

Record of Annual Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 18th November 2020 6.30pm

Jane Davis (Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, Alex Raha, Matt Begg, Steven Edwards, Alex Ingram, Rosemary Scott, Jorge Martinez Lopez, John Salisbury, Paul Davies, Judith Barrett, Fiona MacKillop, Hannah Poppy,

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Iliana Koutsou.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- LC Coordinator's Report.
 - Jane gave an interesting and informative review of what has obviously been a very difficult year given the severe financial impacts on TfL and LBL from the Covid pandemic. You can access her presentation via the link at the end of this document.
- Approval of LC Treasurer's Report (see Appendix A).
 - The Treasurer was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Tim presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of John.
 - The Report was approved by the meeting.
- Elections to LC Management Committee - Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer. The current committee members (Jane Davis (Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer) and Tim Collingridge (Secretary)) all stood for re-election. No other candidates stood.
 - Jane Davis as Coordinator. Mike nominated. Fiona seconded. Jane was elected unanimously.
 - John Phillips as Treasurer. Tim nominated. Alex seconded. John was elected unanimously.
 - Tim Collingridge as Secretary. Jorge nominated. Rosemary seconded. Tim was elected unanimously.
- Update from LBL Cycling Champion - Cllr Mark Ingleby
 - Mark commented that he felt the emphasis in LBL policy should move away from Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and back to Healthy Neighbourhoods which feel less controversial with more of an emphasis on 'place-shaping'.
 - He mentioned the Tube Map style infographic that was used in the original Cycle Strategy document to simplify visualisation of Lewisham's cycle routes and help in resolving gaps in their implementation. Alex said he would pull that graphic out of the Strategy document for updating.
 - Elm Lane to Waterlink Way proposed cycling and walking route. The part near Waterlink Way essentially just needs a fence to be removed in Vineyard Close and a short, metalled path to be created. Mark said Lewisham Homes, who own the land, have a sustainability agenda to satisfy and implementation of this could assist with that.
- Update from LBL Clean Air Champion - Cllr Louise Krupski
 - Tim commented that there seems to be a strong motor vehicle emphasis in LBL Highways works e.g. when roads were re-surfaced on LCN62 between Honor Oak and Forest Hill, the badly designed and hazardous modal filter between Beadnell Road and Stansted Road was left untouched. Other example in the past have involved them repainting hazardous advisory cycle lanes which we have requested to be removed.
As Highways are the one department that seems to have money at the moment and most cycle facilities are on highways they should be consulting further when doing works providing an opportunity to review cycle facilities. This was a key element in the LBL Cycle Strategy that all departments should be thinking about cycling when they plan their works.
Louise said she would review this with Highways Officers.

- Louise commented that in her view, and Cllr Codd who has just started cycling, there are a fair amount of under-utilised safe cycling routes in Lewisham. However they may not be being used due to poor sign-posting or lack of promotion. She referenced the same 'Tube' map idea as Cllr Ingleby and suggested that this could be worth updating and distributing.
- Louise also commented that she continued to take feedback on the A21 temporary measures and pass it on to Officers.
- She has also been looking at cycle routes around Forest Hill in the context of the Elm Lane to Waterlink Way proposed route and is aware of how dislocated they are by the railway line. Crossing the railway on a bicycle involves either using the South Circular main road, the narrow pedestrian tunnel near the station or the high footbridge to the west of Forest Hill, all of which are very sub-optimal.
- Louise replied to a comment that the school streets that had been implemented to date all so far only used simple road signs and was it planned to use traffic cameras to enforce them? She confirmed it was, but there is a severe shortage of cameras and people to deploy them still in London.
- Louise made us aware of one very positive development which is that LBL has recently decided that CPZs are going to be rapidly expanded across the borough. We believe that CPZs are a good thing as they allow parking to be reduced, encourage residents out of their cars and allow the streets to be re-modelled to help active travel modes e.g. removal of pavement parking, enable contra-flow cycling, allow deployment of more cycle hangers.
- In the limited time remaining there were some general discussions.
 - Brian commented that to make a step change in cycling numbers LBL need to build new, and visible, cycle routes particularly on main roads. Just tinkering with the existing Quietway and LCN network is not going to achieve the ambitious objectives in the LBL Cycle Strategy - 'build them and they will come...'
 - Paul commented that accelerated CPZ roll-out should start in the north of the borough which has the lowest level of car ownership, narrow streets and major issues with cross borough-boundary parking and abandoned vehicles. Start in the more 'urban' areas first before moving to the 'leafy' wide streets in the south of the borough.
 - Members are encouraged to join our new Slack group if they wish to hear about the latest campaigning issues and group community activities. If you do want to join please email us at lewishamcyclists@gmail.com
- Useful links and information:
 - LC Coordinator presentation: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FtCZ9wb1ao6qwVtKGhws_cToAP5U-2Tv/view?usp=sharing

Meeting ended around 8.30pm.

N.B. There is no Monthly Meeting in December as per our normal practice.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th January at 6.30pm hosted online.

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Appendix A - Treasurer's report for Annual Meeting of Nov 2020.

Lewisham Cyclists Treasurer's report for Annual Meeting of 18th November 2020

We are in quite good financial shape as can be seen from the attached Ongoing Budget.

Despite the losses of income from the cancelled Ride London event and a hoped-for payment for assisting with the Dunwich Dynamo donation income has been considerable.

Outgoings have been less than normal due to some reduction in activities and events as a result of coronavirus restrictions.

It is estimated that we'll have close on £1,500 at the close of the financial year next March.

We were selected for a full audit this year by the London Cycling Campaign and passed this successfully.

John Phillips

Treasurer

| Lewisham Cyclists Main Account ongoing budget for 2020/21 as at 14 November | | | | | | | | | |
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| Income | | | | | | | | | |
| Received to date | | | | | | | | | |
| Bank balance from end March 2020 | | | | | | | | 664 | |
| Donations | | | | | | | | 1408 | |
| Main LCC grant- £200 block + 693 members at 30p each | | | | | | | | 407 | total rec'd to date > 2479 |
| Estimated or expected | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations November to March (say) | | | | | | | | 400 | |
| Reimbursement of completed Dr Bike sessions from Deptford Folk | | | | | | | | 300 | |
| Reimbursement of future Dr Bike sessions from Deptford Folk | | | | | | | | 300 | |
| | | | | | | | | Total estimated future income | 1000 |
| | | | | | | | | Plus actual income to date | 2479 |
| | | | | | | | | Total actual + estimated income | 3479 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | | | |
| Paid to date | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumables ex. CycleWorks | | | | | | | | 414 | |
| Dr Bike sessions at Deptford & Hither Green | | | | | | | | 610 | total paid to date > 1024 |
| Expected or estimated | | | | | | | | | |
| Deptford workshop facility re-construction - labour & parts | | | | | | | | 250 | |
| Future Dr Bike sessions at Deptford Folk (reimbursable as above) | | | | | | | | 300 | |
| Other Dr Bike sessions at assorted venues | | | | | | | | 400 | |
| | | | | | | | | Total estimated future expenditure | 950 |
| | | | | | | | | Plus actual expenditure to date | 1024 |
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| | | | | | | | | Estimated balance at end March 2021 | 1505 |
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| Grant account | | | | | | | | | |
| The Grant Account currently has a balance of £1731. £2784 was brought forward from last year with most of this year's expenditure being a total of £750 paid as a retainer to our regular mechanic Seb Achbiou. | | | | | | | | | |
| Although the original terms of the grant were solely for youth club type activities within the Deptford area we have now been authorised to take a less restricted approach due to the ongoing situation. | | | | | | | | | |