Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Dog and Bell Public House, Deptford

Wednesday 21st August 2013 6.30pm

- Present: John Phillips (Treasurer), Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Ian Welsby, David Kernohan, Ivan Cornell, Rosemary Scott, Dan Conant. Apologies: Roy Volume, Roger Stocker
- 2) Minutes of Last Meeting: Agreed.

3) Organisation of special monthly meeting in September with invited speakers:

Andrew Gilligan has agreed to attend the next Lewisham Cyclists monthly meeting to give us a briefing on the Mayor's cycling strategy and answer questions on local cycling issues. Cllr Darren Johnson will also be attending. The meeting will be held in Room CR1 at Lewisham Town Hall starting at 6.30pm as usual. Actions:

TIM to publicise the meeting via Facebook, Yahoo Groups and LC website. Also send a direct email to potentially interested Lewisham Council Officers, Lewisham Councillors and other parties. Investigate if notice of the meeting can be included in LCC weekly email

JANE to contact Andrew Gilligan before the meeting to introduce herself as the Chair of the meeting and discuss the format of the meeting.

JOHN to minute any key points that come up in meeting – as Tim is unable to attend the meeting.

4) LCC 'Space for Cycling' ride on 2nd September

Bromley Cyclists are organising a feeder ride passing through Ladywell Fields. Greenwich Cyclists are still considering whether to arrange a feeder ride. Actions:

TIM to contact Bromley Cyclists re potentially publicising a joint Bromley/Lewisham feeder from Ladywell Fields.

5) Discussion of topics to be covered at meeting on 23rd September with Nick Harvey – Lewisham council's new 'Cycling Programme Manager' Actions:

TIM to review 'Wish List' and send it to him as a basis for discussion.

6) Campaigning updates:

a) CS5 and its extension to Lewisham

Jane and Tim met with Meet with Oliver Birtil and other colleagues from TfL on 8th August. They have been tasked with developing route options for a CS5 extension. Because of the unsuitability of New Cross one way system (and Lewisham Way and Loampit Vale to some extent) for Cycle Superhighway treatment they are looking at options using quieter areas e.g. Fordham Park, Albyn Street and Thurston Road. The route discussions were very constructive and they have gone away to look at the feasibility of the discussed option.

Actions:

JANE to chase TfL for minutes of the meeting.

b) Lewisham Gateway development

The Developers and TfL have indicated that they would like to have a meeting on cycling issues related to this development.

Actions:

TIM to arrange a meeting.

c) Thurston Road bus storage area construction

As part of this development NCN Route 21 and the Thurston Road cycle path are currently being re-worked.

Actions:

TIM to follow up previous emails to Lewisham Council on the current potentially dangerous state of the cycle lanes in Thurston Road and ascertain what the final layout is going to be.

d) Connect 2 extension to Surrey Canal Road

This regards the linking of the new Connect 2 route (LCN 425) at South Bermondsey Station via the Millwall Away Supporters path to Surrey Canal Road. At the recent opening ceremony for Barry Mason's bench in Greenland Dock a Sustrans representative indicated that discussions on this were going very well and it could be opened soon.

e) Trundleys Road crossing

Nothing new to report.

f) Deptford to Greenwich link route

Nothing new to report.

7) A.O.B

Jane will be attending a meeting on 27th August regarding provision of 'Bikehangers' cycle parking in Lewisham.

Lewisham Cyclists website is now using the Google Calendar to display upcoming events. Unfortunately there are a couple of limitations with this calendar – event descriptions need to be no longer than about 250 words and URLs are not clickable within descriptions.

Actions:

JOHN to send out email requesting all ride leaders to keep their descriptions to a specified length or provide an abbreviated version if necessary.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.