

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 5th June 2024 6.30pm

Present: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Alasdair Morton.

Present online: Matt Begg.

Apologies: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Judith Barrett, Mario Toraldo.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

Community Engagement & Rides - Written report from Jane Davis:

In May we delivered 4 x rides, 3 x Dr Bikes and our regular community bike workshop in Deptford.

1. We rode to the seaside, Hastings via Pevensey a longer harder ride for more experienced riders.
2. Two shorter easy rides suitable for all, one to Coal Drops Yard and also the feeder to the London FreeCycle.
3. A short but harder ride in Kent for those who like a bit of a challenge but can't spare a whole day.

We provided a Dr Bike for the Hatcham Gardens Opening which brought in £150 in a donation. Which covered our costs.

And delivered our regular monthly Dr Bikes at

1. Beckenham Place Park.
2. Grove Park Youth Club.
3. Community workshop session at Deptford.

Beckenham and Deptford very busy. Grove Park Youth Club session building slowly. Needs publicising. We brought in over £400 in donations in May.

We engaged with well over 100 people across all our rides and events, and a group which represented Lewisham's cultural diversity accurately. Slightly more women than men, families, young people older people. Generally, a very diverse group. The workshops and Dr Bikes are attended by a more diverse group of people than the rides.

I've made a spreadsheet to try and keep track of people who attend our Dr Bikes and workshops, but it is difficult to keep track of everyone as if we are busy, sometimes the paperwork gets forgotten. I think I've finally got a system which will work. I also would like to use it to support funding applications. Still in the process of developing a new feedback form too. We need evidence to present to funders that show this diversity and demonstrate that our community wants and needs us. Photographic evidence is also good here. Anyone who can pop down to any of our events and take photos is always welcome.

Planned for June:

Monthly ride to the seaside

2 rides this month.

1. Ride to Whitstable just completed.

2. There will be another to Leigh on Sea.
3. Plus this month's London Explorer will go to Oxleas Wood and Severndroog.
4. I believe we are also running the Peaks of Lewisham Ride? This needs confirmation from Ride Leader.
5. But no takers to lead third Saturday Half Day Kent Ride.

Bike Week 10th to 16th June

13th June Bike Breakfast on C4 Evelyn St shops. Volunteers to assist at this please!

Peaks of Lewisham Ride?

Grove Park Dr Bike takes place in Bike Week. On the 16th June. Can we make this a little special to reflect that? Like a Bike Brunch maybe? Needs publicising if so as this session still not that well known. I'm happy to bring some extra stuff (snacks, maybe a jumble stall) to make it a bit better but publicity is key. And extra help!

Dr Bikes scheduled for June:

Beckenham Place Park on 2nd June already done. Exceptionally busy! 15 bikes by one mechanic.

NB Kender School event provisionally scheduled for 7th June is not happening due to the school not getting back to me despite several emails from us trying to arrange this. Mario Toraldo informed us he believes head is worried about health and safety. But as they haven't got back to me, can't be certain. In my second email I laid out my qualifications and experience in detail, explaining that the preparation of a Risks Benefit Assessment is part of my day job and was why I was requesting a pre event site visit. But still no response. So I've removed the provisional date from the calendar.

Deptford Second Sunday as usual

We have just received a request from a local scout group to deliver something at one of their events on 17th June. Not sure what yet as I only saw it yesterday so will follow up this week.

- Topical Items.
 - Dunwich Dynamo cycle lorry unload Sunday 21st July - further volunteers still needed.
- Current consultations and planning applications - members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Westminster Council Cycle Movement Strategy Phase 3: Portland Place. Segregated cycle lanes throughout - worth responding to supportively. Only takes 5 minutes to do the survey (Closes 23rd June).
<https://cmsportlandplace.commonplace.is/>
 - Impressive consultation asking very clear questions which seems very well directed and better conceived than many more generic formats we've seen with entirely general questions that don't get to grips with the issues. All to support especially as these Central London routes will benefit all.
 - Catford Town Centre commonplace (Closes 10th July).
<https://catfordtc.commonplace.is/>

- Catford consultation. Concern that this must be the fourth or fifth round of consultation on this area. However we will submit a summary of our previous responses.
- Council liaison update.
 - Concerns expressed over progress on Deptford Church Street. This will be raised at the forthcoming liaison meeting with Lewisham Officers.
 - Alex met various Councillors at the reopening of Hatcham Park Gardens in Deptford (Mayor, Shrivastava, Bell, and others).
- Treasurer's Ongoing Budget Report 31/5/24 (see Appendix A)
 - Comment from John - The financial position has improved somewhat due to a transfer of grant monies of £1,252 from Climate Action Lewisham towards the Grove Park garage rent and some £750 in donations in the 1st two months of this financial year only - well above expectations.
 - Treasurer's report received and agreed. John thanked for his work. Position has improved thanks to further receipts. Discussion on Elm Lane grant which, as a separate budget head, has been mostly spent covering agreed costs of consultants, outline designs and feasibility.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - None recorded.
- Meeting closed at 730pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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Appendix A - Treasurer's Ongoing Budget Report 31/5/24

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2024/25 as at 31 May 2024									
<u>Income</u>									
Received to date									
Bank balance from end March 2024 Main account								5305	
Donations in April & May								754	
Payment from Climate Action Lewisham re Grove Park project								1252	7311 < total actual rec'd to date
Estimated or expected									
Donations for June to March 2025								2200	
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists								1000	3200 < total est. June to March
								10511	< total act. + est.inc
<u>Expenditure</u>									
Paid to date									
Mechanic's costs for 2nd Sunday session in March								126	
Mechanic's costs for 2nd Sunday sessions April & May								500	
Dr Bike at Beckenham Place Park								126	
Garage rent at Grove Park for April & May								300	1052 < total actual paid to date
Expected or estimated									
Mechanic's costs for 2nd Sunday session in May - not yet paid								110	
Mechanic's costs for 2nd Sunday sessions June to March 2025								2500	
Scout Hut hire arrears (Jan to March 2024)								300	
Scout Hut hire due April 2024 to March 2025								1200	
Grove Park garage rent June 2024 to March 2025 (10x150)								1650	
Further Dr Bike events (say)								1250	
Consumables - as per last year - say								700	7710 < total est. June to March
								8762	< total act. + est.exp
Total estimated future expenditure								10511	< total act. + est.inc
Plus actual expenditure to date								8762	< total act. + est.exp
Estimated net worth at end March 2025 (£10511 - £8772)								1749	< THE BOTTOM LINE
Actual Main account balance at 31 May 2024 is £6260									
The Grant account now has a residual balance of £984 after paying Sustrans for the Elm Lane survey									
John Phillips 31 May 2024 (for June meeting)									