Agenda for Lewisham Cyclists (LC) meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024 6.30pm

N.B. This will be an in-person meeting held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford Road, SE6 4RU

For the best meeting experience, we recommend you attend in-person. We also allow people to access the meeting via Google Meet, but as this will be facilitated by a single laptop it may not be easy to follow all aspects of the meeting.

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- On your computer you will need to use a modern browser i.e. Chrome, Firefox, Safari or Edge (not Internet Explorer).
- On your mobile device (iPad, iPhone or Android tablet or Android phone) you should install the 'Google Hangouts Meet' app.
- Please connect into the meeting in advance e.g. at 6.25pm as, for the benefit of all attendees, the meeting will proceed to schedule notwithstanding individual people's connection issues.
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Anyone who wants to work together in support of our vision for people on bicycles in Lewisham is welcome to join our meeting. Meet other local cyclists, hear about current cycling developments in Lewisham and have an opportunity to influence our campaigns on future schemes.

- Community Engagement & Rides. (35 mins)
 - Community activity update.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - LCC Women's Freedom Ride 3rd March 2024 Feeder/Marshals needed.
 - Cycleway 4 Celebration Ride 10th March 2024 in collaboration with Southwark Cyclists and Greenwich Cyclists.
- Topical Items. (35 mins)
 - Proposed Catford to Forest Hill cycle route via Elm Lane (Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Ward funded) quick update.
 - Council liaison update any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
 - Discussion on group communications strategy (carried forward from January meeting):
 - Group public communications:
 - Twitter (X), Facebook, Instagram, 'Civi' mailouts, LC website posts.
 - Are we still comfortable using Twitter and is it in line with the group ethos?
 - Campaigning communications to 'activists':
 - Is 'Lewisham Cyclists' Slack working for us or should we move to WhatsApp or GoogleGroups?
 - Rides and Community Events:
 - To members LCC website events for bookings, Facebook events & LC website calendar for information. Drop Eventbrite? Start charging nominal fee for rides, is that possible via LCC website?
 - To Ride Leaders seems to be working well through WhatsApp group.
 - How to actively engage with new members for campaigning, community events and rides.

- One idea is to have focused activities & campaigns giving individuals direct responsibility.
- Discussion on LC Campaigning Priorities and the LCC 'Pathways' approach.
 Our 2023 Objectives Map is <u>here</u>
- \circ $\;$ Railway bridges motion to LCC AGM (carried forward from January meeting).
 - Brief discussion on ways to communicate with other LCC groups across London
 - Wording of motion:

Many potential routes for cycling in London are made inaccessible by barriers. These barriers include narrow gates, steep access ranks, rough paths and closely placed railings. These barriers impact particularly badly on people cycling local trips, on people less able to carry or push their bike, on wheelchair users and on parents or carers pushing buggies or cycling with children.

A particular issue of concern are crossings of railways, by bridge or underpass, which are often inaccessible, and where there may be opportunity to work with Network Rail and local councils to seek improvements.

We propose that LCC works alongside allies to support accessible cycling across London and communicates with borough groups to identify significant railway-related problems such as bridges and underpasses.

- Current consultations and planning applications members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Woolwich Ferry to Plumstead walking and cycling changes (Closes 25/2/24)
- Attendees News & Views. (10 mins)
 - Opportunity for attendees to raise other issues.
- Meeting closes at 8pm.

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