

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Mark Chapman, Brian Turpin, Matt Begg, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Sailesh Patel.

Present online: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Mario Toraldo, Mary King, Christopher Mahon.

Apologies: Cllr Mark Ingleby, Cllr Luke Warner, Cllr James Royston, Cllr Louise Krupski, Cllr Edison Huynh, Judith Barrett, Malcolm Wills, Rosemary Scott.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - Upcoming one-off events:
    - Cycleway 4 (C4) Celebration Ride 10<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon Cutty Sark Gardens - in collaboration with Southwark Cyclists and Greenwich Cyclists.
      - Attendees can sign up here:  
<https://lcc.org.uk/events/celebrate-cycleway-4-ride/>
      - Expecting more than 30 riders. Anyone wishing to marshal would be very welcome.
      - The completion of C4 from Greenwich through to Tower Bridge is the culmination of 10 years of campaigning by the local LCC groups.
  - Community activity update.
    - Jane reported that LC ran a Bike Maintenance course this month in Deptford Scout Hut which was very well received and made around £100 profit.
    - Regular Bike workshops (Deptford & Grove Park) and Dr Bikes (Beckenham Place Park).
      - We are keeping the costs for these under review and are endeavouring to use more volunteer mechanics to keep them viable. However this is not always possible as volunteers are periodically unavailable. Anyone with suitable cycle mechanic skills who is interested in helping out please do get in touch.
    - Family Cycling Library (FCL) plans and funding.
      - Climate Action Lewisham (CAL) have offered to transfer some accumulated funds for the FCL to LC. Alex to clarify with CAL exactly how much money is involved as it may influence whether we can afford to run the FCL this year.
      - Mario mentioned the 150th Anniversary event at Kender Primary School in New Cross which is happening on 7<sup>th</sup> June & 8<sup>th</sup> June. Could LC have some form of presence e.g. Family Cycling Library or Dr Bike?
    - Bike Week 2024 - 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June.
      - Lewisham Peaks ride on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June. Alex volunteered to lead this ride as Tim is unavailable.

- Jane suggested we host a bike breakfast. Normally we do this at the Eddystone Road bridge on LCN22. This year we might do it on C4 at the Grove Road shopping parade?
  - Jane said Beckenham Place Park were interested in a ride during Bike Week. Jane is contacting the Grove Park Cycle Bus to see if they would be interested in collaborating on this.
- Treasurer's Ongoing Budget for 2023/24 and Draft Budget for 2024/25.
  - See Appendix A below. Thanks as ever to John for keeping a close eye on our finances.
  - Attendees were happy with the Ongoing Budget for 23/24.
  - Tim voiced a few concerns regarding the low outcome balance on the Draft Budget:
    - £1K for the DunRun unloading is not guaranteed as Southwark Cyclists have not yet asked us to do this.
    - The Grove Park garage hire doesn't seem to be included £150/mth.
    - Jane commented that mechanic costs for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday and Dr Bike events seem quite high. We may be able to reduce these with more volunteers.
    - We agreed to keep the Draft Budget under review in the coming months.
- Topical Items.
  - Proposed Catford to Forest Hill cycle route via Elm Lane (Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Ward funded)
    - The Sustrans Feasibility Study has now been completed. Tim ran through his blog on this project which can be found here: <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/catford-to-forest-hill-c2fh-walking-and-cycling-route-update-march-2024/>
    - The full Sustrans Report is here: <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Sustrans-Catford-to-Forest-Hill-Feasibility-Study-240301-FINAL.pdf>
  - Port of London Authority proposals to introduce three new cross-Thames ferry crossings.
    - Isle of Dogs to North Greenwich (Dome); Charlton to Royal Docks/Silvertown ; Barking Riverside to Thamesmead.
    - Summary: <https://www.pla.co.uk/Report-recommends-three-electric-ferry-crossing-options-for-East-London>
    - Full report here: <https://www.pla.co.uk/assets/thamesrivercrossingstudy-dec2023.pdf>
    - LCC are interested in our views on these proposed ferries. There doesn't seem to be any identified funding for these routes yet. The London Mayor is not supporting the proposals at the moment. We agreed in the meeting that we are broadly supportive of additional river crossings provided the costs are reasonable i.e. ideally free of charge or maximum cost equivalent to TfL bus fare.
    - Please email us asap with any comments on these proposals so we can respond to LCC.
    - These routes are in addition to the proposed Thames Clippers Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf ferry which was consulted on in Dec 2023. Our response is here: <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/wp->

[content/uploads/2023/12/LC-Response-Thames-Clippers-New-Cross-River-Ferry-Consultation-2023-Abbreviated-version.pdf](https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/content/uploads/2023/12/LC-Response-Thames-Clippers-New-Cross-River-Ferry-Consultation-2023-Abbreviated-version.pdf)

- Council liaison update - any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
  - Tim & Alex had a recent meeting with Darren Gotch at LBL. He reported that several key projects are in progress:
    - Beecroft Road/Brockley Rise toucan crossing - under construction.
    - Deptford Church Street cycle lane(s) - high-level design 'freeze' now in detailed design.
    - Southend Lane/Waterlink Way toucan crossing - detailed design.
    - Perry Rise tiger crossing - soon to be constructed.
    - Waterlink Way 'confluence' bridge replacement - detailed design.
  - We have been asked to collaborate with LBL Consultants on proposals for three Cycle Network Development (CND) schemes:
    - Lee Green to Limes Grove
    - Crofton Park to New Cross Gate
    - Catford to Elverson Road (Cycleway 18)
    - It was agreed to set up a Slack sub-group to coordinate responses to these plans. Alex, Tim, Mark and Jorge volunteered to be involved. Responses are due before a w/b 18/3 meeting.
- Current consultations and planning applications - members are encouraged to respond to these:
  - Clerkenwell Road (Closes 11/3/24)  
<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/supporting-communities/clerkenwell/>
  - Romford Road (Closes 24/3/24)  
<https://newhamco-create.co.uk/en/projects/luf-romford>
- Attendees News & Views.
  - Jorge said that the new Southwark section of C4 had some uneven sections and he wondered if there would be further resurfacing works post-opening. Tim also commented that the cross-over junctions aren't painted blue as in the other sections of C4. Alex said he would discuss with Southwark Cyclists, but he thought that Southwark Council did intend to do some post-opening finishing works.
  - Mark mentioned that the Brownhill Road/Torridon Road signalised pedestrian crossing is currently under construction.
- Meeting closed at 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

<https://lewishamcyclistsgroup.slack.com/>

<https://twitter.com/lewicyclists>

## Appendix A - Treasurers Ongoing Budget for 2023/24 and Draft Budget for 2024/25

<b>Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2023/24 as at 3 March 2024</b>										
<i>(Please note these figures show the combined totals of both the Main &amp; Grant accounts)</i>										
<b><u>Income</u></b>										
<b>Received to date</b>										
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		
3 of 3 instalments from Lewisham Council Elm Lane project grant								15000		
Donations (April to date)								1906		
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists								1073		
							<b>28075</b>		< total rec'd to date	
<b>Estimated or expected</b>										
Donations for the rest of March 2024 (say)								150		
							Plus actual income to date	28075		
							Total actual + estimated income	<b>28225</b>		
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>										
<b>Paid to date</b>										
Mechanics costs for 2nd Sunday sessions April to date								3056		
Dr Bike events at Beckenham Pl Park, Downham Fete, Stillness & Holbeach Schs.								1327		
Scout Hut hire (to December)								1780		
Elm Lane project surveys								2544		
Workshop re-build								317		
Consumables								729		
Business cards & flyers								131		
Training and Skills Sharing sessions at Deptford								390		
							<b>10274</b>		< total paid to date	
<b>Expected or estimated</b>										
Elm Lane project costs (£15000 grant less £2544 already spent)								12456		
Scout Hut hire (Jan to March)								300		
Dr Bike events for the remainder of March - none planned								0		
Consumables for the remainder of March - none expected								0		
							Total estimated future expenditure	12756		
							Plus actual expenditure to date	10274		
							Total actual + estimated expenditure	<b>23030</b>		
Estimated bank balances at end March 2024 (£28225 - £23030)								<b>5195</b>		
<b>Actual bank balances at 2 March 2024</b>										
John Phillips							Main account :£5350			
3 March 2024							Grant account £12456			
(for March meeting)							<b>Total £17806</b>			

### Lewisham Cyclists Outline Draft Budget for 2024/25

(Please note these figures are for Main account only - the Grant account is reserved for the Catford to Forest Hill project only)

#### Income

Estimated Main a/c bank balance at end of March 2024	5195
LCC grant	350
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists (est.)	1000
Donations as per 2023-24	1900
	<b>8445</b>

#### Expenditure

Mechanics costs for 2nd Sunday sessions	3500
Dr Bike events	1600
Scout Hut hire	1200
Consumables	400
Business cards & flyers	75
	<b>6775</b>

Possible Main account bank balance at end March 2025 **1670**

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