

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

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Eilidh Murray, Christopher Mahon, Kamran;

Team Catford Island (for initial presentation) representatives from Lowick Group (LG), Barratt London, Makower Architects (MA), Studio Egret West - Andrea Albanese, Mollie Miller (LG), Martin Scholar, Scott Hayworth, Tim Makower (MA), Matt Harris.

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Matt Begg, Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Judith Barrett.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items

- Team Catford gave us an interesting presentation on their plans for the redevelopment of the Catford Island site. Cycling was a strong theme in the presentation and the design. The following features are anticipated to be included in the design:
 - Visitor cycle parking, 60 spaces - Sheffield stands and two tier stands. We also suggested the idea of green roofs for the Sheffield stand locations to protect bikes from the elements.
 - Resident cycle parking, 1000 spaces. Secure 'bike lobbies' for residents.
 - Main cycle access route from the South, where TfL segregated cycle track is expected to be in Catford Gyratory reconfiguration, leading to the visitor cycle parking. However we were very unhappy at the suggestion that people on bicycles may be expected to walk their bikes along this route. We made it clear that this should be a rideable route with wide unobstructed shared paths to minimise conflict with pedestrians.
 - At the moment there is a timber yard to the north of the site but this may be redeveloped in the future allowing cycle permeability in that direction as well.
 - Barratt expecting to have discussions with TfL regarding S106 agreement contributions to the Catford gyratory realignment works.
 - No planning permission yet, expecting to submit early in 2022.
 - Provided permission is given construction could start in early 2023.
 - You can see the outline plans here:
<https://catfordisland.commonplace.is/>
- Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). Ward based applications for funding are now open. Closure date for applications is 21st November. LC are involved in or aware of the following planned applications:
 - Application for 3 x Cycle Hangers for secure bike storage in Rushey Green ward.
 - Hither Green West applying for 50 x Sheffield Stands and 9 x Cycle Hangers in Lewisham Central ward.

- Lee Forum applying for public realm improvements on Burnt Ash Hill including Cycle Hangers, Sheffield Stands - Lee Green ward.
 - Better Streets for Grove Park applied for 3 bike hangers in Grove Park ward.
 - LC submitted a 3 ward bid for Stage 1 RIBA baseline study for cycle lanes and improved pedestrian crossings along Baring Road, Burnt Ash Road and Lee Road. Bid supported by Lee Forum, Grove Park Neighbourhood Forum, Better Streets for Grove Park, Make Lee Green and ward councillors from 3 wards.
 - LC also supported NCIL bids in Downham ward (3 bike hangers) and Catford South Ward (3 hangers), each for just under £10k.
 - Construction of Catford to Forest Hill/Sydenham (via Vineyard Close & Elm Lane) walking and cycling route - Perry Vale & Bellingham wards. Led by LC supported by Friends of Elm Lane & other local groups.
 - Brockley Better Streets applying for 'thermoplastic' treatments (colourful vinyls on the road at junctions to help 'calm' them) for five junctions in Brockley.
Also a redesign of the junction between Hilly Fields Crescent and Tressillian Road to calm traffic and create a proper entrance into Hilly Fields park. Brockley and Ladywell wards.
 - See links below for further details on NCIL:
 - <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 for upcoming 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.
 - DCS cycle lanes - letter sent on 3rd November to Mayor Egan and Cllr Codd regarding the urgency of starting the design work on this project, in the light of previous commitments to commence this work in Spring 2021. Awaiting a response, will chase if no response by beginning December.
 - LC submitted a consultation response to the LBL A21 Development Framework: https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/lc_response_-_a21_development_framework_november_2021-1.pdf
Afterwards we had a supportive email response from Cllr Bell.
- Annual Meeting (AM)
 - Agreed this should take place at the February meeting and be a launch for the May Local Elections campaign. The Annual Meeting will be on 2/2/22 as we are intending to move our monthly meeting to the first Wednesday of the month to avoid clashes with Council Meetings.
 - 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.
 - Guest speaker suggestions - Ned Boulting (Cycle Commentator); Ben Knowles (PedalMe).
 - Decided to have an in-person meeting rather than an online one. Location to be LBL Civic Centre.
 - LC Vision and relevance to 2022 election campaign
 - Agreed to set up an LC Working Group to finalise the 'Asks' for Council Candidates and review the Vision work with a view to presenting it at the Annual Meeting.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Family Cycling Library (in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham). The last session for 2021 of cargo bike training was held on 31st October in Deptford Park. Three cargo bikes were onsite, and the session was very popular. There is now going to be a hiatus until year two funding arrives at the beginning of 2022.
 - LC Xmas Social - Alex to prepare a Doodle Poll to establish best date in December for this. Probably taking place in Catford as near the centre of the borough.
- Attendees News & Views
 - Cycleway 4. Alex reported that the Lewisham section is making very good progress. Current completion estimate is March 2022. For the Lower Road section in Southwark Works Orders should start to appear soon. Lower Road construction currently expected to start Feb/March 2022 with a 6 month build so should be complete within 2022.
 - Current planning applications or major development consultations in Lewisham:
 - Sun Wharf
https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=_LEWIS_DCAPR_106149
<https://sunwharf.communityuk.live/explore>
 - Lee Gate
<https://www.leegate-regeneration.co.uk/>
 - Surrey Canal Rd station upper elevations (design mainly being developed Transport and Works Acts Order 2001 consent)
https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=_LEWIS_DCAPR_111938
 - Lewisham Shopping Centre
<https://lewishamcentral.commonplace.is/>

Meeting ended around 8.20pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th January (NB. No meeting in December and change to first Wednesday of the month for 2022) at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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