

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (Interim Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Mike Tisdell, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Eduardo Petrilli (Climate Safe Streets Champion).

*Apologies:* Eilidh Murray, Cllr Louise Krupski.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
  - Annual Meeting - taking place at February meeting (Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> February) and as launch for May Local Elections campaign.
    - Meeting agreed to be hosted online due to the current high prevalence of the Omicron Covid Variant.
    - Elements of meeting: Election of Officers; Treasurers Report; Coordinators Report - Alex & Jane; Guest Speaker - Ned Boulting.
    - Meeting to be promoted to Lewisham Councillors and local community groups with complimentary objectives e.g. Better Streets for Grove Park, Make Lee Green, Hither Green West, Deptford Folk, Climate Action Lewisham, Brockley Better Streets, Catford Active Travel and PATHSE14.
  - Climate Safe Streets Local Election campaign. Proposed 'pledges' for candidates are as follows (Specific targets to be delivered in next council term):
    - Safe cycle routes
      - Main road segregated cycle lanes (10Km) - Deptford Church St, Brookmill Road, A21 Lewisham to Downham, Baring Road, Burnt Ash Hill, Southend Lane, Catford Bridge Cantilevered Bridge.
      - Quiet cycle routes through Liveable Neighbourhoods - ensure route continuity with protected main road crossings (x5) - Southend Lane, Mount Pleasant Road, Catford Hill, Canadian Avenue.
    - Liveable Neighbourhoods
      - Climate safe streets to enable shift to active travel transport modes and enhanced public realm - School streets, secure cycle parking (300 additional Cycle Hangers), localised modal filters, one way street conversions for two-way cycling (20 conversions).
    - Embrace shared micro-mobility schemes across the borough
      - Bring TfL London Hire Bikes docking station(s) to the Deptford area - Funded from S106 contributions from the massive, but poorly connected, Convoys Wharf development and other local developments. Capitalizing on the recent construction of Cycleway 4 and the proposed segregated cycle track on Deptford Church Street.

- Support the growth of dockless bicycles and current trials of eScooters - introduce regulations to manage their safe parking and work collaboratively with neighbouring boroughs, and TfL, to ensure services are continuous across borough boundaries.
  - Dedicated Active Travel Fund
    - To be funded from a defined proportion of Highways budget plus contributions from S106 and NCIL Borough-wide funds - additional to TfL LIP funding which is not currently assured. Enable an ongoing pipeline of active travel schemes. Eliminate historic stop/start in these activities.
  - The Pledges were discussed at the meeting. Attendees were supportive and particularly liked the idea of the Dedicated Active Travel Fund. The general view was that if LBL could fund a dedicated resource for Active Travel then a pipeline of projects could be continuously under development. This would allow LBL to apply for funding from TfL etc. when the funding opportunities arise. Tim commented that a rough costing of all the proposed pledges would be in the order of £10M indicating there is a need for a step-change in funding to boost Active Travel and respond to the declared Climate Emergency in the next Mayoral Term.
- Update on Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) applications. Local Ward Assemblies are due to be selecting/endorsing these applications at January/February meetings.
  - A number of cycling-related Ward based applications were submitted in November. See Meeting Record from November for details: <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Meeting-Record-20211117.pdf>
  - <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/neighbourhood-community-infrastructure-levy>
  - <https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil-ward-apply-funding>
  - Cllr Mark commented that he believes the selection process will go roughly as follows - Officers will be 'scoring' the proposals in a similar way that the Borough-wide NCIL applications were scored. That will lead to a subset of the proposals being recommended. With their local knowledge Councillors may have an opportunity to push-back at proposals they believe have less merit. Recommendations will then go forward to Ward Assemblies. If any schemes have failed to be recommended that the Assembly feels strongly should be going forward that will be debated & resolved at the Assembly.
  - Important that LC have a strong presence at Assembly meetings where cycling related proposals could be approved. Please check for the dates of your Local Assembly and attend if possible.
- Lewisham Lee Green LTN Officers' recommendation for January 12<sup>th</sup> Mayor & Cabinet meeting.
  - Lewisham Officers have recommended that the 'revised' LTN scheme be made permanent with one major change - all modal filters are to be converted to use ANPR cameras with exemption for blue badge holders

and emergency services vehicles. Also will be some other complimentary measures, the most impactful probably being school streets for Brindishe Lee & Manor schools and Trinity school.

- Recommendation documents are here:  
<https://councilmeetings.lewisham.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=31225#mgDocuments>
- The meeting agreed that LC should write to the Mayor and Cllr Codd supporting this decision.
- We also agreed that LC would like to make a brief supportive in-person statement at the Mayor and Cabinet meeting on the 12th - Brian is going to investigate how we do this.
- Members are also encouraged to show their support by emailing the Mayor, Cllr Codd and their local Councillors.
- Council liaison update - any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
  - LC have a meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January with Louise McBride and Cllr Mark Ingleby.
  - Proposed agenda items include Deptford Church Street cycle track; Catford to Forest Hill cycle route (in particular Vineyard Close path); Silverdale & Bishopsthorpe modal filters. Tim will prepare an Agenda in advance.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - Community Activity Update.
    - Jane is currently preparing the Rides Calendar. Her aim is to lead the following rides:
      - Ride for All (RfA) - easiest ride with marshalling (1 per month)
      - Local London ride - slightly longer than RfA (1 per month)
      - Long ride - may be train assisted - out to Kent, Essex (1 per month)
      - One weekend per month left open for other Ride Leaders to organise rides.
    - Deptford Workshop
      - Workshop room needs new ceiling (£2,000 quote). Will have workbench with space for one mechanic to work in. Also be able to store equipment for Deptford Second Sunday maintenance day. Jane needs to meet with LBL Officers before we get access to NCIL monies awarded for this project. John indicated that we do have enough reserves to commission the work in advance of LBL releasing the monies.
    - Jane is proposing we have a fund-raising Spring Event in May with a Dr Bike and Bike Jumble (we have a large amount available to sell). Location to be decided.
  - Family Cycling Library (in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham).
    - Alex reported that the 2022 sessions are planned for the last Sunday of the month (starting in February).
    - More volunteers still needed to demonstrate cargo bike and generally help out on the day. Contact us if you think you can help with this.

- May need to start employing a mechanic at the sessions. Funding for this was included in the original grant.
- Attendees News & Views
  - None this month.

Meeting ended around 8.15pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 6.30 pm hosted online. This will be our Annual Meeting with elections for the Committee, guest speaker Ned Boulting and a review of the previous year's activities.

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