

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Dog and Bell Public House, Deptford

Wednesday 19th March 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Alex Raha, Ivan Cornell, Brendan Paddy, Duncan Peterkin, Stewart Whitworth, Emma Harradine, Brain Turpin, Jan Shannon, Martin Lesanto-smith
Apologies: Roger Stocker, Ian Welsby, Sandra Roling
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed.
 - a) Action: Tim to follow up outstanding issues from the January meeting with Nick Harvey at Lewisham Council.
- 3) **Space4Cycling (S4C)/2014 Local Elections Campaign.**

Key dates are:
LCC S4C Launch Event – 7th April
Big Ride – 17th May – anticipated that LC will run a feeder ride.
Election Day – 22nd May

LCC are keen for each Borough to stage a significant S4C themed event. It was agreed to hold a Lewisham event on 26th April probably in Ladywell Fields. Emma & Brian volunteered to help with the promotion of this and Brendan also offered to help with contacting media. The format of the event will be developed over the next few weeks – stall, ride, Dr Bike...?

LCC are offering local groups a S4C pack with promotional material, like leaflets, for £99 and also a banner for £36. It was agreed to purchase one of each.
- 4) **Financial & Budgetary Report for 2013/2014**

John presented the accounts to the group including estimated expenditure for the year. There are around £350 of uncommitted funds until the Group receive additional funds in December. However Jane is considering running some short rides in Downham in the Summer which may use up some of this money and we also have to fund the S4C event in April.

It was agreed to get 3 pitches, rather than 2, at Brockley Fair this year for a modest additional expenditure.

Apparently the Anti-Silvertown Tunnel Group are approaching Local Community Groups for contributions. Although supportive of their aims it was agreed that LC do not really have enough spare money to contribute.
- 5) **Assorted issues:**
 - a) **Beckenham Place Park Lottery Heritage Fund project.** Jane attended a meeting on this project. If the project were to be successful in getting funding there are five proposed options all of which involves reducing the size of the golf course to a greater or lesser degree. One option included an off-road cycle track.
Action: Jane to locate the email showing the options for wider distribution to the Group
 - b) **Catford Greyhound Stadium redevelopment and temporary closure of Adenmore Road and re-routing of Waterlink Way (NCN Route 21).**
Action: Tim to follow up with David Mill and Rebecca from Sustrans to establish whether the Developers have replied to David's proposal to provide a temporary path while Adenmore Road is closed for street-works (planned to be 6 to 8 weeks). Also make contact with the relevant Ward Councillor(s).

c) **Elephant & Castle roundabout redevelopment – TfL consultation (open until 30th April 2014).**

LC will be making a Group submission to this consultation and welcome everyone's thoughts on this submitted via the Yahoo Group, Facebook or by email to lewishamcyclists@gmail.com Also members are encouraged to respond in a personal capacity. The initial proposals appear disappointingly poorly thought out from a cycling point of view.

d) **Somertrees Avenue 'improvements'.**

This is a rat-run near Grove Park where the council are proposing to implement some traffic calming works and have invited comment on their proposals. They have rejected speed tables (apparently this is a TfL funded scheme and TfL will not fund speed tables anymore?) instead they want to introduce pinch-points which tend to create conflict between cars and cycles and are not at all effective at reducing vehicle speeds.

Action: Jane to send response to consultation voicing the group's criticism of the proposed measures.

Action: Jane to contact Len Duvall to establish if it is correct that TfL are no longer prepared to fund speed tables or any other 'vertical deflection measures'.

Action: Jane to contact Nick Harvey regarding this scheme to find out if he was consulted on it.

e) **Proposal to change venue of LC Monthly meeting.**

With a view to making the venue of the Monthly meeting more accessible to everyone across the Borough it was agreed to experimentally move the next couple of meetings to the Catford Constitutional Club, with a fall-back option of the Ravensbourne Pub if the CCC proves impractical.

f) **Deal's Gateway - TfL consultation (open until 18th April 2014)**

LC will be making a Group submission to this consultation and welcome everyone's thoughts on this submitted via the Yahoo Group, Facebook or by email to lewishamcyclists@gmail.com It is encouraging that TfL have revisited this issue after our discussions with them over a year ago. The partial re-configuration of the junction does address some of our concerns, but does not reinstate the separate light phase for Deal's Gateway traffic which is ultimately the only way of making the junction safe. Members are also encouraged to respond in a personal capacity.

6) **Campaigning updates:**

a) **CS5 and its extension to Lewisham**

The TfL proposed route is posted on the LC website. At our last meeting with TfL on 23rd January they indicated that their indicative design would be concluded by the end of March.

Action: Jane to chase TfL and ascertain progress.

b) **Lewisham Gateway – main development**

Given little or no progress in getting dedicated on-road space for cyclists in the new road configuration it has been proposed that Len Duvall is approached to ask the London Mayor a question as to why Lewisham Gateway scheme has been excluded from the TfL Junctions Review.

c) **Lewisham Gateway - Thurston Road works**

Jane proposed arranging a site meeting with Nick Harvey to review the works that have been completed to date. The traffic island in Jerrard Street is yet to be installed – timing of these works to be ascertained.

Action: Jane/Tim to organise meeting with Nick Harvey.

d) **Quietway route 2 progress (London Bridge to Greenwich via Deptford)**

Tim & Jane had a meeting with Sustrans on 25th February regarding the detailed route of Quietway 2. We were generally in agreement with the chosen routing. One point we made was that there needs to be an alternative routing for Millwall Match Days (as the proposed route uses the Millwall Away Supporters Path) – we suggested that the wide pavements on Ilderton Road could be converted into shared use.

It is going to be a big challenge to deliver the route by the end of this year – particularly the problematic Trundleys Road junction.

Sustrans are planning to create a consultation group on which LC will be represented. Stewart indicated he would be interested in participating in this on behalf of LC as it is his regular route into town.

7) **A.O.B**

Jan mentioned he was applying to go on the LCC Ride Leader course being held in Croydon on Saturday 3rd May. Others who wish to lead rides are encouraged to apply.

Brian is planning to go to the forthcoming Blackheath and Lee Green Assembly meetings to make brief presentations on the S4C campaign.

Meeting closed around 8.30pm.