

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Catford Constitutional Pub on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Brian Turpin, Rosemary Scott, Nigel Broome (PATHSE14).

Present online: None

Apologies: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Judith Barrett, Jorge Martinez Lopez, John Phillips (Treasurer).

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Topical Items.
  - Annual Meeting Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023.
    - Usual format with Election of Officers, Officers reports (Alex, Jane & John) and presentation(s) from Guest Speaker(s).
    - Jane said Ned Boulting apologises but is not available to speak this year.
    - Current ideas for speakers:
      - Tim to talk to Katy Rodda at LCC re suggestions for a speaker from Lambeth or Haringey boroughs, either from the LCC Local Group or a Councillor who has experience of how they overcame political and financial obstacles to Active Travel implementations in their boroughs.
      - Invite other 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.
    - Tim to ask Cllr Ingleby to book larger room at Civic Centre.
    - Potentially use Eventbrite (free of charge) for attendee registration so we know numbers.
  - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Ward funding - Catford to Forest Hill cycle route Feasibility Report (LC and Friends of Elm Lane (FoEL) collaboration).
    - Site Technical Services (STS) performed a ground probing radar survey on Elm Lane on 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Jul. Currently waiting for the results.
    - We have a meeting with Winston Castello at Lewisham Council on 9<sup>th</sup> Aug to discuss the project and the funding procedure. He has promised us a £5,000 initial payment in advance of the meeting. Cllr Mark suggested it would be useful if he attended this meeting along with Tim & Judith.
    - We have provisionally arranged a meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> Aug with representatives of Sustrans to agree the project scope, so they can quote for the work on the Feasibility Report.
  - Discussion with Nigel from PATHSE14 regarding vehicle speeding and rat-running issues in Telegraph Hill area.

- As an example, Jerningham Road is a heavily used rat-run and motor vehicles have been recorded travelling at 60mph on this residential road. The installed speed cushions are ineffective at reducing vehicle speeds. Accident statistics in the road are bad.
    - PATHSE14 have positive ideas about how to reduce the impacts of excessive and speeding traffic in the Telegraph Hill area, improve the public realm and encourage active travel, but are having much difficulty in getting the council to progress any of their initiatives.
    - The meeting had various suggestions about possible campaigning approaches to try and pressurise the council into action e.g. Council Questions, getting involved in Community Speed Watch (Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team), looking at Lewisham's own Road Danger Reduction policy, encouraging Aske's Schools to push for a School Streets implementation, pressing the council on the Healthy Neighbourhoods program where Telegraph Hill was meant to be one of the next areas addressed.
    - Also maybe contact Cllr Bell (Telegraph Hill) and Cllr Eiles (Brockley) as they may be more sympathetic to their objectives than Cllr Sorba has been to date.
  - Current consultations and planning applications - members are encouraged to respond to these:
    - Lewisham 2030 Project (closes 29th Oct).  
<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/lewisham-strategic-partnership/lewisham-2030>
      - Brian agreed to draft a response to this project, essentially para-phrasing the main elements of the current Lewisham Cycling Strategy.
    - TfL Silvertown Tunnel - Cross River Cycling Service (closes 10th Sep).  
 Read the LCC blog before replying to the survey:  
<https://lcc.org.uk/news/tfl-silvertown-shuttle-bus-for-cycling/>  
<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/silvertown-cycling-service>
      - We agreed that Alex, as Coordinator, should lead on providing a group response to this proposal from TfL.
    - TfL Healthy Streets - Greenwich to Woolwich walking and cycling changes (closes 12<sup>th</sup> Dec).  
<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/greenwich-woolwich>
      - Greenwich Cyclists are drafting a response which we intend to 'mirror'.
  - Council liaison update.
    - Tim & Alex have a Quarterly Review Meeting with Cllr Louise Krupski et al. on 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.
    - Cllr Mark reported that the Police held a speeding enforcement day recently on Hither Green Lane and issued 50+ speeding tickets clearly illustrating the road safety issues on this road.
- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - Community activity update:

- Currently running a normal program of weekly rides, Deptford Second Sunday workshop and occasional Dr Bikes e.g. at the recent Family Cycling Library event.
  - Upcoming one-off events:
    - Ride to Greenwich Park Cycle Games event on Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Aug at 12 noon in Greenwich Park.
      - LC are planning a feeder ride leaving Le Delice at 10am.
    - Family Cycle Ride with Janet Daby (Lewisham East MP). Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sep. LC have established a suitable route - 12 miles in length.
      - Jane and Alex to coordinate.
      - Alex will be leading this ride as Jane is away. We currently have 8 marshals signed up and Jane has set the Eventbrite limit at 30 attendees for now. Ride will start and finish in Mountsfield Park.
      - Cllr Mark suggested that Jane should email Cllrs in Hither Green, Rushey Green and Lee Green wards to ask them to contact their local schools and promote the ride.
- Attendees News & Views.
  - Brian mentioned the recently published TfL A21 Final Consultation Report on the Streetspace changes between Lewisham and Catford. This recommended making the changes permanent. According to the report the changes have had no impact on motor vehicle and bus transit times. It also noted that the A21 is in the top 5% of roads with the potential for modal shift to Active Travel modes.
    - Brian is going to prepare a communication to Lewisham Cllrs to encourage them to grasp this opportunity to press TfL to move forward with further implementations of the Lewisham A21 Spine segregated cycle lanes.
- Meeting closed at 815pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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