

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Catford Constitutional Club, Catford

Wednesday 18th June 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Roger Stocker, Brian Turpin, Rosemary Scott
Apologies: Jane Davis, Ian Welsby
- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed.
- 3) **Space4Cycling (S4C)/2014 Local Elections Campaign.**
Brian Turpin reported on the last Lee Green Assembly that he attended. The Assembly is developing a Local Plan and cycling are featuring strongly in that. They have included our S4C Ask – the Lee Green to Lewisham segregated lane on the A20 (a TfL road), plus cycle routes to schools and to parks e.g. Manor Park.
Action: Jane to consider with Brian how to assist the Assembly to develop the cycling elements of the Local Plan and approach TfL on the S4C Ask.
The next stage of the S4C campaign in general is to follow up with newly elected councillors to follow through on the commitments they made during the campaign. This could be directly to the councillor themselves or via the Local Assemblies which seem to progressively be getting a more significant role in local planning issues.
- 4) **Assorted issues:**
 - a) **Catford Greyhound Stadium redevelopment and temporary closure of Adenmore Road and re-routing of Waterlink Way (NCN Route 21).**
The first phase of the temporary diversion of the Waterlink Way has now been implemented. This involved the closure of the northernmost section of Adenmore Road and the making of the southern section behind Catford Bridge station a, for access only, no through road.
The new set of traffic lights at the junction of Ravensbourne Park and Westdown Road is now operational. We, and Sustrans, have requested that Lewisham Council provide cycle Advanced Stop Lanes (ASL) at these lights before the forthcoming second phase (6 week) closure of the rest of Adenmore road and the diversion of the Waterlink Way via Ravensbourne Park. They have not been painted in yet.
 - b) **Cycle parking provision.**
Members have observed that new cycle parking hoops are not always being installed in optimal locations, but seem to be appearing in locations that already have adequate provision. Members' suggested locations do not seem to be being used. LCC run a website: cycleparking4london.org.uk where members can make suggestions for new provision but we are also not sure if this information is getting to Lewisham Council.
Action: Tim/Jane – discuss with Nick Harvey at Lewisham Council the best way of sending them proposed cycle parking locations.
 - c) **Brockley Fair – Saturday 21st June 12-5pm.**
LC are having a stall at the fair with a Dr Bike and Bicycle Jumble Sale. The group are looking for volunteers to help host the stall and welcome contributions to the Bicycle Jumble Sale – proceeds from which help to fund the Dr Bike provision.
 - d) **Prudential Ride London – Saturday 9th August.**
LC will be leading a feeder ride to this Central London event. Anyone willing to assist with the marshalling will be very welcome.

e) **Lewisham Labour borough wide 20MPH manifesto commitment**

After the re-election of the Labour Lewisham Mayor and the election of Labour Councillors in all but one (Green) seat in Lewisham Borough, Clare Griffiths asked a question of the council regarding the new position on the provision of a borough wide 20MPH speed limit. The response she got seemed to reflect the rather limited policy of the previous administration. We discussed this at the meeting and concluded that it may be a bit early for the policy to have been defined by the Council Officers. It was agreed that we should contact Councillor Smith informally to establish what the timescales are likely to be for the development of the policy. If the response does not seem satisfactory potentially follow it up with a formal Public Question to the Full Council.

Action: Tim/Jane – contact Cllr Smith.

5) **Campaigning updates:**

a) **Quietway route 2 (London Bridge to Greenwich via Deptford). Colloquially known as 'Q2'.**

Tim had a meeting with Nick Harvey (Lewisham Council Cycle Programme Manager) at the end of May. Q2 was discussed. Sustrans have submitted their recommended routeing and it is now down to the Borough Engineers in the relevant boroughs to develop the detailed plans. A few features of the route in Lewisham were discussed: Surrey Canal Road path – the path will be widened along its length.

Junction with Landmann Way – this will be re-configured moving the path slightly northwards away from the roundabout, possibly with a vertical deflection feature e.g. speed table.

Trundleys Road – initially there will be a 2m deep traffic island provided to aid in crossing the junction. In the future there may be a more comprehensive re-configuration of the junction but those plans are still sketchy.

Where the route passes from Folkestone Garden under the railway to Childers Street road surface improvements will be made and better lighting installed.

Childers Street will have some environmental improvements and one or more banned turns may be implemented to reduce rat-running traffic.

In the small park between Childers Street and Edward Street the garish blue railings will be removed, opening out the path.

In Edward Street itself they are hoping to provide a semi-segregated cycle path, possibly using armadillos.

The northernmost section of Deptford High St is scheduled to be made one way soon and as part of those works provision will be made for Q2 cycle traffic.

Action: Tim to ask Nick for a map showing the full proposed routing for Q2 for distribution to the Group.

6) **A.O.B**

Greenwich to Deptford route

A few signs have gone up indicating this route but no highway alterations have been made yet, which is very confusing.

Action: Tim to contact Brian Hanson (the Hyder consultant coordinating the route development) to ascertain what the current status is.

AGM. LC are due to have an AGM soon. It was provisionally agreed that September would be the best time for that as everyone should be back from holidays. It was suggested that we should have a speaker and book a room in e.g. the Lewisham Civic Centre.

2014 Local Implementation Plan (LIP) spending plans

Action: Tim to ask Nick Harvey for a breakdown of where the monies are/have been spent.

Buckthorne Road closure for utility works.

Roger reported that this road had been closed for some time and no satisfactory diversion route had been provided for LCN route 22. From this website:

<http://public.londonworks.gov.uk/roadworks/home> it looks like the road should re-open on the 23rd June.

Action: Jane to investigate why we weren't pre-notified about this closure.

Meeting closed around 8.00pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th July at 6.30pm