

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 1st February 2023 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Rosemary Scott.

Present online: Simon Saville (Southwark Cyclists Coordinator).

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr Luke Warner.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Southwark Cyclists - LCC Group (SC) update from Simon Saville.
 - SC have been asked to attend the London Cycle Crime Reduction Initiative. A potentially useful partnership with the Police etc. to help reduce cycle theft.
 - SC's are looking to encourage Southwark Council to get back to implementation activity, a considerable amount having happened during the C19 pandemic, whilst currently there seems to be a lull as strategies are being reviewed.
 - Cycleway 4 construction is progressing steadily. SC will review the delivered route after completion and highlight any issues to Southwark Council then.
- Topical Items.
 - Lewisham Sustainable Streets consultation.
 - Currently phase 1 is out for consultation which covers large parts of Catford/Crofton Park & Deptford.
 - We understand plans for Controlled Parking Zones are to be seen as consultations, not 'referenda' so the expectation is they will be implemented.
 - Members are encouraged to get involved, support the schemes, and make the case for more cycle provision. There are lots of in-person public engagement events in February and please do complete the online survey:
 - <https://pclengagement-hub.co.uk/en-GB/projects/stapi>
 - Issues we plan to highlight in our response(s) are below. If you have other ideas, please email us directly or voice them in our Slack group:
 - High relative cost of cycle parking in hangers compared with car parking.
 - No mention of the idea of residents being able to establish 'parklets' in their road to re-purpose parking spaces for greening.
 - Absence of provision of parking for dockless e-bikes and e-scooters. A missed opportunity to enable these more environmentally friendly modes of transport and address the issue of them being parked randomly on pavements.
 - Not explicit that pavement parking will be abolished in all new CPZs. Pavements are for pedestrians, not motor vehicles.

- Would like a more holistic approach including addressing issues of unnecessary through traffic by e.g. modal-filters, particularly if there are benefits to established cycle routes.
- Lewisham 'Connected High Street' project.
 - [24-million-boost-to-revitalise-lewisham-town-centre](#)
 - Total budget £24M. 'Connectivity' budget is £8M. Must be spent within three years!
 - This is a huge opportunity to end the dislocation caused by the Lewisham Shopping Centre and provide continuous cycle routes around & across the centre of the town, linking with the proposed Lewisham Spine segregated lanes on the A21.
 - There is also great potential for an off-road route from Ladywell and Lewisham via the currently closed riverside path between Wearside Road and Molesworth St.
 - We will be pressing the council to engage with Stakeholder Groups like LC early in the development of these plans. Email us if you wish to be involved in our campaigning.
 - *LC to revise and send our document 'An active travel vision for Lewisham Shopping Centre redevelopment' to the Mayor, Cabinet Member for Environment etc.*
- London Cycling Campaign (LCC) 'Pathways'.
 - A new initiative from LCC to help identify how strong local groups' relationship and influence is with their local Council. In future LCC will provide tools and guidance to help move that relationship forward. The meeting felt Lewisham was at Stage 2.5/3, whereas Hackney at Stage 4 and Lambeth at Stage 3.5.
- LCC Cycle Buddies. LCC have created a new Cycle Buddies website.
 - <https://lcc.org.uk/groups/cycle-buddies/#helper-buddy>
 - Currently they are asking us to encourage existing Buddies to sign up to the new website. Once there are enough Buddies then people needing assistance will be directed to the new website.
 - LC need to review our current signed-up Buddies and website setup to see what actions are needed to accommodate the new LCC website.
- Cycleway 10 Millwall Path - reports of robberies.
 - There have been more Police patrols recently and some events in the area e.g. bike marking. Lewisham Council are looking at maintaining vegetation clearance and enhanced lighting on the section of C10 past Millwall. These activities are expected to continue into Spring.
- Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy Ward bids e.g. Catford to Forest Hill cycle route.
 - We have asked Cllr Krupski for a new contact within the council for this project as Paul Boulton is now doing Zahur Khan's job and is unlikely to have time to address the details of the project.
- Council liaison update - LC recently had a meeting with Cllr Krupski (Cabinet Member for Environment), Michelle Hope (LBL Strategic Transport)

and Jereme McKaskill (Project Centre). Significant items that were discussed:

- Deptford Church St (DCS) cycle lanes. Project Centre are continuing to develop detailed designs with consultations on the plans expected in Apr/May 2023. Additional funding is being sought from Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and National Highways funding (as it is an A road).
- Waterlink Way wooden bridge replacement. This project is 'packaged' ready for funding. Hoping to get some of TfL's 'returned' LIP funding or 2023/24 LIP funding.
- Staffing updates
 - Paul Boulton is currently doing Zahur Khan's role.
 - Seamus Adams is Head of Highways and responsible for Sustainable Streets project.
 - Michelle Hope is Strategic Transport Lead reporting to Seamus.
 - Martha Lauchlan reports to Michelle.
 - Project Centre staff are currently working on a range of LBL projects e.g. DCS, Downham Way, Deptford High Street, Cycle Hangers, School Street
- Treasurers Quarterly Report (See Appendix A)
 - The meeting was very satisfied with the current state of the finances and no specific issues were raised.
 - John conservatively allowed £500 for the Dunwich Dynamo unloading project with Southwark Cyclists, but it looks like we will very soon receive around £1200.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - Women's Freedom ride (LCC) is on Sun 5th March at 1130am from Marble Arch. LC are potentially running a feeder ride from Lewisham.
 - Volunteer marshals needed for LC feeder and LCC main ride. Preferably women but not exclusively.
 - If you intend to join the main ride registration is here:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lcc-womens-freedom-ride-tickets-489439947057>
 - Kidical Mass. Sun 12th March.
 - Jane or Alex will be leading a feeder ride. Volunteer marshals needed.
 - Love Beckenham Place Park Community Day. Sat 29th April.
 - *LC need to reply to the 12th January email from James Allen about this event indicating whether we intend to attend or not.*
 - Family Cycle Ride with Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP). Sat 13th May.
 - Potentially a large ride with a significant proportion of children. Janet wants to directly involve some local primary schools. *LC need to hold an internal ride planning meeting soon to establish the route, who will lead the ride and how many marshals we can recruit.*

That will determine how large the ride can safely be. Will probably need pre-registration via Eventbrite.

- Dunwich Dynamo cycle unload. Sun 2nd July.
 - Volunteers wanted to help with the cycle unload. *LC need to hold a planning meeting with SC soon* to look at the logistics for this year's event.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Alex mentioned the London Walking & Cycling Conference in June. The costs to attend are £45. The meeting approved LC recompenses this cost for up to two members to attend, attendees to be agreed by the Committee.
 - Jorge raised the issue of a hazard at the blue suspension bridge near Bell Green on the Waterlink Way, apparently there is a significant step developing as the pathway has subsided. Needs to be reported on Love Clean Streets app as a hazard.
- Meeting closed at 815pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st March 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 - Treasurers Quarterly Report

Notes on February 2023 quarterly report:

Generally, our current and foreseeable future financial situation is in reasonably good shape as can be seen in the Ongoing Budget report. At this point in time we have £3167 in the Main Account and £2837 in the Grant Account.

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 and another third in October with the final instalment expected before the end of March.
2. Dunwich Dynamo 2022 unloading assistance payment from Southwark Cyclists (estimated minimum figure of £500). Jane is continuing to pursue this payment and we have received further assurances from Southwark Cyclists' Treasurer that we will be paid fairly soon.

It's unlikely that I'll be able to attend the February meeting in person but if you have any queries or comments, I'm on 0208 244 2192 or email on johnp1616@gmail.com.

John
25 January 2023

Detailed Accounts on next page.

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budgets for 2022/23 as at 25 January 2023						
MAIN ACCOUNT						
Income						
Received to date						
Bank balance from end March 2022						3993
Donations (April to date)						1847
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
						8076
						< total rec'd to da
Estimated or expected						
Donations late Jan to March 2023 (say)(less p.m. in winter)						400
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists (est.)						500
				Total estimated future income		900
				Plus actual income to date		8076
				Total actual + estimated income		8976
Expenditure						
Paid to date						
2nd Sunday sessions April to date						1410
Dr Bike events at Pepys Est., Brockley Fair, Ladywell Fields						390
Consumables including flyers						950
Scout hut hall hire						640
Toolbench & Workshop rebuild (£278 + £570)(to be reimbursed from Grant Account						1165
New battery for cargo bike						184
Mobil purchase						170
						4909
						< total paid to da
Expected or estimated						
Part of 2nd Sunday sessions for Jan to March shoud expected grant not materialise						1000
Future Dr Bike events - February to March (say)						200
Further consumables (say)						200
Scout hut hall hire October to March at £100 p.m.						600
				Total estimated future expenditure		2000
				Plus actual expenditure to date		4909
				Total actual + estimated expenditure		6909
Estimated Main a/c balance at end March 2023 [£8976(act+est.) less £6909(act+est.)] 2067						
GRANT ACCOUNT						
The Grant Account is due to receive £9669 in total this year of which two instalments of £3229 each totaling £6458 have already been paid						
To date £964 had been spent on Dr Bike and other events, £1100 five 2nd Sunday sessions and £1557 on the Workshop rebuild, equipping and organising leaving £2837 in hand Jane will be able to clarify the patten of expected future expenditure from this account.						
John Phillips						
25th January 2023 (for Febuary meeting agenda)						

