets:
<https://lewishamcovidresidentialstreets.commonplace.is/overview>
Main roads:
<https://lewishamcovidmainroads.commonplace.is/>
Creating more pedestrian space in busy public places:
<https://lewishamcovidshopsandstreets.commonplace.is/overview>
LC suggested schemes:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/lewisham-cyclists-covid-response-suggested-schemes/>
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - TfL:
TfL Streetspace plans:
<https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/streetspace-for-london>
TfL Streetspace map:
<https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/emerging-streetspace-for-london-plan-for-cycle-routes.pdf>
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - London Cycling Campaign advice:
<https://lcc.org.uk/articles/cycling-and-the-covid-19-crisis>
 - LC Deptford Church Street proposals:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/deptford-church-st-protected-cycle-lane/>

Meeting ended around 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 15th July at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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