

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 3rd July 2024 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jorge Martinez Lopez, Alasdair Morton, Martin Morgan, Alex Seymour.

Present online: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Mario Toraldo.

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Cllr Mark Ingleby, Matt Begg, Brian Turpin, Rosemary Scott.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Upcoming one-off events:
 - Dunwich Dynamo cycle lorry unload Sunday 21st July 11am to 5pm - more volunteers still needed, but you don't need to stay for the whole period. Please email us if you are available to assist.
 - Bike picnic, general fun & games with Southwark & Bexley Cyclists @ Ladywell Fields on 10th August. We will end our London Explorer ride here so people can attend the picnic.
 - Scouts event @ Forster Memorial Park on 23rd September. Plans yet to be finalised.
 - Community activity update:
 - In June we staged our normal ride programme and held our three regular bike workshops - see LC website Calendar for details.
- Topical Items.
 - Bike Hangers -
 - Lewisham's second supplier 'Falco' now have bike hangers available to book. If needing a space go to their website: <https://rentals.falco.co.uk/#>
 - Cyclehoop are the other supplier in Lewisham: <https://www.cyclehoop.rentals/>
 - LC to check with Officers how the booking system is currently working, then blog on website & Facebook.
 - Alex advised that he had heard that the Council were tendering for one supplier to coordinate rentals of all installed bike hangers.
 - St Joseph's Vale - two inaccessible barriers on LCN28.
 - Raised by Alex Seymour who wishes to use this route to cycle his children to school in Greenwich.
 - Inaccessible for cargo bike, and possibly wheelchair, also hazardous to manoeuvre a bike with a child carrier through here.
 - This very useful route between Lee Terrace & Elliot Vale avoids going through the busy centre of Blackheath Village and there are no other alternative routes nearby crossing the railway line.
 - LC to video cargo bike trying to pass through barrier(s) and submit to Lewisham Officers and request removal/modification of barriers. Members could also submit Council Question on the issue - it's simple to do, but please contact us as to how this is done.

- LCC Local Group forum update - LIP application.
 - Sept/Oct submission for next Lewisham Council TfL LIP application. LC will lobby Council to include our latest 'asks'. If any members have specific ideas for cycle schemes please email them to us before the end of July.
- Cycleway 4 (C4) close pass issues in Evelyn Street, Deptford area.
 - Local parents riding on C4 with their children have voiced concerns to us about some cyclists close passing and riding aggressively. They would like LC to assist in encouraging better 'etiquette' while using C4.
 - We agreed to do a blog post on website and Facebook to encourage riders to take care while passing through this section.
- Proposed content for next LC 'Civi' mailout.
 - Alex & Jane to collaborate to compile. Include Community Events in August. News about Southend Lane toucan crossing and Deptford Church Street cycle lanes.
- Possible agenda items for upcoming LC/Officer meeting.
 - LCN28 barriers (as above) / Horniman cycle route (Westwood Park to South Circular) / Bell Green blue suspension bridge on Waterlink Way - hazardous 'step' needs to be eliminated plus issues with our LoveCleanStreets reports apparently disappearing / Cold Blow Lane filtering update.
- Current consultations and planning applications.
 - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Catford Town Centre commonplace (Closes 10th July).
<https://catfordtc.commonplace.is/>
 - We will submit a summary of our previous responses.
- Council liaison update.
 - On behalf of LC, Alex participated in Stakeholder Panel interviews for the next Lewisham Council Director of Place - responsible for Highways, Strategic Transport, Environment etc.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Mario mentioned that the Cold Blow Lane filter(s) are due to be installed at the end of July on a 6 month Experimental Traffic Order (can be extended to 18 months). A letter will be going out to local residents very soon.
 - Tim mentioned that if members are interested in volunteering with Lewisham Cyclists for ride leading or marshalling, campaigning or community events like workshops we have a Ride Leader WhatsApp group, a Volunteering WhatsApp group and Slack for campaign discussions. Email us if you want to be added to any of these.
- Meeting closed at 745pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th August 2024 at 6.30 pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.