

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 7th June 2023 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Judith Barrett, Hugh Ster.

Present online: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator).

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Brian Turpin, Cllr Luke Warner.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items.
 - Annual Meeting - discussion on format and timing.
 - Agreed on 4th October to be Annual Meeting.
 - Invite Ned Boulting along again - Jane.
 - Invite other Active Travel and Community groups. To give a brief presentation of their objectives & campaigning e.g. Waterlink Way of Life, Catford Active Travel, Hither Green West campaigners.
 - Invite Head Teacher from successful school street to comment on positive impacts e.g. Holbeach.
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Ward funding - Catford to Forest Hill cycle route.
 - Late in 2022 Lewisham Council awarded Friends of Elm Lane (FoEL) and LC jointly £15,000 from Bellingham NCIL Ward funding for a Feasibility Study of this route.
 - FoEL and LC have together agreed to spend the first tranche of the funds on establishing the state of the utilities in Elm Lane as a basis for accurately estimating the cost of resurfacing it.
 - For the compilation of the actual Feasibility Study we are planning to commission Sustrans.
 - We have already commissioned and received the results of a 'Stats' enquiry from Clear Route Utility Services. They checked with all the utility companies what pipes or cables are present in Elm Lane. The cost of this was £180 (incl. VAT) which LC have paid pending receipt of funds from Lewisham Council.
 - We have also agreed a quote of £2,364 (incl. VAT) from Site Technical Services to perform a ground probing radar survey over the length of Elm Lane to establish the exact location and depth of the utilities.
 - When Site Technical Services confirm a date for the radar survey we may, in advance, need to put notices on parked cars encouraging them to park elsewhere on the survey day. Agreed with Judith (FoEL) and Cllr Ingleby that the notices should say something like 'Highway Radar Survey being carried out on behalf of Lewisham Council by Site Technical Services. Contact details to be FoEL, Judith's mobile number and Rushey Green Councillors email addresses.'
 - Tim is going to chase the Council for a transfer of the full £15,000 or at least an initial tranche of £3,000 to cover costs to date.

- Deptford Church Street proposed segregated cycle track(s).
 - Alex reported that at the last Sustainable Development Committee meeting the public consultation for this project was reported as being due 'sometime this summer'. We're in summer now and haven't heard anything further.
 - Hugh Ster attended our meeting to share his very interesting proposals for green infrastructure, sustainable drainage etc. in the revised highway layout and adjacent green spaces. We are supportive of these ideas but are aware that Project Centre should have quite advanced design drawings for the new streetscape by now. There is also apparently a deficit in funding for the highway itself without including complementary measures in the surrounding green spaces. All should be clearer when the public consultation begins and it may be possible to tap into additional funding in the future from NCIL, LBL Greening Fund or Lewisham Homes.
 - Cllr Mark recommended Hugh share his study with Urban Design London <https://www.urbandesignlondon.com>
- Current consultations and planning applications - members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Kensington & Chelsea (K&C) consultation on Kensington High Street cycle lanes. The proposals are poor involving advisory cycle lanes. Please respond to tell K&C that this isn't good enough (Closes 26th June)
<https://lcc.org.uk/news/painted-lanes-on-kensington-high-street/>
- Council liaison update.
 - Alex has raised a Council Question about the timing of the Deptford Church Street public consultation for next Full Council Meeting on 12th July.
 - Judith is planning to raise a Council Question for the same Council Meeting about Lewisham Officers' progress on the initial design for the proposed stepped ramps for the railway footbridge between Silverdale and Sydenham Park:
<https://lewisham.gov.uk/inmyarea/regeneration/transport-and-major-infrastructure/improvements-to-sydenham-park-footbridge>
 - Tim to arrange next Quarterly Review Meeting with Cllr Louise Krupski et al.
 - Cllr Mark talked about Ennersdale Road residents' Ward NCIL funded project where they want to do a full street redesign to calm vehicle speeds. Apparently the Council are quoting high 'design' costs and Mark is trying to establish how these costs are justified. In contrast Hither Green Lane NCIL spending is focused on bike hangers, street trees etc. so little impact on the street layout and lower cost but not transformational.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Community activity update:
 - Rides programme is going well. 3 rides/month with good levels of attendance. Ideally would like to reinstate the Tuesday Totter

- summer evening ride every second week, but not currently enough ride leaders.
- Deptford Second Sunday workshop still very busy. Jane has also been doing some additional 'informal' workshops mid-week. LC need to do a few extra one-off Dr Bikes to meet the work commitments for our latest Lewisham Council grant, maybe at local schools like Stillness.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - Hilly Fields Fayre. Sat 24th June.
 - We are NOT planning to attend this year due to a shortage of available volunteers.
 - Dunwich Dynamo cycle unload. Sun 2nd July.
 - Volunteers still needed to help with the cycle unload. Four lorries of bikes to be unloaded between 11am and 5pm but volunteers don't have to stay for the full duration.
 - Ride to Greenwich Park Cycle Games event (notified subsequent to this meeting).
 - Event is on Sat 12th August at 12 noon in Greenwich Park. Feeder ride to be arranged.
 - Family Cycle Ride with Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP). Sat 30th September.
 - Date agreed with Janet Daby's office.
 - LC have established a suitable route - 12 miles in length.
 - We are planning to promote the ride via leaflets/notices in local schools e.g. Holbeach.
 - Attendees News & Views.
 - Jorge raised the issue of the traffic light phasing on the Oxestalls Road toucan crossing on Cycleway 4. There is a long delay on the lights changing in favour of cyclists and pedestrians so many cyclists are taking a risk and riding through the red light. The low levels of traffic on Oxestalls Road don't seem to justify the length of the signal delay. Alex said he would report this to the TfL Signalling Team.
 - Meeting closed at 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th July at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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