

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Dog and Bell Public House, Deptford

Wednesday 20th November 2013 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** John Phillips (Treasurer), Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Roy Volume, Alex Raha, Steve Doole.
Apologies: Roger Stocker
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed.
- 3) **Lewisham Local Implementation Plan (LIP) submission:**
Jane has prepared a response to the LIP on behalf of the Group. This will be posted on the LC website for several days for comment before it is submitted to Lewisham Council. Members are welcome to make any comments via the Yahoo Group, Facebook Group or by email to lewishamcyclists@gmail.com.
Actions:
JANE to collate responses and submit final version to Lewisham Council.
- 4) **Quietways:**
For information - detailed route planning on initial set of routes is scheduled for 1st Quarter 2014. This is a process in which we expect LC to be involved e.g. in audit rides of the potential routes.
- 5) **Lewisham Cyclists Website re-design:**
Although it was generally agreed that the new 'theme' was good there are still problems on some devices particularly with the 'rides description' box which is very short in some cases.
Actions:
JANE to post on Facebook and Yahoo Groups to see how many people are still encountering problems with this theme.
JANE to email Stuart (Web Designer) to see if there is any way of expanding the pop-up rides description box.
- 6) **Space for Cycling/2014 Election Campaign:**
Jane has volunteered to coordinate this for Lewisham. Alex and Tim indicated they would also help out. More volunteers would be very welcome as we need to establish specific 'asks' for each Lewisham Ward in line with the LCC campaign 'asks' which are: 20MPH zones; dedicated space on main roads; greenways; high streets; quiet zones; safe routes to school.
Actions:
JANE to coordinate. Need to contact local LCC members, directly if possible or via Yahoo and Facebook Groups to establish 'asks' for each Ward.
- 7) **Campaigning updates:**
 - a) **CS5 and its extension to Lewisham**
Jane and Tim met with Oliver Birtill and other colleagues from TfL on 8th August but have had no further communications e.g. minutes of meeting or progress reports, since then. Jane is going to try to establish who Oliver Birtill's Manager in TfL and contact them.
Actions:
JANE to contact Nick Harvey re Oliver's Line Manager's identity and then contact them.
 - b) **Lewisham Gateway and Thurston Road developments**
Jane, Tim and John met with The Developers, TfL and Lewisham Council on

Thursday 24th October regarding the cycling related elements of the latest Lewisham Gateway plans. The good news was that shared access is going to be allowed within the Gateway Development, the bad news is that the road scheme from a cyclist's point of view does not appear to be a big improvement on the much maligned roundabout. We have submitted a response to the scheme to the Developer, TfL etc. This document will be posted on the LC website for information.

Actions:

JANE to post the document on the LC website etc.

c) **Connect 2 extension from South Bermondsey station to Surrey Canal Road**

Nothing to report on this.

d) **Trundleys Road crossing**

Nothing to report on this.

e) **Deptford to Greenwich link route**

Brian Hanson (from Hyder Consulting – working for Greenwich Council) reported that they are:

'currently waiting on TfL to finalise the design and audit of the signalised junction changes. Not sure how long they need for this!

Hoping to make a start on-site before Xmas. Meanwhile we will shortly start to put up the route signing.'

8) **A.O.B**

Last month John proposed emailing members of the Lewisham Cyclists Yahoo Group who are not currently receiving any emails to encourage them to receive at least the Daily Digest. There were 57 members who fell into this category. John emailed these 57 with the following results: 12 came back 'failed delivery' and were deleted from the list, 5 replied to say that they read the emails by logging in to the Yahoo website and 3 asked to start receiving emails, leaving 37 from which no response was received.

Despite a gross (headline) list total of 275 members, likely actual readership is probably no more than 250 and maybe closer to 200 (or possibly even less) of interested, and potentially active, readers.

LCC are holding an event at Goldsmith's College on Thursday 12th December. Jane is planning to attend to represent LC. It was agreed that she could spend £30 of LC funds on leaflets for distribution at that and subsequent events.

London 'super sewer' worksite in Deptford Church Street. Apparently these works, starting in 2016, will result in a reduction in the number of traffic lanes for an extended period of time.

Actions:

Jane to check with Nick Harvey whether satisfactory provision is being made for cyclists during these works.

It was agreed that there would not be a meeting in December due to Xmas commitments, so the next meeting will be Wednesday 15th January.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.