

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) hosted online using Google Meet on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Matt Begg, Darren Reynolds.

*Apologies:* Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Cllr Louise Krupski.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items
  - Discussion on progress on Climate Safe Streets Local Election campaign.
    - In the absence of Eduardo Petrilli (Climate Safe Streets Champion) and the Committee Members most involved to date there was only limited discussion about this campaign as follows:
    - Publications - flyer, postcards, banner etc. Some draft publications have already been produced by Eduardo. **Action** - finalise these and send for printing.
    - Leaflet distribution - possible locations C10 Folkestone Gardens, LCN22 Eddystone Bridge; NCN21 Waterlink Way Cornmill Gardens. **Action** - dates and locations for leaflet distribution to be finalised.
    - Local press.
    - Candidates Hustings. **Action** - see if we could coordinate with other Community Groups e.g. Climate Action Lewisham, as alone we may struggle to get candidates to attend.
    - Candidates Ride
    - For information here is a presentation covering our proposed 'pledges' for candidates: <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/LC-Pledges-May-22-presentation.pdf>
  - Discussion on recent Greenwich Council decisions.
    - Greenwich to Woolwich Cycleway - new Experimental Traffic Order (ETO) with minor changes to the scheme. Details [here](#).
      - A positive recent development with the ETO ensuring the scheme is in place for another 18 months, so effectiveness can be further assessed. This period should also coincide with the opening of more of Cycleway 4 further west in Greenwich and Lewisham which will link through to this cycleway and further increase usage.
    - West Greenwich LTN removal - details [here](#).
      - LC are strongly supportive of the West Greenwich LTN as originally implemented. We believe that a valid case has not been made for its removal.
      - We discussed how to respond to this removal and decided we should first consult with Greenwich Cyclists before framing our response to Greenwich Council.
  - Council liaison update - any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.

- LC Committee members met recently online with Mayor Egan, Cllr Codd and Cllr Ingleby. One of a series of outreach meetings that Mayor Egan is having with local Community Groups before preparing the Labour manifesto for the forthcoming elections. Alex gave the ‘pledges’ presentation linked above. There was a generally positive response from all attendees to our proposed pledges.
  - Lewisham Sustainable Development Sub-Committee meeting 17<sup>th</sup> February. Officers gave an interesting presentation regarding progress on the Lewisham Cycle and Transport Strategies. Refer to our Slack channel for details of the slides that were presented, if you want to join Slack please email us. Two key projects that are underway:
    - Deptford Church Street segregated cycle lanes - Consultants are now working on the Feasibility and Design with Stakeholder consultation scheduled for June 2022.
    - South Circular realignment and removal of Catford Gyratory. Lewisham Officers are again talking to TfL about this project which is essential to the Catford Town Centre regeneration. The junction redesign will also be key in defining how segregated cycle lanes will be introduced on the A21 Spine north and south of the junction.
  - Cllr Mark commented that he is working with Cllr Codd on moving forward various active travel related ideas highlighted in recent discussions with other Councillors and LC.
  - We asked Mark if the TfL A21 Spine Outcome Definition Report (ODR) has been published yet - he said he will chase with TfL. Some cross sections of possible cycle lane designs appeared in the A21 Development Framework Report, but the general view was these were composed by the Consultants rather than coming from the ODR.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - RideLondon FreeCycle event - Sunday, 29th May. Feeder ride coordination.
    - Alex, Matt & Jorge are all riding in the 60/100 mile events which are on the same day so will not be able to help with marshalling.
    - **Action** - Contact LCC to confirm our intention to host a feeder ride. Seek volunteers to assist with marshalling.
  - Community activity update
    - No report this month.
  - Family Cycling Library (in collaboration with Climate Action Lewisham).
    - Matt reported that the last session was successful with five bookings to try out the cargo bike. A couple of other people tried out Jane’s cargo bike as well.
    - Still need more volunteers to demonstrate the cargo bike and generally help out with the logistics of the day. Contact us by email if you think you can help with this.
- Attendees News & Views
  - Network Rail have submitted a planning application for a new station entrance with lifts at Hither Green station: <https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online->

[applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 113496&activeTab=summary](https://www.planningportal.gov.uk/applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal= LEWIS DCAPR 113496&activeTab=summary)

- Initial observations were that the proposed cycle parking is very inadequate - not covered or secure. We will be submitting a response to the planning application, please share any observations on the plans via Slack or email.
- It was also noted that once there is a second entrance to the station it might be possible to temporarily close and widen the existing station access tunnel between Maythorne Cottages and Staplehurst Road to enable full cycle access. A potential longer-term project...

Meeting ended around 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30 pm hosted online.

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