

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 19th August 2020 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Mike Tisdell, Matt Begg, Cllr Louise Krupski, Roger Stocker, Jamie Luke, Alex Ingram, Andrew Seeds, Judith Barrett, Michael Diamond (Lewisham Pedestrians), Hannah Poppy. Christopher Mahon

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Iliana Koutsou, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Projects & Community Activity feedback
 - LC 'Mend and Ride' workshops have restarted - please check our website www.lewishamcyclists.co.uk for details. Hoping to restart New Cross workshop soon.
 - Monthly rides with Covid19 social distancing limit on attendance - Family rides (1st Sat of month); longer London ride; tougher Countryside ride.
 - Alex suggested coordinating with Cllr Octavia Holland re restarting the Lee Green 'cycle bus' once the children are back at school.
 - Jane has started training a group of BAME women beginner cyclists on the Bellingham Estate. Very successful first session. Need second-hand bikes - it was suggested we contact South Eastern railway. Also need bike storage - Mike Tisdell still following up.
Encouraging support from Sadiq Khan:
<https://twitter.com/SadiqKhan/status/1296028589763305473?s=20>
- Topical Items
 - Catford Bridge safety improvements
 - In the light of a further recent collision in this area leaving another cyclist critically injured, LC have written to Will Norman and Heidi Alexander at TfL regarding some temporary safety improvements until a long-term solution can be constructed. Waiting for a reply from Will Norman.
 - A cantilevered cycle bridge to the south of the existing Catford railway bridge is still our prime objective for this section of the South Circular. Cllr Louise confirmed this was in the current draft of the Catford Regeneration Plan.
 - Potential use for unused Section 106 funding from unbuilt Catford Green development railway bridge. Cllr Louise confirmed that this bridge is not going to be built due to unresolvable funding and engineering issues. Instead the council are intending to redirect the funding to improve the area between Catford and Catford Bridge stations. Some of the Ideas under development are:
 - Make Catford Bridge station more 'permeable' by allowing external access to the existing on-platform stepped bridge.
 - Open out the north-south subway under Catford Bridge to make it wider and more accessible.
 - Improve the Catford Bridge station forecourt on the east side.

- Widen the pavements on the north side of the bridge for the benefit of pedestrians.
 - Provide improved cycle storage for both Catford stations.
 - As part of the Government's 'Access for All' project, and with additional funding from the Govia Thameslink Railway's Passenger Fund platform lifts are going to be installed at Catford station.
- Cycling and the Covid-19 pandemic - temporary cycling and walking plans for Lewisham
 - TfL (links below)
 - A21 walking and cycling improvements
 - TfL recently released their plans for these improvements between Catford and Lewisham. These temporary plans fall well short of our ultimate objective for the A21 Spine, which is fully segregated cycle lanes between Downham and Deptford. We understand that the temporary nature of the measures and the strictly limited budget means that significant civil engineering works cannot be included. There was a broad discussion on the plans at the meeting and we will be compiling a formal response in the next week or so.
 - Cllr Louise commented that local Councillors had immediately raised objections to the plans, particularly the banned turns at Ladywell Road and Courthill Road. We, also, remain to be convinced that these banned turns are absolutely necessary.
 - Lewisham Council (links below)
 - Lewisham Lee Green LTN
 - All modal filters are now in place with the only outstanding issue the 'unbagging' of the signage and activation of cameras on one filter - Manor Park.
 - After an initial 'grace' period, we understand that fines were being issued on the camera monitored filters from Monday 17th August.
 - The scheme has been transformational within the area with dramatically reduced traffic flows.
 - However, Dermody Road is still carrying high volumes of traffic, despite the filter camera being active.
 - Despite repeated attempts to notify online routing apps like Google Maps there are still issues with one or two filtered roads being mapped as open, probably due to the number of vehicles that are ignoring the restrictions.
 - Cllr Louise commented that the issue of traffic displacement to adjacent areas was recognised by the council. Proposals for mitigation measures are being discussed.
 - Silverdale Rd/Bishopsthorpe Rd

- These filters seem to be achieving their objective of reduced traffic flows through the area. Bollard(s) are being periodically dropped and having to be reset.
- South Row modal filter
 - Greenwich Cyclists have been discussing with Greenwich Council a potential plan to 'relocate' this filter to Kidbrooke Gardens. This is a move we would support as it would still mitigate traffic levels on Quietway 1.
- Kitto Road modal filter
 - The bollard here was recently vandalised. We understand there are plans to replace it with something more robust.
- 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 still needs to be addressed.
- Community engagement for other potential modal filters (DfT Tranche 2).
 - We are still anticipating that LBL will announce further filter locations across the borough when, and if, funding is confirmed by TfL/DfT. The rules for the funding state that the filters need to be installed within weeks of the funding being awarded. We would encourage members to engage with their local community groups and local councillors now to introduce them to the benefits of filtered streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Local residents in the Lee Green LTN are prepared to host walking visits so residents and councillors can see what can be achieved for their areas.
- School Streets
 - LBL has received funding from TfL for a number of school streets. Funding details are below:

Lewisham	School Streets	Adamsrill	£10,312
Lewisham	School Streets	All Saints	£5,885
Lewisham	School Streets	Brindishe Green	£5,893
Lewisham	School Streets	Conisborough College	£863
Lewisham	School Streets	Coopers Lane	£14,272
Lewisham	School Streets	Deptford Green	£6,160
Lewisham	School Streets	Eliot Bank	£6,573
Lewisham	School Streets	Gordonbrock	£14,135
Lewisham	School Streets	Holbeach	£13,145
Lewisham	School Streets	John Ball	£6,475
Lewisham	School Streets	Kelvin Grove	£743
Lewisham	School Streets	Prendergast Ladywell Fields	£5,885
Lewisham	School Streets	Rushey Green	£14,135
Lewisham	School Streets	Sandhurst	£12,072
Lewisham	School Streets	St Winifred's	£14,520
Lewisham	School Streets	Tidemill	£3,410
Lewisham	School Streets	Ashmead	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Athelney	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Brindishe Lee	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Brindishe Manor	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Childeric	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Deptford Park	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Downderry	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Forster Park	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Good Shepherd	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Hasletine	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Hatcham Temple Grove Junior Free School	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Launcelot	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Lucas Vale	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Prendergast Vale	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Rangefield	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Rathfern	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	St John the Baptist	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	St Mary Magdalen	£10,000
Lewisham	School Streets	Turnham	£10,000

- We are still waiting from a response from Liz Brooker so we can discuss the LBL plans.
- #BikelsBest petition (link below)
 - Major cycling organisations like LCC and CyclingUK are behind this petition to ‘support the increases in space for safer walking and cycling’. We recommend members support it too.
- Lewisham Cyclists Yahoo Group (YG)
 - Plans to close the Yahoo Group and considering replacing with a ‘Slack’ account. Since Yahoo made changes to YG earlier this year users are no longer able to receive daily ‘digests’ instead getting copies of every email sent. The flexibility of the YG environment is also very limited so we believe it is time to move to a more modern app-based product. We are currently using Slack within the Committee and think it satisfies most of the requirements, allowing both mobile device and computer access. Discussions can be arranged into ‘channels’ so it is easier to keep track of information. Users can ‘mute’ channels they are not interested in.
 - We plan to migrate to the new solution over the next few weeks and will look to send Slack email invites to all existing YG members.

- Adenmore Road (at back of Catford Bridge station)
 - Jorge shared his frustrations over this section of road that is officially closed to vehicles and has parking restrictions in place, but is regularly used by vehicles visiting e.g. Sainsburys. Jorge is calling for LBL enforcement of the restrictions and we endorse that.
- Accounts Quarterly report from Treasurer
 - See Appendix A below.
 - The report was accepted by attendees without any further comments.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Judith Barrett commented that Elm Lane (potential safe link to the Waterlink Way from Perry Hill) was recently 'resurfaced' by LBL. She thinks that the outcome is very poor with a narrow strip tarmacked apparently for the benefit of pedestrians and the main potholes being filled in with gravel. This falls far short of the 'adoption' and full resurfacing that local residents have long been campaigning for...
- 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/>
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/roads-and-transport/closing-roads-to-traffic-at-school-drop-off-and-pick-up-time-school-streets>
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - TfL:
 - TfL A21 improvements:
<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/general/034ec426/>
<https://lewishamcovidmainroads.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/new-tf-l-route-tile/details>
 - #BikeIsBest petition
<https://www.bikeisbest.com/petition>
 - Cycling and the Covid-19 crisis - London Cycling Campaign advice:
<https://lcc.org.uk/articles/cycling-and-the-covid-19-crisis>

Meeting ended around 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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Appendix A

Quarterly Treasurer's report

We are in fairly good shape despite the loss of payment from Southwark Cyclists for assistance with the Dulwich Dynamo and no payment for the cancelled Ride London event.

This is primarily due to a high level of donations as a consequence of Jane Davis, and the mechanics, work in maintaining or assembling and donating numerous bikes over the past few months many of which have gone to key workers in the care sector.

The attached Ongoing Budget is necessarily somewhat subjective due to changing social restrictions, but it is not felt that we will be in a bad financial position come the end of this year.

John 10.8.2020

