

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 17th March 2021 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, John Salisbury, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Mark Chapman, Andrew Seeds, Cllr Louise Krupski, Judith Barrett, Jamie Luke, Dr Ralph Mortimer Roome.

Apologies: Iliana Koutsou, Jane Davis, Eilidh Murray.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Briefing from Dr Ralph Mortimer Roome (Sydenham Green Group Practice) on their planned health and environment benefiting cycle project. LC are providing advice and support to this exciting project promoting active travel.
 - Part of the practice's aim for Net Zero Carbon by 2040. Ultimately intended to cover staff, practice facilities and their patients.
 - Phase 1 (Mar to May) - targeting internal facilities and practice colleagues with bike loans, cycle training and Dr Bike at surgery.
 - Phase 2 (May to July) - Bike Day for staff.
 - Phase 3 (July to Sept) - Secure cycle storage and cycle event day for all patients.
 - Practice is part of a consortium with three other practices in the Lewisham area so they are hoping to expand the project out to include all the practices.
 - It was suggested that the practice may soon be able to apply to London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) for NCIL funding for the wards of Bellingham and Perry Vale.
- Topical Items
 - Greenwich Council proposed strategic cycle routes consultations close 21st March. (see links below)
 - As part of their C19 response Greenwich has produced two cycleway schemes which we encourage members to support. They are well presented and preliminary designs look good. There is a short consultation period before detailed design is performed with implementation planned for Summer. The two schemes are:
 - Greenwich Park to Shooters Hill cycleway - extension of existing Shooters Hill segregated cycle lanes.
 - Greenwich Park to Eltham cycleway - Cycleway 10 (Quietway 1) extension.
 - For information they also have three very useful Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) projects on the go:
 - Horn Park LTN - to the East of the Lewisham Lee Green LTN.
 - Woolwich LTN.
 - East Greenwich LTN.
 - Lewisham Lee Green School Restrictions Survey closes 21st March. (see links below).
 - LBL are proposing to re-implement three (Ennersdale Road, Manor Lane Dermody Road) of the camera controlled filters for short periods of time around school drop-off and pick-up times. The plan is to reduce traffic

across the whole area at these times to the benefit of the six schools in the area.

- We are broadly supportive of this proposal and encourage members to respond to the consultation in support. However we do have concerns that the Leahurst Road filter has not been included, which means Trinity Primary School may still suffer high traffic levels.
- Catford Town Centre Framework Plan.
<https://catfordframework.commonplace.is/overview>
 - Tim and Alex recently attended a meeting with Team Catford and LBL Officers to discuss the Framework Plan cycling elements. The main discussions were on the public realm improvements between the Catford Stations and the proposed Catford Railway Bridge cantilevered cycling bridge.
 - The public realm improvements between the stations include these main elements:
 - Widening of Waterlink Way subway under Catford Bridge - the hope is this could be doubled in size, subject to engineering constraints.
 - Extended pedestrian steps down from Catford Bridge on the north-west side.
 - Landscaping and decks over the River Ravensbourne.
 - Secure bike parking - we suggested talking to other boroughs that have implemented this successfully e.g. Waltham Forest.
 - We also made a general point about ensuring that motor vehicles are not in future permitted to access the area between the stations and the frontage to the east of Catford Bridge station - prioritising these areas for people walking and cycling.
 - The cantilevered bridge is vital in providing east-west capacity to feed pedestrians and cyclists into the very substantial planned Catford Development. Cllr Louise emphasised that all local Councillors are firmly behind the plan for this bridge.
 - Part-funding is already available for these elements in the form of Section 106 monies from the Catford Green development and a specific GLA Grant.
- Forest Hill to Waterlink Way (via Elm Lane) proposed cycle route.
 - Cllr Mark reported that the Vineyard Close community engagement exercise will have to take place after April 12th so it can be held in the open air.
 - Judith reported that the meeting between Mayor Egan, local Councillors and Officers regarding the refurbishment of the Sydenham Park railway footbridge is going to be re-scheduled. LC have recently submitted suggestions for ramp designs that would enable the bridge to be made fully-accessible.
- Lewisham Local Plan (LLP) - update on LC draft response to consultation closes 11th April. (see link below)
 - Alex has attended five virtual meetings on the various aspects of the LLP. He thinks the language in the document is somewhat weak e.g.

‘encouraging’ rather than ‘enabling’. The LC response is currently in draft form. If members have views on the LLP please contact us via Slack or email.

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Family Cycling Library - in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham
 - Alex reported that some events are now being planned and if members want to keep up to date with the plans they should sign-up here: <https://climateactionlewisham.org/lewisham-family-cycling-library>
 - Family Cycle Routes - leaflet and maps.
 - Jane couldn't attend this monthly meeting so discussion of this item was deferred to the next meeting.
 - Restart of Community Activities - Bike Buddy, Cycle Workshops, Rides
 - Alex and Jane are meeting with LCC central office next week regarding the process for restarting these activities.
 - Event at Beckenham Place Park on 30th May
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- Attendees News & Views
 - LBL have just committed £450K of 2020/21 LIP funding to move forward with several elements in the Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood. These are:
 - Filtering of Rolt St.
 - Re-surfacing of Woodpecker Road.
 - Permanent filtering of Prince St.
 - Permanent filtering of Scawen Rd, with installation of a toucan crossing across Grinstead Road.
 - Full details are here <https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=78800>
 - Construction of Cycleway 4 on Evelyn St, which we were expecting to start very imminently, appears to be temporarily paused. We will be contacting TfL for clarification of the revised construction schedule.
 - LBL have issued a ‘stopping-up’ order for Silver Road adjacent to the Waterlink Way. Probably not worth opposing as the new development has already received planning permission.
 - Alex recently met with Len Duvall (Lewisham & Greenwich GLA Member) who is very supportive of the proposed Deptford Church Street cycle track. LC to contact him post GLA elections if there are any bottle-necks in LBL taking the project forward.
 - LBL have recently announced that the first-year discount for Cycle Hanger rental is being removed so the subscription will rise from £45 to £60. We estimate that this will at most save £10K per annum and sends very much the wrong signal when LBL are endeavouring to increase active travel. We can't see why this could not be funded from e.g. parking Penalty Charge Notice net revenues. Cllr Louise said she would investigate.
 - Cllr Mark reported that himself, Cllr Louise and Cllr Octavia Holland would be meeting Cllr Sophie McGeevor soon regarding the spending plans for LIP money in 2021/22.

- Links for active planning applications and consultations
 - Lewisham Lee Green School Restrictions Survey (closes 21/3/21)
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/corporate-policy-and-governance/school-restrictions-survey/>
<https://lewishamschoolstreets.commonplace.is/>
 - Greenwich Council proposed strategic cycle routes (closes 21/3/21)
<https://greenersafergreenwich.commonplace.is/proposals/eltham-to-greenwich-park-strategic-cycle-route>
<https://greenersafergreenwich.commonplace.is/proposals/greenwich-park-to-shooters-hill-phase-2-strategic-cycle-route>
 - Lewisham Local Plan (closes 11/4/21)
<https://lewishamlocalplan.commonplace.is/>

Meeting ended around 8.30pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st April at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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