

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), Jane Davis, John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Matt Begg, Brian Turpin, Cllr Louise Krupski, Rosemary Scott, David Chapman, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Eilidh Murray, Judith Barrett, Darren Reynolds, Christopher Mahon.

*Apologies:* Iliana Koutsou, Cllr Aisling Gallagher.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
  - Recent correspondence with Mayor Egan regarding proposed Deptford Church St cycle lanes and other schemes.  
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/DCS-follow-up-letter-to-Mayor-v2.pdf>  
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Letter-to-Mayor-Commitment-to-active-travel.pdf>
    - We are awaiting response(s) to these two letters to the Mayor covering some of our highest priority schemes to be developed in 2021.
    - Cllr Mark/Cllr Louise indicated they are supportive of these aims.
    - Cllr Mark committed to chase the Mayor for responses.
  - LC interim organisational changes effective from 1/1/2021.
    - Extended Committee to spread responsibilities across more people.
    - Jane Davis has moved into a new role as Community Engagement and Rides Coordinator and Alex Raha has taken over as Interim Coordinator.
    - Working Groups for specific campaigns and projects e.g. LC website enhancement, 'Vision' development.
    - Campaigning communications predominantly via 'Slack' social media channel - open to all members wanting to keep up to date with these activities or provide feedback - email us to join.
  - Overview of LC Campaigning Objectives for 2021.  
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/campaigning-objectives-for-2021/>
    - We've recently developed a map showing our immediate objectives for 2021. The map is particularly focused on cycle-specific ones rather than schemes of broader community benefit like LTNs.
    - Some are borough-wide schemes that the group is campaigning for like the Lewisham Spine Segregated Cycle Lanes.
    - Others are much more local like specific modal filters to support a cycle route e.g. Rolt St for Quietway 1 in Deptford, or one-way street to two-way cycling conversions e.g. Beecroft Road in Crofton Park. We are keen to establish Local Action Groups for these, contacting local councillors and other community groups to help move the projects forward.
    - Members are encouraged to review the map, give us feedback and indicate if they want to be involved with a campaign in their local area.
  - TfL A21 temporary cycle lanes and other measures (see links below).

- We see these lanes as a step in the right direction and will be meeting with TfL soon to discuss improvements and the potential to extend the measures.
  - Segregated cycle lanes have taken out a traffic lane in Lewisham High St and Molesworth St without an apparently significant impact on traffic flow. Helps to demonstrate feasibility for a future permanent scheme as part of the Lewisham Spine.
- Lewisham C19 Modal Filters and Low Traffic Neighbourhood(s).
  - <https://lewishamcovidresidentialstreets.commonplace.is/overview>
  - <https://lewishamcovidresidentialstreets.commonplace.is/proposals/lewisham-lee-green-ltn-monitoring>
    - Monitoring data has just been released by LBL/TfL. Documents can be downloaded from the link above. Traffic Counts, Air Quality, Bus Times, Commonplace feedback etc.
    - Highlights - Scheme very successful in reducing traffic in the LTN - by more than 80%. No reported emergency services delays. No adverse impacts on air quality. Residents living within the LTN tend to be more supportive than those in the surrounding areas.
    - Public Consultation scheduled for March 2021.
- Lewisham C19 School Streets.
  - <https://lewishamschoolstreets.commonplace.is/>
    - 10 School Streets have been implemented already - fixed signage in place. More are coming.
    - Operating with volunteers and temporary 'Road Closed' signs closing road. Camera enforcement is coming soon.
    - Commonplace feedback on School Streets has been very positive.
- Forest Hill to Waterlink Way (via Elm Lane) proposed cycle route (See 'Campaigning Objectives' map for provisional route)
  - Lewisham Homes containers blocking proposed route of path from Vineyard Close to Waterlink Way should be removed by April.
  - Cllr Mark coordinating with Lewisham Homes for consultation with local residents, to be done before April.
  - Judith is preparing a letter to Network Rail regarding upgrade/replacement of Sydenham Park/Dacre Park pedestrian railway footbridge to be Cycle and Disability compliant. Contacting following potential co-signees - Forest Hill Society, Sydenham Society, Forest Hill Councillors, Perry Vale Councillors and Sydenham Councillors.
  - Thanks are due to Judith for her sterling efforts on this project.
- Catford Town Centre Framework Plan.
  - <https://catfordframework.commonplace.is/overview>
    - We are compiling responses for this consultation to be submitted in early February. Will post a draft to Slack channel soon for comment.
    - This is an extensive framework plan covering the whole of central Catford (Catford Shopping Centre, Catford Broadway, Multi-storey car park etc.) with reconstruction works covering the next 5 to 15 years.
    - In the near term there are plans for the 'Stations area' which already have Section 106 funding from the Catford Green development. We will

be emphasising that these plans should absolutely prioritise access to the stations by active travel modes - walking, cycling and public transport.

- For the broader development we wish to see:
  - Cycle permeability to all parts of the development.
  - No through traffic in framework area (LTN).
  - Segregated cycle lanes on main roads, including the proposed 'cantilevered' cycle bridge alongside Catford Bridge.
  - 'No car' developments (except disabled) as surrounding roads are already beyond capacity.
  - High standards of cycle parking throughout.
- Please review the consultation, make your own comments, agree with positive active-travel related ones, and feedback to us.
- LC 'Vision' Development Project
  - We are in the process of establishing a working group to develop a long term overall vision for cycling, and active travel in general, for LBL. This will include a map like the one that has been produced by Hackney Cyclists: <https://hacknecycling.org.uk/the-vision-map/>
  - We've done some initial work on this but are looking for more people to be involved. The next online meeting is on Wed 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1900hrs. Please contact us by email/Slack if you wish to attend and participate in this exciting project.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - Jane reported that most activities are on hold due to the current lock-down rules.
  - LC have recently held a couple of online Q&As for new cyclists which were well received. We may do further ones in the near future.
  - Little Faith brewery in Creekside recently contacted us as they have been in correspondence with LBL about installing a pop-up area, with seating and cycle parking, in the street immediately outside the bar. This would replace a couple of car parking spaces. Their initial enquiry has been met with a very negative response. A bit surprising as the pop-up shelter in Hither Green has been widely welcomed. Jane will get in touch to assist them with this proposal.
  - After the recent severe water damage at the Childers St Scout Hut, the Second Sunday Bike Maintenance workshop, that we run in partnership with Deptford Folk (DF), does not have a home. The possibility of closing Rolt St (section adjacent to Folkestone Gardens) to motor vehicles is currently being discussed with LBL. If this happens this would make a good location for a permanent shipping-container based workshop. Apparently a fully fitted-out container can be purchased for around £12K. Jane suggested that LC/DF could crowd-fund for this.
- Approval of Bank Account access for Alex Raha as Interim Coordinator.
  - John proposed the following motion - 'Alex Raha is nominated as a Management Committee Member'. This was agreed unanimously.
- Attendees News & Views
  - The meeting requested Cllr Mark to investigate a couple of things for us:

- With £690K of LIP funding being returned for 2020-21, what is it going to be spent on?
    - Josh Learner (LBL Walking and Cycling Programme Manager) is leaving LBL in the very near future - is he going to be replaced?
  - Eilidh introduced herself as our LCC Trustee Contact, and also Islington LCC Coordinator. Eilidh mentioned that Islington are developing a family-friendly route map (paper and online) covering their LTNs as a way of enabling families to explore the low traffic areas, the map highlighting points of interest, cafes etc. They hope this will encourage support for the LTNs in the upcoming public consultations. It was agreed that LC should do something similar.
  - Alex mentioned that LC, in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham, have been successful with a TfL Walking and Cycling Grant bid to establish a 'Family Cycling Library'. The bid includes an electric cargo bike and other items like trailers, child seats etc. which can be loaned to parents to enable families to cycle more readily.
  - Jorge briefly talked about the ongoing work to enhance the LC website and make it more focused on user needs. Vote of thanks to Anna Tyler, and Jorge, who have spent a considerable amount of time on the ongoing improvements. Please feedback any observations on the improvements via our Facebook group or via email. Also note that we recently changed our web address to [www.lewishamcyclists.org.uk](http://www.lewishamcyclists.org.uk) (from the old .co.uk).
  - Alex highlighted that TfL have recently released a Vision Zero Dashboard allowing analysis of road collision data across London. <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2021/january/tfl-launches-online-data-platform-to-raise-awareness-of-road-collisions-in-london>
- Links for topical items
  - TfL Streetspace A21 temporary measures: <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/general/034ec426/>  
TfL Streetspace feedback form <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/general/streetspace-for-london/consultation/subpage.2020-10-08.8193336914/>
  - LC correspondence to TfL regarding A21 measures <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/LC-Consultation-Response-A21-Streetspace-Scheme-Final.pdf>  
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/LC-Feedback-A21-Streetspace-Scheme-November-2020-v2.pdf>
- Links for active planning applications and consultations
  - Lewisham A21 Development Strategy <https://lewishama21developmentstrategy.commonplace.is/>
  - Bell Green Vision Strategy (see item 5 on Sustainable Development Committee agenda) <https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=6313&Ver=4>
  - Eddystone Rd flats planning application [https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=\\_LEWIS\\_DCAPR\\_107676&activeTab=summary](https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=_LEWIS_DCAPR_107676&activeTab=summary)

- Lewisham Local Plan development consultation  
<https://lewishamlocalplan.commonplace.is/>

Meeting ended around 7.45pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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