

Record of Annual Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre, and hosted online using Google Meet, on Wednesday 4th October 2023 6.30pm

Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Louise Krupski, Brian Turpin, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Matt Begg, Rosemary Scott, Cllr Mark Ingleby, Mario Toraldo, Jacks Lampon, Sailesh Patel

Online: Katy Rodda, Christopher Mahon, Pete (surname not given)

Apologies: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Cllr Luke Warner

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Apologies and Welcome - Brian Turpin (Chair of Annual Meeting)
- Presentation from Cllr Louise Krupski (Lewisham Cabinet Member for Environment & Climate).

Illuminating and positive presentation from Cllr Louise on progress on the key projects in her areas of responsibility. Some key points:

- NRP Consultants currently working on Integrated Active Travel Strategy (IATS). Embracing walking, cycling, public transport, school streets etc. Output will include a prioritised list of future projects within a seven-year window. Deprivation index in local area will be an important element in prioritisation. Planning to talk to a wide range of stakeholders including pedestrian groups, disability groups, cyclists etc.
- Contra-flow cycling on one-way streets - five recently completed including St Donatts Road. 26 more are being currently planned/designed.
- Deptford Church Street segregated cycle track(s) - initial designs have been completed and public consultation is due in October. Still some funding challenges, but anticipating construction work beginning in Oct 2024.
- Waterlink Way humpback bridge replacement. Preliminary design and groundworks investigation initiated. Will require mixed funding sources e.g. Cycle Network Development (CND) and Local Implementation Plan (LIP). Hoping to be funded in 24/25 budget.
- Cycleway improvements in development:
 - C10 way-finding improvements around Folkestone Gardens
 - C18 Elverson Road to Catford (stage 1) upgrades
 - C18 connection to Molesworth St
 - Brockley to New Cross Gate cycleway
- Future CND funding bids will come out of the IATS prioritisation e.g. Southend Lane signalised crossing on C18.
- Sustainable Streets for Lewisham. Will keep moving forward with this programme. Varied public response, some neighbourhoods very keen, others more resistive. But important element in meeting Climate objectives.
- eBike hire. Recently struck a deal with Lime bikes. Will improve availability of bikes while also providing eBike parking bays every 300m (radius) which should help to regularise parking.
- Deptford High Street pedestrianisation - encouraging public consultation with 80% of respondents in favour. Very successful 'car free' day event there recently.

- ‘Levelling Up’ funding for Lewisham Town Centre. Plans are looking good but very limited time to work them up due to time constraints put on funding. Plans include useful cycle route improvements on Molesworth St and in St Stephen’s/Lewisham Police Station area.
- Very successful and well received School Streets programme is being expanded further e.g. Downderry, Bonus Pastor, Torridon, New Woodlands, Twin Oaks.
- Mario asked Cllr Louise a question about Cold Blow Lane. There is a current petition to pedestrianise it with over 300 signatories:
<https://www.change.org/p/pedestrianise-cold-blow-lane>
- Presentation from Jacks Lampon (Grove Park School Cycle Bus)
Very interesting and encouraging presentation from Jacks about this successful cycle bus which has had great coverage on the BBC.
 - The Grove Park area in the south of the borough has essentially no cycle infrastructure and the roads are very dominated by motorised vehicles. They really need modal filters/low traffic neighbourhoods to make it safe for families to cycle to school.
 - A number of parents got together around World Car Free Day with a desire to change the situation and cycle safely & enjoyably to school. Initially five adults and eight kids were in the group but it rapidly grew until at the end of term they had 85 people!
 - They run the bus weekly in all weathers. They meet in a quiet reasonably traffic free area beforehand for a short social mingle. The ride to school is around 10 minutes and is taken at a suitably slow pace, the kids enjoy it immensely. With this size of group a few marshals are needed to make sure all riders get safely across junctions. The school is very supportive of the project.
 - If you want to run your own cycle bus Jacks recommends you watch out for other parents cycling with their kids to school, chat with them to make a connection and see if you can get a viable group together.
- LC Coordinator Report - Alex Raha. See Alex’s presentation here:
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/LC-Coordinator-Report-2023.pdf>
- Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator Report - prepared by Jane Davis, delivered at the meeting by Brian Turpin. See Jane’s presentation here:
<https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/AM2023.pdf>
- Treasurer’s Report & Approval by the Meeting - John Phillips. See Appendix A for the Treasurer’s Report and Accounting Reports
 - The Annual Accounts were approved unanimously at this Annual Meeting.
 - Many thanks to John for his tireless efforts in this role particularly through the full accounts Audit this year.
- Elections to LC Management Committee.
 - The following LCC members nominated themselves for election at this Annual Meeting, Jane Davis, being absent, nominated herself in writing. There were no other candidates, and all Officers were re-elected unanimously.
 - Alex Raha - LC Coordinator
 - Jane Davis - Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator
 - John Phillips - Treasurer
 - Tim Collingridge - Secretary

- Attendees News & Views
 - Alex mentioned our Xmas gathering. Current plan is to have a get together at the December Deptford 2nd Sunday Workshop (10th Dec) with cake and bike jumble, adjourning to the Dog and Bell pub afterwards. To be discussed further at our November meeting

Annual Meeting ended around 8.15pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st November at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre.

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Appendix A - Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for Annual Meeting of 4th October 2023

Overall we are in a healthy situation as can be seen from the attached summaries for the Financial End-of-Year of 31st March 2023 and the Ongoing Budget for 1st April to date.

Notably we have received the 1st instalment of the £15,000 grant from Lewisham Council for the Elm Lane project and that donations, mostly from the Deptford 2nd Sunday project, continue to hold up at around £2,000 a year.

John Phillips
Treasurer
27th September 2023

See detailed accounts below...

Lewisham Cyclists end of year (31/3/2033) summary for 2022/23

MAIN ACCOUNT

Income

Bank balance from end March 2022	3993
Donations	2923
Main LCC grant	387
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists (est.)	1272
Reimbursement of past yrs. 2nd Sunday sessions from Deptford Folk	1000
Transfer from Grant account as reimbursement (£278 + £570) (see below)	848
Total income	10423

Expenditure

2nd Sunday sessions	1881
Dr Bike events at Pepys Est., Brockley Fair, Ladywell Fields	640
Consumables including flyers	1282
Scout hut hall hire	645
Toolbench & Workshop rebuild (£278 + £570)(from Grant Account) (see above)	848
New battery for cargo bike	230
Telephone purchase	170
Misc equipment	158
Total expenditure	5854

Main account balance at end March 2023 **4569**

GRANT ACCOUNT

Income

Bank balance from end March 2022	1
Grants (2 of £3229)	6448
Total income	6449

Expenditure

2nd Sunday sessions	1480
Dr Bikes, Family Cycling Library, Training session	964
Workshop organisation and rebuild	785
Consumables & banner	74
Toolbench & Workshop rebuild (£278 + £570)	848
Total expenditure	4151

Grant account balance at end March 2023 **2298**

John Phillips

31st March 2023

(for : April monthly meeting, next Annual meeting, Annual return to LCC)

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2023/24 as at 27 September							
(Please note these figures show the combined totals of both the Main & Grant accounts)							
<u>Income</u>							
Received to date							
Bank balance from end March 2023 Main account				4569			
Bank balance from end March 2023 Grant account				2298	6867		
3rd and final instalment from Lewisham Council Deptford centre grant					3229		
1st of 3 instalments from Lewisham Council Elm Lane project grant					5000		
Donations (April to date)					886		
					15982		< total rec'd to date
Estimated or expected							
Donations October to March 2024 (say)					900		
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists (est.)					1000		
2nd & 3rd of 3 instalments from Lewisham Council Elm Lane project grant					10000		
				Total estimated future income	11900		
				Plus actual income to date	15982		
				Total actual + estimated income	27882		
<u>Expenditure</u>							
Paid to date							
Mechanics costs for 2nd Sunday sessions April to date					2049		
Dr Bike events at Beckenham PI Park,Downham Fete,Stillness & Holbeach Schs.					1081		
Scout Hut hire (to June)					1180		
Elm Lane project surveys					2544		
Workshop re-build					150		
Consumables					379		
Business cards					76		
Skills sharing session at Deptford					120		
					7579		< total paid to date
Expected or estimated							
Elm Lane project costs(£15000 grant less £2544 alrely spent)					12456		
Scout Hut hire (July to March) (say)					1200		
Future Dr Bike events - (say)					650		
Further consumables (say)					250		
				Total estimated future expenditure	14556		
				Plus actual expenditure to date	7579		
				Total actual + estimated expenditure	22135		
Estimated bank balances at end March 2024 (£27882 - £22135)					5747		
				Actual bank balances at 27 September 2023			
John Phillips				Main account :£2583			
27 September 2023				Grant account £5823			
(for October meeting)				Total £8406			