

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 20th October 2021 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Rosemary Scott, Mike Tisdell, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Matt Begg, Judith Barrett. *Apologies:* John Phillips (Treasurer), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Andrew Seeds.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). Ward based applications for funding are now open. **Closure date for applications is 21st November.** LC are involved in the following potential applications:
 - Cross-ward application for Cycle Parking (Sheffield Stands) and Cycle Hangers for secure bike storage - hoping to deliver economies of scale if multiple wards are involved.
 - Feasibility study of segregated cycle tracks along Burnt Ash Road - Lee Green ward.
 - Feasibility study of accessible bridge on Railway Children Walk - Grove Park ward.
 - Feasibility study of segregated cycle tracks along Baring Road - Grove Park ward.
 - Waterlink Way to Forest Hill (via Vineyard Close & Elm Lane) cycle route - Perry Vale & Bellingham wards. Agreed to do a Friends of Elm Lane & Lewisham Cyclists joint bid.
 - The financial limits for NCIL applications depend on how long the applying community group has been constituted. More established groups can apply for more money - see links below for further details.
 - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/neighbourhood-community-infrastructure-levy>
 - <https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil-ward-apply-funding>
 - Council liaison update - any contact with Officers, Councillors and Committees or Questions to Council.
 - Question to Council Meeting on 29/9 re Cycle Hanger funding. LBL confirmed TfL has allocated no LIP funding for Cycle Hangers in the period up to Dec 2021. LBL will be continuing roll-out from previous year's funding and will look at possibility of supplementing from S106 funds.
 - Proposed Question to Council for 24/11 Council Meeting re parking in Ashby Road contra-flow cycle lane. Whether there is an enforceable Traffic Order for the lane and if so why it is not being enforced by Lewisham Parking operatives.
 - Cllr Mark Ingleby report
 - Janet Daby (Member of Parliament for Lewisham East) is keen to collaborate with LC on a fund-raising family bike ride through Lewisham

Parks. Monies raised going to assist secondary school children to own and maintain a bike.

- Mark had a meeting recently with Cllr Patrick Codd (Cabinet Member for Transport) and Louise McBride (Head of Strategic Transport).
 - 2022-23 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding was discussed. TfL are apparently indicating that councils will be able to propose 2 x schemes for delivery and 2 x schemes for development.

Mark is proposing that one of the schemes should be replacement of the wooden bridge on the Waterlink Way paired with the nearby new path from the Waterlink Way to Vineyard Close. Both of these projects are on our priority list.
 - Mark also asked about Deptford Church Street (DCS) cycle lanes and Louise again confirmed that these are a priority for LBL and that DCS will not be reinstated as a dual-carriageway.

We asked Mark to go back to Louise to ask when design work will commence on this project.
- DCS cycle lanes - despite Mark's report, we agreed to write to Mayor Egan and Cllr Codd again regarding the urgency of starting the design work on this project, in the light of previous commitments to commence this work in Spring 2021.
- Annual Meeting (AM)
 - Agreed this should take place at the February meeting and be a launch for the May Local Elections campaign.
 - In advance of the meeting we need to finalise the 'pledges' that we are going to ask Lewisham Mayoral and Councillor Candidates to sign up to.
 - Invite representatives from other local community groups to attend our AM e.g. Better Streets, Climate Actions Lewisham, Living Streets, Local Societies to encourage them to adopt some of our pledges in their campaigns as well.
- Catford 'Island' redevelopment consultation - please respond individually to this consultation. **Closure date for comments is 27th October.** In your response Jorge suggested that people move cycling to the top of their priorities and in the free text area make comments about making the development fully accessible to people on bicycles. <https://catfordisland.commonplace.is/>
- LC Website redesign. Agreed to put the new Home page Live as soon as Jorge has time to do this.
- London Cycling Campaign 'Demand Action on Dangerous Junctions' petition - members are urged to sign this very important petition: <https://www.lcc.org.uk/campaigns/junctions-action/>
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Family Cycling Library (in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham). The next session of cargo bike training is on 31st October in Deptford Park. Booking for sessions is via the CAL Family Cycling Library website.
- Attendees News & Views
 - TfL Streetspace Consultations - members are encouraged to respond supporting these schemes. **Consultations close on 12th November.**

- A21 Cycle Lanes. A modest improvement to cycling conditions as they stand. However have established the feasibility of removing a traffic lane between Lewisham and Ladywell without causing much traffic disruption. A precursor for a future segregated bi-directional cycle lane through this area. <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-lewisham-catford>
- Greenwich to Woolwich segregated cycle route - Cycleway 4 extension. <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/greenwich-woolwich>
- LBL A21 Development Framework consultation - mainly focused on development opportunities in this corridor but generally encouraging mentions of segregated cycle lanes along the corridor. **Consultation closes 12th November.** <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/adopted-local-plan/spds/a21-development-framework>

Meeting ended around 7.50pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 17th November at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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