

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 15th July 2020 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Mark Chapman, Matt Begg, Cllr Louise Krupski, Roger Stocker, Jamie Luke, Alex Ingram, Andrew Seeds, Kay Why, Trina Lynskey, Robert Dennehy, Gail Treves-Brown

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Iliana Koutsou

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Update(s) from Lewisham Council (LBL) representatives - Cllr Louise Krupski (LBL Clean Air Champion):
 - Cllr Louise brought to our attention the recent traumatic collision between a motorcyclist and a young boy on a zebra crossing at Ravensbourne Park Road <https://www.change.org/p/mayor-damien-egan-lewisham-council-cctv-at-ravensbourne-park-road-pedestrian-zebra-crossing>
 - Cllr Louise commented that she was concerned about the public pressure on the Cllrs in Lee Green due to the implementation of the Lee Green modal filters. Although there is some vocal opposition to the plans, the Cllrs are supported by a motivated group of local residents and LC are doing as much as we can to assist as well.
 - We also discussed how to get further political support for the Lee Green modal filters and it was agreed to contact Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP) and Heidi Alexander (Deputy Mayor of London for Transport).
- Update from Cycling Champion
 - Cllr Mark commented that now the Covid crisis has abated he was encouraging all Cllrs to get out and engage with the local community in support of schemes like Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs).
 - Jane is currently trying to acquire bikes for a group of around 8 BAME resident cyclists based on the Bellingham Estate. The main issue is where to store the bikes - Cllr Mark and Mike Tisdell said they may be able to help with this.
- Topical Items
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 pandemic - temporary cycling and walking plans for Lewisham
 - Lewisham Council (links below)
 - Lewisham Lee Green LTN
 - All modal filters are now in place with the only outstanding issue being installation of cameras for four filters - Manor Lane (Bus gate), Manor Park (Bus gate), Ennersdale Road (No motor vehicles except motorbikes) and Dermody Road (No motor vehicles except motorbikes). Cameras are expected to be installed within a couple of weeks - there is apparently a shortage of cameras due to the number of schemes currently being installed across London.

- Pascoe Road has been reversed so it is now one way northbound with contra-flow cycling allowed.
- Traffic conditions have already improved dramatically within the area, but the full benefits and traffic displacement impacts will not be clear until the cameras are installed and the scheme has 'bedded-in'.
- South Row modal filter
 - Cllr Sophie McGeevor has recently indicated to us that she is keen on retaining this filter on the strategic cycle route Quietway 1. Discussions are ongoing regarding resolving the problem of delivery access to Morden College which has meant the de-mountable bollard has been left in the open position for now.
 - LC are also very supportive and are in correspondence with Morden College, Blackheath Society and Greenwich Cyclists.
- Kitto Road modal filter
 - The bollard here was recently vandalised but was promptly fixed by LBL.
 - LC are keen to retain the filter as it enables a traffic-free link between the two parks and releases a large section of road space that could be developed for community use.
 - LC are in discussions with local community groups (Drakefell United, Drakefell Road Action Group and Telegraph Hill Society) about this filter and broader aspirations for traffic reduction in Telegraph Hill.
- George Lane modal filter
 - The filter has been successful in its objective of calming the area outside Mountsfield Park however the issue of traffic displacement to adjacent roads needs to be addressed. LC's Mark Chapman has prepared a document containing details of additional filters that could be implemented on these roads. The document has been sent to Josh Learner (LBL Walking and Cycling Programme Manager).
 - Cllr Louise also asked for a copy of the document which was sent to her during the meeting.
- Brookmill Road cycle lanes
 - LC have been working with Lewisham Council on the detailed design of temporary cycle lanes along Brookmill Road. The scheme has received provisional approval from TfL and we hope to see installation soon. The road width is quite limited in sections, so the lanes cannot be fully segregated for their entire length but we still feel they will be beneficial.

- Schemes for other main roads as highlighted on the LBL commonplace are still under development by LBL and will be implemented subject to TfL approval and funding.
- Cycleway 4
 - The current status of this project in Lewisham is unclear due to TfL funding issues.
- School Streets
 - LBL has received funding from TfL for a number of school streets. Puzzlingly Haseltine School which was planned to be a School Superzone does not appear to have been included.
 - Liz Brooker Lewisham Council's Road Safety & Sustainable Transport Manager is the budget holder for these projects. We have recently emailed her to arrange a meeting soon to discuss the project plans.
- Other modal filters.
 - We are still anticipating that LBL will announce further filter locations across the borough when funding is confirmed by TfL/DfT.
- TfL (links below)
 - A21 temporary cycle lanes
 - We understand that discussions are still ongoing between LBL and TfL on the installation of lanes between Catford and Lewisham.
 - Eddystone Bridge pedestrian safety plan improvements
 - This project is in progress with installation planned for the next week or so. Josh Learner has provided us with a draft plan for the improvements. These plans involve separating pedestrians and cyclists by extending the cycle track from the bridge down to Eddystone Road. In the pedestrian area there will be new seating. We have requested that the track be a minimum width of 3m, that the planters be re-positioned and have identified one or two other minor changes.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback
 - LC community activities - Dr Bike and Rides have now restarted - please check our website www.lewishamcyclists.co.uk for details. At the meeting it was suggested that we run a group ride from the Lee Green Healthy Neighbourhood up to Central London.
 - Climate Action Lewisham interview with Iliana (links below). This took place earlier in the month and was featured on Twitter etc.
 - Lewisham Cyclist of the Week series (links below). Jane has recently prepared a number of cyclist 'profiles' demonstrating that our campaigns and local activities have broad benefits across all communities.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Alex Ingram commented on TfL funding for Temporary Covid measures. Of the £45M allocated to boroughs, £15M was on sunk costs (costs already incurred or contractually committed). Some boroughs appeared to get dis-proportionately high allocations but in some cases much of that was sunk costs.

- 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/>
School streets:
<https://lewishamschoolstreets.commonplace.is/>
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>
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - London Cycling Campaign advice:
<https://lcc.org.uk/articles/cycling-and-the-covid-19-crisis>
 - Climate Action Lewisham interview
https://www.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=141934144219209&id=109671470778810&scmts=scwspstd&extid=l8m0YgjyazdGkFxE
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Lewisham-Cyclists-COVID-CAL-interview.pdf>
 - Lewisham Cyclists of the Week series:
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/cyclist-of-the-week/>
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/cyclist-of-the-week-june-26th-2020/>
<https://lewishamcyclists.co.uk/lewisham-cyclists-cyclist-of-the-week-6th-july-2020/>

Meeting ended around 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 19th August at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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