

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 2nd November 2022 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Matt Begg, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Mike Tisdell, Brian Turpin.

Present online: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr Luke Warner, Rosemary Scott.

Apologies: Cllr Mark Ingleby, Judith Barrett.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items.
 - Monthly Catford Market relocation to Adenmore Road temporarily blocking Waterlink Way/NCN21.
 - Matt reported that for the last market there were diversion signs (erroneously calling it the 'Waterway Link'!) in place via the path in front of the Sainsbury's store. This arrangement seemed to work OK and is probably fine for occasional events. However there is a need for a couple more signs at either end to make the alternative route clear for Waterlink Way users. Tim to contact Cllr Louise Krupski.
 - Cycleway 10 (C10) - reports of robberies on both the Millwall Path and in Stevenson Crescent.
 - New Cross Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have tweeted that they are actively patrolling the area.
 - We agreed that in order to reassure members that the route is safe we need to know how much patrolling is being done and for how long it will continue.
 - Alex to email Cllr Louise Krupski and New Cross Gate Councillors Cllr Aisha Malik-Smith and Cllr Liam Shrivastava requesting a meeting. Collate actual confirmed robberies in advance. Also ask Southwark Cyclists to engage with their Councillors on the impacted Southwark section of C10.
 - If no response from LBL Councillors within 10 days the LC Committee will consider escalating to the local MPs.
 - Update on proposed Deptford Church Street segregated cycle track.
 - Our latest update from Officers via Cllr James Royston is that 'over the next few months we will be undertaking the design process to allow us to consult key stakeholders, including Lewisham Cyclists on the plans in the new year ahead of the Thames Tideway completion. I expect also at that time to be able to give more certainty about the funding and project timelines.'
Apparently, the intention is that funding will come from Section 106 development funds (from Thames Tideway) plus Local Implementation Plan (LIP) funding.
 - Update on Cycleway 4 (C4) - additional new Southwark Lower Rd section.
 - <https://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s91055/APPENDIX%205%20LOWER%20ROAD.pdf>

- The Experimental Traffic Order has recently been issued for this project and construction is expected to commence before the end of this year.
 - The scheme is a simplified one that does not involve removal of the Surrey Quays gyratory. However it should still provide adequate protection for cyclists, but not quite up to the standard of the already implemented sections in Southwark and Lewisham. Costs have been reduced to around £2million.
 - Update on Cycleway 4 - additional new Greenwich sections.
 - Woolwich Road (Greenwich)
 - <https://853.london/2022/10/27/cycleway-to-woolwich-gets-green-light-but-angerstein-roundabout-stays-in-place/>
 - <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/12286/widgets/34897/documents/33211>
 - Angerstein Roundabout to stay in place with current protected cycle scheme.
 - Monies to be invested in completing a higher quality route at the east end all the way to Woolwich Ferry roundabout. Anticipated implementation by 2024.
 - TfL have also recently provided Liveable Neighbourhood funding to continue with work to remove the Greenwich gyratory and provide a safe cycle route through Greenwich Town Centre.
 - When all these C4 works are complete there will be a protected cycleway all the way from Tower Bridge to Woolwich.
 - Catford to Forest Hill cycle route feasibility study (NCIL funded).
 - Cllr Krupski has informed us that we should be talking to Paul Boulton, LBL Head of Highways, about this project. Judith has emailed Paul to arrange a kick-off meeting asap.
 - 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 Wed 30th Nov 2022)
 - <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/a21-lewisham-catford>
 - Agreed that Alex and Brian would do a one-off 'Civi' mailout asap to encourage members to respond positively to this consultation.
 - TfL Park Lane walking and cycling changes (Closes Sun 4th Dec 2022)
 - <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/park-lane>
 - TfL London Bridge & Borough High Street (Closes Fri 27th Jan 2023)
 - <https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/london-bridge-borough>
- Council liaison update - any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
 - It was agreed that Tim should contact Cllr Krupski and Officers about setting up our next Quarterly Review meeting as there are several outstanding issues which we would like to discuss.
 - Cllr Luke indicated that he would be happy to find out for us whether there had been any progress in choosing a new Head of Strategic Transport to replace Louise McBride. He also indicated that Officers were currently very

busy and having to expend a lot of effort working out the impact of further government funding cuts.

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Community activity - Other projects:
 - Deptford Cycleway 4 Dr Bike. Jane said there is not enough light now in the late afternoon so is suspending this one till spring.
 - Beckenham Place Park (BPP) Dr Bike every second month on the first Sunday. The recent event was very successful and well attended. May go monthly with this Dr Bike in the new year.
 - Jane would like to make the December Deptford Second Sunday workshop more of a 'Xmas Fair'. Will discuss the idea further with Deptford Folk.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - LC 2023 Community Events and Rides Scheduling meeting - Thu 24th Nov 630pm.
 - Everyone who wishes to volunteer for some involvement is welcome, Tim to confirm venue soon.
 - Aiming to set the 'pattern' for rides, workshops, Dr Bikes for next year.
 - Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP) Family Cycle Ride - postponed to spring 2023.
 - Agreed to establish a couple of suitable dates for family style rides in spring at our Rides Scheduling Meeting and send them to Janet's office to see if one of them would fit with her calendar.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Jorge reported that he had attended the LCC Campaigners Conference. A couple of the lessons learned were that we could benefit from inter-borough group discussions to see how other boroughs had resolved issues in dealing with their councils. Also that regular Questions to Council could be useful in keeping active travel ideas prominent in the council's thinking.
 - Alex reported that Mayor Egan had just announced a £1m Lewisham Climate Action Bond:
<https://twitter.com/damienegan/status/1587882670419312644>
- Meeting closed at 745pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th December 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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