

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 16th June 2021 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin, Darren Reynolds, Matt Begg, Pedro Peixsolo.

Apologies: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Eilidh Murray.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
 - Sydenham Green Medical Practice Cycle Project
 - First event was a 4hr session on 11th June which involved a Dr Bike and a general advice stall for Practice staff. The event was successful with around a dozen bikes being maintained and useful discussions with staff about safe cycle routes etc.
Cllr Best (LBL Cabinet Member for Health) attended the event and was very supportive.
 - Planning for a further event in July but in a more visible location nearby and promoted to the local Sydenham Community via social media etc.
 - Forest Hill to Waterlink Way (via Elm Lane) proposed cycle route.
 - Proposed Vineyard Close to WW path - As far as we are aware the Lewisham Homes community engagement exercise with Vineyard Close residents has not yet happened.
 - Sydenham Park railway footbridge - Judith Barrett reports that over the last month or so there have been discussions between Councillors and Officers around the idea of making this footbridge more accessible with a full length ramp on the west side and a stepped ramp on the east side. Councillors are keen to see accessibility improvements but estimated costs are significant - deck replacement (£800K), ramps (£1.5M). Current budget available is £645K.
Judith has written to Councillors suggesting looking at alternative funding sources related to improving accessibility e.g. GLA, Network Rail.
Judith and LC are considering contacting the local MP Ellie Reeves and GLA Representative Len Duvall to see if they can help out.
 - TfL/DfT 2021 funding agreement. TfL are apparently looking for proposals from Boroughs for Active Travel projects to be implemented by the end of the year. Deadline is 25th June for submissions.
Agreed that LC should write to Cllr McGeevor recommending the following new or 'paused' projects are included in any submission by LBL:
 - Cycleway 4
 - Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood (DPLN)
 - Canal Approach
 - Grinstead Road signalised crossing
 - Sanford St signalised crossing
 - Kent House to Greenwich Cycleway

- Waterlink Way wooden bridge replacement
 - Southend Lane signalised crossing
 - Deptford Church St cycle track design
 - Brookmill Road cycle track(s)
 - Baring Road cycle track(s)
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Update on Family Cycling Library (in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham (CAL)).
 - There was a further fully-booked family event on 13th June with seven families trying out the cargo bike. Alex, Matt and Jorge from LC helped out on the day.
 - CAL have written to Lewisham schools to see if they would like to host similar events. Initially targeting those with School Streets that provide a safe space to demonstrate & try out the cargo bike.
 - Family Cycle Routes - leaflet and online maps
 - This agenda item was deferred to be discussed on Slack as Jane was not able to be present at the meeting.
 - Potential forthcoming events:
 - Grove Park Youth Club Open Day - 19/6/21 10am to 5pm. We are apparently not directly involved in this event but Alex reported that they may have a workshop we could use for a regular 'Mend and Ride' session at a 'peppercorn' rent. Potentially could be funded from NCIL or Ward Assembly CIL pots.
 - Hilly Fields Fayre - 17/7/21. Need to discuss with Jane and John whether pitches and mechanics have been booked. Also whether the event may end up being cancelled now that the final C19 're-opening' has been deferred to 19/7?
- Attendees News & Views
 - Tim mentioned that an experimental scheme, which we strongly support, to filter Rolt St alongside Folkestone Gardens was soon to be implemented by LBL. Details are here:

<https://deptfordparksproposals.commonplace.is/proposals/rolt-street-pedestrianisation-trial>

Meeting ended around 730pm.

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

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