

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 5th February 2025 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Brian Turpin, Judith Bassett, Mario Toraldo.

Present online: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator).

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby (Cycling & Active Travel Champion), Rosemary Scott,

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Upcoming events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info)
 - Grove Park Youth Club Dr Bike - Sun 16th Feb 11am - 1pm.
 - Beckenham Place Park Dr Bike - Sun 2nd Mar 1030am - 230pm.
 - Green Man, Bromley Rd, Dr Bike - Sat 5th Apr
 - The Field, New Cross, Dr Bike - April (Date tbc)
 - 'Spring into Cycling' event @ Chinbrook Meadows - Sun 27th Apr
 - Rides
 - Aiming to do at least two rides per month, calendar still being compiled. A longer one in the country and a shorter one in London.
 - Maybe a Ride4All every 2nd month in summer if Ride Leaders & Marshalls can be found.
 - Community activity update:
 - Moving LC equipment out of Deptford Scout Hut - Just need to move shelving units and some parts e.g. wheels. Urgently need to sell Lewisham Family Cycling Library trailers to make room in the Grove Park garage. Jane has commissioned Seb to do the final clear-out before we hand back keys on 20th Feb.
- Council liaison update
 - Tim fed back on the recent meeting with Darren Gotch:
 - Cycleway 66 (Forest Hill to Brockley). We compiled a set of comments on the designs. Main points were that the three sets of fire gates along the route need to be removed and replaced with bollards and the crossing of Honor Oak Park should be made into a Tiger crossing. Darren took these points onboard and said signage would go ahead this financial year, but other improvements would need to wait till next financial year.
 - Southend Lane Toucan crossing on the Waterlink Way. TfL scheduled to be on site on March 17th to start installation.
 - Elm Lane/Vineyard Close. Darren commented that Elm Lane reconstruction is still too expensive to get the go-ahead in the foreseeable future. Judith to follow up with Cllr Krupski, as Ward Councillor, regarding Elm Lane and re-opening of Vineyard Close to Waterlink Way connection.
- Treasurer's Update - See 'Appendix A' Ongoing Budget & Scenarios
 - John's commentary was: "Things aren't too bad at present and if we wish to run 2nd Sunday style sessions at Grove Park or elsewhere the money is there to do that. Also attached is a scenario for April 2025 to March 2026. It assumes similar activities for the current financial year AND that we will receive about

£1000 from Southwark for DunRun unloading for both years. We would be just about solvent by the end of March 2026 even without extra grants.”

- Having had to close the Deptford workshop we agreed that we now have a bit more financial headroom to employ mechanics for one-off Dr Bikes.
- Topical Items.
 - St John’s and Tanners Hill Healthy Neighbourhood community engagement: <https://lewishamhealthyneighbourhoods.commonplace.is/>
 - The survey takes a bit of time to complete and is quite subjective in its approach making it difficult to compile a recommended set of responses for members.
 - On the Commonplace map we have input several key cycling asks e.g. segregated cycle lanes on Brookmill Road. Plan is to encourage members to up-vote cycling ‘asks’ as this only takes a couple of minutes.
 - LC to encourage members to respond via Website Blog post / Facebook / Slack.
 - LC to produce Group response.
 - Lewisham Shopping redevelopment, campaign to ensure adequate space for cycling is included in planning application.
 - We recently sent out a ‘news release’ to several local publications - News Shopper, South London Press, Murky Depths, Greenwich Wire. <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/news-release-regarding-lewisham-shopping-centre-redevelopment/>
 - LCC staff have also been assisting in providing examples of successful cycling enabled shopping developments and other campaigning approaches e.g. Lewisham Gateway being 14th on Dangerous Junctions list.
 - Planning for LC Annual Meeting on Wed Mar 5th.
 - Tim to check with XO Bikes who is attending as received a slightly confusing email from Sarah @ XO recently.
 - We’re planning to invite everyone on the volunteers list that LCC supplied.
 - Also send out Facebook / Slack / Civi notifications a week or so before the meeting.
 - LC3 to decide if meeting is going to be ‘hybrid’ or not. Tim felt we should encourage people to attend in person and that is difficult to do a hybrid meeting in the larger rooms at the Civic Centre. Others thought members now expect a hybrid option as that is the norm for monthly meetings. Mario also asked if we could record the meeting, something that we may be able to do via Google Meet?
 - LCC Inaccessible Rail Crossings project.
 - We discussed what the aspiration should be for making crossings accessible - just meeting the Disability Accessibility legislation, being fully cyclable for standard bicycles or meeting the needs of cargo bikes & adaptive cycles (see Wheels for Wellbeing guidelines on this). Clearly we would aim for the latter highest standard of accessibility but this may not always be possible due to physical constraints of a particular location and financial considerations.

- LC future funding options:
 - Possible Future applications:
 - LCC Lime Share the Joy fund. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25. **Round three is open for applications from 10th Feb to 10th Mar.** As WCGL application was unsuccessful we should apply for this in collaboration with GPYC. **Alex is handling this application.**
<https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>
 - London City Airport Community Fund. “Each year, the London City Airport Community Fund awards £75,000 in grants, ranging from £300 to £3,000. These funds go to local organisations who are creating significant and positive change in diverse, inclusive communities across East London.” Jane has prepared a draft submission - 'London City Airport Draft' which is in LC Google Drive. **Submission deadline is 20th Jun.**
<https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/our-community/community-investment/community-fund>
 - Applications not submitted:
 - National Lottery Awards for All. LC to reapply with additional supporting information. **Agreed not to reapply.** Jane believes LCC have recently had money from this source and so very unlikely we would receive any.
 - Deptford Challenge Trust. Applications in range £1K to £30K. Applications close 29th Jan. **We missed this deadline.**
<https://londoncf.org.uk/grants/deptford-challenge-trust-open-programme>
 - Applications already submitted:
 - Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) - Ward NCIL Revenue Grant. Application made on 22nd Sept for 'roaming' Dr Bikes in Deptford. We've recently received notification that this application was **unsuccessful.**
- Current consultations and planning applications
 - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - City of London - Have your say on proposals for a safer cycle route between Aldgate and Blackfriars Bridge (Closes 9th Feb).
<https://citycycleway.commonplace.is/>
 - City of London - Transforming Leadenhall St (Closes 9th Feb).
<https://leadenhall-street.commonplace.is/>
 - St John's and Tanners Hill Healthy Neighbourhood community engagement (Closes 23rd Feb).
<https://lewishamhealthyneighbourhoods.commonplace.is/>
 - Greenwich Town Centre interim cycle connection (Closes 28th Feb).
<https://gtcinterimconnection.commonplace.is/en-GB/>
An interim arrangement pending the removal of the Greenwich gyratory as part of Greenwich Council's Liveable Neighbourhood (LN) program. We would prefer the Cycleway 4 segregated track to just continue straight down Creek Road to the town centre, but presumably that will

need to wait for the LN program. The interim plan is fairly direct but has some weaknesses and is possibly mainly designed to keep cyclists out of Cutty Sark Gardens? We will wait to see what Greenwich Cyclists conclude before submitting our response.

- Attendees News & Views.
 - Judith commented that at the Bellingham Assembly she had met a group of cycling mothers who would like to campaign to make the Bellingham railway footbridge disability accessible and cyclable. We agreed that it would be useful for LC to meet with them as we have shared objectives.
 - Mario commented that after parent prompting Kinder School Year 5 and 6 pupils are getting cycle training in March. Apparently not something that has happened in the past at that school.
 - Mario also mentioned that a memorial sculpture of Ella Adoo Kissi-Debrah is being erected in Mountsfield Park with unveiling on 4th April. He suggested a representative of LC may wish to attend.
- Meeting closed at 815pm.

The next meeting will be our Annual Meeting on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 6 pm (Note slightly earlier start time) at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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BUDGET SCENARIOS for 2025/26 (assuming ongoing activities and their costs remain the same)

Scenario A		Scenario B	
We get a grant - of minimum £2,500 (or more)		No grant	
<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Est. brought forward ex 2024/25	2905	Est. brought forward ex 2024/25	3146
LCC grant	350	LCC grant	350
New grant	2500	New grant	0
Payment for Dun Run unloading	1000	Payment for Dun Run unloading	1000
Donations	<u>2300</u>	Donations	<u>2300</u>
	9055		6796
<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Grove Park Garage Rent	1800	Grove Park Garage Rent	1800
2nd Sunday mechanics 2x£125x12	3000	2nd Sunday mechanics 2x£125x12	3000
DR Bike events 4 at £200	800	DR Bike events 4 at £200	800
Consumables	700	Consumables	700
Flyers,Google workplace, misc.	<u>200</u>	Flyers,Google workplace, misc.	<u>200</u>
	6500		6500
Est balance at March 2026 (surplus)	2555	Est balance at March 2026 (surplus)	296