

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 5th October 2022 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Mike Tisdell, Judith Barrett, Mark Chapman, Nigel (PATH SE14).

Apologies: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Brian Turpin.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Treasurer's report.
 - See Appendix A
 - John gave his report and everyone present was satisfied with the current financial position.
 - Tim mentioned that Hugh, the Southwark Cyclists Treasurer, had indicated in a recent email that they should be able to pay our share of the 'DunRun' monies very soon.
- Topical Items.
 - Cllr Mark Ingleby.
 - Mark is on the London Borough of Lewisham (LBL) Overview and Scrutiny Business Panel. In their recent meeting he obtained details of the planned upcoming Cycle Hanger installations. He will forward these details onto us if they are in the public realm.
 - We asked Mark to chase Cllr Krupski (Cabinet Member for Environment) regarding the formation of the Active Travel Fund that the Lewisham Mayor committed to in the last election.
 - Plans for 'Councillors' ride on Saturday 8/10.
 - Pick-up points: Catford (Civic Centre) at 10.30am; Glassmills Leisure Centre at 10.45am; Deptford Bridge DLR station at 11am.
 - Brian Turpin has done a great job in doing all the planning work for this event and coordinating with the confirmed Councillors. Alex, Tim, Jorge, Mike, Rosemary and Cllr Mark all indicated they were available to attend.
 - Recent funding awards by Transport for London (TfL).
 - LBL have apparently been awarded £1.126Million in Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding for 2022/23, if a breakdown of projects is not forthcoming from LBL we may use a Council Question to get them.
 - TfL have also awarded some 'Liveable Neighbourhood' funding, but Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood does not appear to have received any. Greenwich have received some for their Town Centre scheme involving removal of the one-way system.
 - PATH SE14 (People's Action for Telegraph Hill). <https://www.pathse14.org/>
 - Nigel from PATH SE14 attended the meeting and described the issues they were facing in Telegraph Hill to get LBL action on vehicle speeds and volumes. On Jerningham Road speeds of up to 70MPH have been recorded. They have surveyed 3000 houses and found residents to be very much in favour of action on traffic issues (see

their website for details). They have also recently been awarded a £3,000 grant by the Foundation for Integrated Transport (FIT) for a design for a pocket park in the vicinity of the roundabout at the top of Jerningham Road (junction with Pepys/Vesta/Kitto).

- The general view of the meeting was that it is very hard to trigger action unless local Councillor(s) are onside with the objectives. As such they should continue to lobby local Councillors directly and through the Ward Assembly. Localised measures, short of using modal filters, like school streets, pinch points with priority to vehicles in one direction may alleviate some of the speed issues and be acceptable if Councillors remain sceptical.
- Cycleway 10 Millwall Path - reports of robberies.
 - LC have Twitter Direct Messaged the Met Police.
 - Alex reported that the Southwark and Lewisham Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams were aware of these issues and were increasing patrols, both uniformed and plain clothes.
 - Alex will email Cllr Louise Krupski regarding meeting to discuss further actions needed to restore confidence in one of LBL's key cycle routes.
 - Tim to visit and check if intimidating warning graffiti is still present and if so report it via LoveCleanStreets app.
- Monthly Catford Market relocation to Adenmore Road temporarily blocking Waterlink Way/NCN21 with Cyclists Dismount signs.
 - Alex has emailed Cllr Krupski about our preference for a temporary diversion to be sign-posted via the path in front of the Sainsbury's store while the market is taking place.
- Ladywell Fields spiral railway bridge - 'Cyclists Dismount' signs.
 - Tim and Jorge did some detailed counts of cyclists around the spiral bridge on the 4th October in the evening. The main conclusions were that the vast majority of cyclists on NCN21/Waterlink Way are using Malyons Road, rather than the signposted route crossing the spiral bridge and through Ladywell Fields north park. Spiral bridge users are those travelling generally west-east and avoiding the Catford and Ladywell railway overbridges. As such introducing alternative signage for WW/NCN21 along Malyons Road is unlikely to significantly change cycle flows over the spiral bridge. We also observed that only a small proportion of cyclists do ride over the bridge.
 - LC would prefer to see signs stating something like 'Cyclists Take Care and Give Way to Pedestrians'. Tim to arrange meeting with Cllr Krupski and Catford Active Travel to discuss further.
 - It was also noted that the proposed TfL Cycleway from Kent House Station to Greenwich was planned to route along Malyons Road so maybe LBL should aim to reactivate this project in future LIP discussions with TfL.
- Current consultations - members are encouraged to respond to these.
 - TfL - Lewisham to Catford Walking and Cycling Changes - A21 segregated cycle lanes, 20MPH zone etc. (Closes 30th Nov 2022)

<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-lewisham-catford>

TfL have seen a marked increase in cyclists on this route and no significant impact on bus journey times. They told us they would really like to have more consultation responses from cyclists to balance the number of responses from motorists when considering the future of the scheme.

- TfL - London Bridge & Borough High Street (Closes Friday 27th Jan 2023)

<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/london-bridge-borough>

Our views on the London Bridge consultation were laid out in last month's Meeting Record:

<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Meeting-Record-20220907.pdf>

- Next 'Civi' mailout -
 - Cycleway 4 (C4) opening, Celebrate C4 ride on 23rd October plus encouragement for members to respond to consultations above.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Jane was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following written report on current activities.
 - Community activity - NCIL funded projects:
 - We have delivered a basic maintenance course to the Bellingham CycleSistas group. 2 women mechanics with 10 women participants.
 - We have expanded the Dr Bike provision: fortnightly on Thursdays in Deptford on C4 junction with Grove St/Evelyn
 - We have nearly finished refurbishing the Deptford workshop space: 2 days' work left. Tools, parts and spares need assessing and stock take and inventory made.
 - We are well on target with our NCIL funded projects: However, we have only received a third of the money (around £3,000) but are halfway through the time. Awaiting response from LBL on this.
 - Last few bikes from Covid donations (6) to repair and move on to new owners.
 - Downside of new space is that we no longer have access to upstairs at Scout Hut where we used to store loan bikes and donated bikes for repair. So bike storage limited to maybe 3 at the moment. In negotiations with Scouts re installing a shed for bike and large parts storage.
 - Community activity - Other projects:
 - Deptford Second Sunday: This continues to be very busy and popular. We are in negotiations with the Scouts to get another weekend day every month (in NCIL funding) for a teaching workshop plus four evenings in the winter (November to February) to offer more structured courses to small groups of people, for which we can charge (reduced rates if on low incomes).
 - Beckenham Place Park (BPP) Dr Bike every second month on the first Sunday. Replaces Horniman which didn't work as Horniman management not really committed to it. BPP very different attitude

and first session went extremely well. Lots of people, lots of bikes to fix, real good cross section of Lewisham residents.

- Community activity - Rides:
 - Longer rides growing in popularity. Good mix of men and women. Around 50/50. Still more white riders, but a small core of riders from other groups has begun to turn up regularly.
 - Eventbrite still problematic. Between a quarter and a third of people who book, don't cancel and don't turn up.
 - Last Ride For All was best attended for a while. Need to really push the Ride For All C4 celebration Ride on 23rd October.
- Upcoming one-off events:
 - Celebrate C4 Ride for All - Sun 23rd October
 - Janet Daby Family Cycle Ride - Sat 29th October (provisional).
 - Alex to follow up again with Janet's PA regarding planning for this event.
- We agreed that we should hold a Rides Coordination meeting in Nov/Dec to discuss the rides programme for 2023 before it is finalised as several attendees indicated they could be available to lead rides next year.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Mark C. commented that at the Tory Conference Lucy Frazer (Minister of State for Transport) and Andrew Gilligan reiterated that the Active Travel funding proposed by the Boris Johnson government was still in place along with DfT Guidance on Active Travel projects. Potentially encouraging news...
- Meeting closed at 830pm

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford. Members are encouraged to attend in person, but we will have an online attendance option as well.

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Appendix A

Notes on October quarterly report:

- 1) The Grant account. We were offered and promised a total of some £9,888 by Lewisham Council. One third of this was paid in April with the next due in July. This has not yet materialised, and Jane has been told that 'they are looking into the matter'. This may mean that they are unable to pay any of the outstanding balance. In that event we could continue the work on 2nd Sunday and other events from our Main account funds for the current year at least.
- 2) DunRun unloading assistance payment from Southwark Cyclists (estimated minimum figure of £500). This has not materialised. I have no idea how or by whom this 'contract' was agreed. Is there anyone who can approach them on this?

- 3) The LCC grant. Despite our agreeing to waive this year's grant and advising them of that fact they paid it anyway - apparently in error. I advised them of this by both email and voicemail, but they have not come back. So am retaining this money.
- 4) We have received the £1,000 debt owed to us from Deptford Folk in payment of last year's 2nd Sunday mechanic's fees. This year's 2nd Sunday's fees will be met largely from the Grant account

John
22 Sept 2022

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budgets for 2022/23 as at 22 Sept 2022

MAIN ACCOUNT

Income

Received to date

Bank balance from end March 2022	3993	
Donations (April to date)	992	
Main LCC grant	387	
Reimbursement of past yrs. 2nd Sunday sessions from Deptford Folk	1000	
Trantsfer from Grant a/c as reimbursement (£278 + £570)	849	
	7221	< total rec'd to date

Estimated or expected

Donations late Sept to March 2023 (say)(less p.m. in winter)	800	
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists (est.)	500	
	Total estimated future income	1300
	Plus actual income to date	7221
	Total actual + estimated income	8521

Expenditure

Paid to date

2nd Sunday sessions April to date	1170	
Dr Bike events at Pepys Est., Brockley Fair,Ladywell Fields	390	
Consumables	459	
Flyers, business cards etc.	250	
Toolbench & Workshop rebuild (£278 + £570)(to be reimbursed from Grant Account)	849	
	3118	< total paid to date

Expected or estimated

Part of 2nd Sunday sessions for Sept to March shoud expected grant not materialise	1000	
Future other Dr Bike events - late Sept to March (say)	400	
Further consumables (say)	500	
	Total estimated future expenditure	1900
	Plus actual expenditure to date	3118
	Total actual + estimated expenditure	5018

Estimated Main a/c balance at end March 2023 (£8521 - £5017) **3504**

GRANT ACCOUNT

The Grant Account was due to receive £9669 in total this year of which the first instalment of £3229 has already been paid

To date £739 had been spent on one Dr Bike session, one Family Cycling Library event ,one 2nd Sunday and one Workshop+Training Session plus £848 on the Toolbench & Workshop rebuild leaving £1642 in hand Jane will be able to clarify the patten of expected future expenditure from this account.

John Phillips
22-Sep-22