

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 7th December 2022 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr James Royston, Matt Begg, Joel, Jorge Martinez Lopez.

Present online: Brian Turpin.

Apologies: Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mike Tisdell, Judith Barrett, John Phillips (Treasurer).

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items.
 - Cycleway 10 Millwall Path robberies.
 - We have had direct contact with three individuals who have sadly been involved in incidents. It is unclear if these are the only incidents that have occurred and if the issue is ongoing or not. There certainly have been more police patrols recently accompanied by other 'reassurance' events in the area e.g. bike marking.
 - Alex to get in touch with Cllr Liam Shrivastava (New Cross Gate) requesting a meeting. We really need the extra police patrols to continue through the winter until the evenings start getting lighter.
 - Cycleway 4 - progress update.
 - Contractors have started construction of the 'missing link' section from Rotherhithe Tunnel to Surrey Quays.
 - Lewisham Council Sustainable Transport and Parking Improvements.
 - [\(Public Pack\)Agenda Document for Sustainable Development Select Committee, 30/11/2022 19:00 \(lewisham.gov.uk\)](#)
Agenda item 5, page 322 onwards.
 - Passed Sustainable Development Committee scrutiny.
 - Going to Mayor & Cabinet for adoption on 7/12/22.
 - Public Consultation on Phase 1 areas (Deptford & Catford) in March 2023.
 - Anticipates very significant expansion of controlled parking zones (CPZ) with a view to encouraging further shift towards active travel and sustainable transport modes. Aiming to further increase deployment of cycle hangers, electric vehicle charging points and stop parking displacement by making controlled parking zones the norm across the borough.
 - Consultations on introducing CPZs, rather than referenda.
 - Alex & Jorge/Matt to meet with Ozud Miah (Senior Engagement Consultant working on behalf of LBL) before Xmas for an overview of the proposals.
 - Catford to Forest Hill (C2FH) walking and cycling route feasibility study (£12K Ward NCIL funding for Lewisham Cyclists and Friends of Elm Lane).
 - This planned route requires the unadopted road Elm Lane to be brought up to a suitable standard for pedestrians, cyclists and resident-only motor vehicle use. Lewisham Highways have estimated the cost of doing this to be in the range £1M to £2M.

- We are talking to Sustrans about performing the Feasibility Study and are investigating if it would be possible to reconstruct Elm Lane to a lower standard than a full highway specification.
 - Current consultations - members are encouraged to respond to these.
 - 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.
 - Tim recently had a meeting with Paul Boulton (Lewisham Head of Highways) mainly about C2FH, but Deptford Church Street cycle lanes and the proposed Active Travel Fund (Labour manifesto commitment) were also mentioned as projects that Officers were actively working on.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - We held a 2023 Community Events and Rides Scheduling meeting on Thu 24th Nov. This was well attended with two new people attending who were interested in marshalling and potentially taking ride leader training. Six existing ride leaders also attended. The following pattern of monthly rides was agreed:
 - Weekend 1 - Longer ride out to Kent, Surrey etc. - usually led by Jane.
 - Weekend 2 - London Explorer ride - usually led by Jane.
 - Weekend 3 - Half-day Kent ride - back around lunchtime. Various ride leaders.
 - 'Rides 4 All' will be scheduled on an adhoc basis, more in the spring & summer and supplemented by occasional Kiddical Mass rides.
 - If anyone is interested in leading, or marshalling, rides there is a WhatsApp group you can join - please email us at lewishamcyclists@gmail.com if you wish to join.
 - Also email us if you are interested in helping with Dr Bikes and at Community Events like summer fairs.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP) Family Cycle Ride - Saturday 22nd April 2023. LC to communicate with Janet's office about this ride and put together a proposed route so it can be announced well in advance.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Joel raised the issue of cycle parking at Bell Green Sainsbury's. It's tucked out of the way and risky to use because of regular thefts. He would like to campaign for some more prominent parking to be installed. It was agreed LC would support such a campaign.
 - Matt mentioned that he had recently attended the Rushey Green Ward Assembly. Some positive discussions about cycle parking, hangers and cycle lanes.
 - Jorge mentioned that Lewisham Council were looking at introducing a borough-wide Public Space Protection Order. This simplifies the process of dealing with issues like dog mess, noise nuisance etc. He was a bit

concerned that it could be extended to cover people on bicycles where perceived conflicts exist e.g. in some parks. Cllr James considered this to be an unlikely use of the order. LC need to respond to any consultation when it comes up.

- Meeting closed at 8pm.

N.B. There is no Monthly Meeting in January, the next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February 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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