

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Dog and Bell Public House, Deptford

Wednesday 15th January 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Nick Harvey (Lewisham Council Cycle Programme Manager), Roy Volume, Alex Raha, Philip Peake, Stuart Barry, Roger Stocker, Ian Welsby, Rosemary Scott, Hannah Roberts, David Mill
Apologies: Ivan Cornell, Rik Andrew, John Phillips, Paul McQuillan
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed.
- 3) **Issues raised by attendees and discussed with Nick Harvey (NH)**
 - a) **Glass Mill Leisure Centre shared use**

The area adjacent to the Leisure Centre is shared use and forms part of the National Cycle Network (NCN) route 21. However signage is lacking both to indicate it is shared use and for route finding. Action: NH to look into how this signage can be provided.
 - b) **Molesworth Street North End (West pavement) into Loampit Vale (South pavement) shared use**

This section is already signed as shared use and is a useful alternative route if the route under the railway from Molesworth Street to Cornmill Gardens is closed. The signs are however very small and cyclists have recently been stopped by the Police along here. Action: NH to look into this.
 - c) **Ladywell shared use signalised crossing**

NH indicated that it is intended to put up signs here defining the shared use sections of pavement before the works are finally completed.
 - d) **Ladywell Railway Bridge South pavement potential future shared use**

It was not possible to designate this pavement as shared use under the Ladywell Streetscape improvements due to the pavement width being under the statutory limits. LC still have aspirations for works to be done to allow shared use here in the future. Action: NH to clarify that this is also still an aspiration for Lewisham Council
 - e) **Thurston Road works**

It was the general view of the meeting that the state of the Thurston Road cycle lane and crossing on NCN21 has been extremely poor for around 6 months and is even more dangerous now the works have re-commenced with cyclists forced to ride in the road against the traffic flow when travelling North.

NH clarified the current schedule for the works being: 15th February buses will start using the bus storage area and the new cycle crossing of Thurston Road will be complete. Post 15th February will see construction of the new traffic island in Jerrard Street to allow Northbound cyclists to continue straight down Thurston Road.

Action: NH will request immediate action from the Lewisham Borough Engineers to alleviate the current dangerous configuration.

Action: NH will provide LC with the latest plans for posting on the LC website.

It was also suggested that Lewisham Council should consider putting a mirror on the Northside exit on NCN21 into Thurston Road which has a blind corner for cyclists. LC will be carefully monitoring the operation of the new configuration once it is completed to ascertain whether it is fit for purpose and whether further changes may be needed in the future.
 - f) **Lewisham Gateway development**

Roger indicated that he was intending to raise the fact that the Lewisham Gateway

road system had not been through the TfL Junction Review process with Len Duvall, with a view to raising a Mayor's Question about it.

Action: NH, Tim, Jane to get hold of the latest designs for posting on the LC website for members' information.

g) **Brockley Road**

NH indicated that there is a Brockley Road 'corridor' scheme under development covering the section from the South Circular to around Adelaide Avenue. This will include improved facilities for cycling.

h) **Shared use path from Surrey Canal Road to Silwood Street**

Current unsigned closure of this path. NH said that this is closed for the installation of heat pipes from the SELCHP Waste Burner to local properties. There has been confusion over why it was closed because 'London Rail' have been 'owners' of the path since they did the works on the Surrey Quays to Clapham Junction section of the London Overground. Lewisham Council are just in the process of re-adopting the path and when that is complete they will be able to insist that proper signage is provided and hopefully full or partial access restored.

i) **NCN21 lighting problem in tunnel under Catford road bridge**

NH said that ownership of this lighting had been in dispute so it had not been fixed. It has now been clarified that the lighting is Lewisham Council's responsibility so it has been added to Skanska's (Lewisham Council's contractor) workscope to maintain the lights.

j) **Adenmore Road (by Catford Bridge station) NCN21 future temporary diversion due to development works**

Action: NH to circulate suggested mitigation plans to LC

k) **Bikehangers (on street secure cycle parking for 6 bikes – supplied by Cycle Hoop)**

NH indicated that Lewisham Council are moving ahead with the installation of 6 of these units as an initial trial. Some of the locations, chosen because of identified demand, are Ardmere Cottages (Hither Green), Childeric Road (New Cross), Foreshore (Deptford) and Millard Road (Deptford).

l) **Lewisham Cycle hire**

NH indicated that this scheme (run for Lewisham Council by London Cycling Campaign) is still experiencing high demand with a waiting list of 400 for the 75 bikes available for hire. The bikes are hired on a short term basis (Monthly) to allow people to try cycling without having to initially purchase a bike.

m) **LCN Route 26 Crystal Palace to Eltham Palace**

NH said that the three pedestrian railway bridges on this route are going to be improved with renewed gripping on the steps and re-positioned cycle grooves. There are no plans to replace the bridges with cyclable ones though!

4) **Quietways & Lewisham Local Implementation Plan (LIP) submission:**

NH briefed the meeting on Quietway route 2. This is one of 6 routes across London that have been selected for early delivery with an aspiration to deliver this one by December 2014! Sustrans are TfL's delivery partner for the Quietways programme. The currently proposed route of the Lewisham Section runs from the Connect 2 bridge by South Bermondsey Station, behind (to East of) Millwall Football Ground to the cycle path on Surrey Canal Road, crossing Trundleys Road then into Folkestone Gardens, under the railway into Childers Street, then down Edward Street to Deptford High Street, along there to Crossfield Street then across Deptford Church Street, through the Crossfields Estate to join NCN21 in Creekside and utilising the Ha'penny Hatch bridge for access to Greenwich. Detailed design of the route is underway. NH suggested this should mean

the re-configuration of the hazardous Trundleys Road crossing will be brought forward (currently scheduled for 2015-16).

5) **Assorted issues:**

- a) **Greenwich Council Cutty Sark Gardens cycling consultation – closes 31st January**
Action: Tim/Jane to make response on behalf of LC indicating our preference for the whole area to be shared use for considerate cycling.
- b) **Central London ‘Garden Bridge’ TfL consultation – now closed**
For information - This proposed ‘green’ bridge between the South Bank and Temple does not include a cycle path – cyclists will be required to walk bikes across the bridge.
- c) **Beckenham Place Park Heritage Lottery Fund bid**
Jane is attending a meeting in the near future on this proposed bid.
Action: Jane to report back at next meeting on what is proposed.

6) **Campaigning updates:**

- a) **CS5 and its extension to Lewisham**
Jane and Tim due to have another meeting with Oliver Birtill et al on 23rd January to review TfL’s latest plans for the extension.
- b) **Lewisham Gateway – main development**
After our meeting in October with the Developers et al and subsequent written response we have now received a response to our comments on the scheme.
- c) **Lewisham Gateway - Thurston Road works**
See above.
- d) **Connect 2 extension from South Bermondsey station to Surrey Canal Road**
See above.
- e) **Trundleys Road crossing**
See above.
- f) **Deptford to Greenwich link route**
NH indicated that there is a road width problem with the originally proposed contra-flow cycling in Frankham St. This will thus force Eastbound cyclists to use Giffin Street which is less than ideal due to heavy traffic.

7) **A.O.B**

For information: There is a current TfL consultation (until 7th Feb) for the Lee Green junction (A20 Lee High Road / A20 Eltham Road / Burnt Ash Road / Lee Road). No changes to cycle provision are proposed, just alterations to the pedestrian environment.

Courthill Road/Lewisham High St junction TfL proposed changes. Action: NH to investigate if these changes are proceeding or not?

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.