

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Mike Tisdell, Matt Begg, Alex Ingram, Michael Diamond (Lewisham Pedestrians), Hannah Poppy, Christopher Mahon, Brian Turpin, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mark Chapman.  
*Apologies:* Iliana Koutsou, Cllr Louise Krupski, Roger Stocker.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
  - Cycling and the Covid-19 pandemic - temporary cycling and walking plans for Lewisham
    - TfL (links below)
      - A21 walking and cycling improvements
        - After encountering some generalised local opposition to their initial plans TfL have ‘postponed’ implementation of the proposed banned turns at Ladywell Road and Courthill Road. The rest of the proposals are proceeding as published with overnight construction work due to start on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.
        - In our response to the plans we questioned the splitting (southbound/northbound) of the cycle route near Lewisham Library. If anyone shares our concerns please send your comments to TfL directly. We will be assessing how well the new design works once it is in place.
    - Lewisham Council (links below)
      - Lewisham Lee Green Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN)
        - Lewisham Council have recently produced a very positive and informative leaflet on the LTN which is being distributed within the area and to the surrounding streets (link below).
        - Motorists are apparently now receiving Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) for violations of the four camera controlled filters in the LTN. However there currently seems to be a 10 to 14 day delay between the transgression and receipt of the PCN.
        - Some demountable bollards have broken ‘coffin’ locks. These are progressively being replaced by padlocks.
        - Full credit to the local residents who have been making supreme efforts to reset the bollards when they are illicitly lowered and left down.
      - Other Department For Transport (DfT) funded modal filters:
        - 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
  - It is noticeable that there have been more positive comments for this filter recently on Commonplace now the motorised traffic is increasing. We will contact Cllr Sophie McGeevor to establish what the current status is as there have been rumours that the weight limit on the Kidbrooke Gardens tunnel, which was causing issues for Morden College, may be about to be removed?
- George Lane
  - 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.
- Glenbow Road
  - Filter is operational.
- Scawen Road
  - Very successful in creating a calmed space outside the main school entrance. Unfortunately, due to Covid the school is having to use multiple entrances to socially distance the children, so some are accessing from more hazardous roads like Grinstead and Trundleys.
- Kitto Road
  - The bollard here was vandalised a while ago and is still not operational.
- DfT Tranche 2 Covid-19 funding application
  - This is currently held up in TfL/DfT and we have no news on the timing of the approval and release of the funds.
- School Streets
  - Adamsrill, Deptford Green, Prendergast Ladywell, Ashmead, All Saints, Conisborough, John Ball and Tidemill are operational and available for comment on the Commonplace site (link below). Members are encouraged to respond positively to these schemes and support other positive comments.
- Projects & Community Activity feedback
  - Lee Green 'cycle bus' restarted on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Plans now need to be revised with the introduction of the Government's 'rule of six'. Need a ride leader and back-marker to accompany each group of four, with the groups riding separately.
  - Jane is working with Deptford Folk on a proposal to run a bike maintenance scheme at Deptford Project.
  - Walking and Cycling Grants (WCGL) of £10K are again available to be applied for. Brian and Mike T. volunteered to help Jane with a grant application for the

Bellingham Ladies' cycle group. Deadline for applications is Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.

- Considering holding a Dr Bike in Hither Green to support the LTN.
- Bike Buddies scheme - currently looking at options for our involvement.
- Update from LBL Cycling Champion - Cllr Mark Ingleby
  - The Catford Masterplan and A205 re-routing is still moving forward despite Covid-19. The Masterplan is due to go before the Mayor & Cabinet soon with a public consultation period in October/November.  
The Catford Town Centre Framework 2020 document is now available on the Lewisham Council website (link below).
- Attendees News & Views
  - Jane commented that a couple of members of the committee will be having an initial meeting with Louise McBride (Lewisham Council Service Manager - Highways and Transport) in early October.
  - Jane also commented that Vicky Foxcroft MP and Janet Daby MP are meeting with a representative from Lewisham Cyclists, Lewisham Pedestrians and a local resident soon for a walk-around familiarisation with the Lee Green LTN.
  - Alex Ingram commented that with the dramatic increase in cycling and the advent of school streets it would be a good time to look again at 'Safe Routes to Schools' to help new young cyclists to ride to school.
  - There was a general discussion about funding for Lewisham cycling improvements not just relying on Covid-19 funding. The council has access to S106, CIL, parking and highways funds that potentially could be redirected to cycling projects. An issue we intend to raise with Louise McBride.
- 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>  
Leaflet for Lewisham Lee Green LTN:  
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/-/media/files/imported/leegreennewsletter9.ashx>  
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>
  - Catford Town Centre Framework Document  
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/regeneration/catford->

[regeneration/catford-town-centre-framework](#)

Meeting ended around 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30 pm hosted online.

For information, subsequent to this meeting the Committee determined that the meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November would be the Annual Meeting.

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