

Minutes of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC)

held at Catford Constitutional Club, Catford

Wednesday 16th July 2014 6.30pm

- 1) **Present:** Jane Davis (Co-Ordinator), Tim Collingridge (Secretary), John Phillips (Treasurer), Brian Turpin, Duncan Peterkin, Bill Koch, Brian Haines, Stewart Whitworth, David Mill.

Apologies: Alex Raha, Ian Welsby, Rik Andrew, Roger Stocker

- 2) **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Agreed. Responses to Actions not covered in main Agenda as below:

- a) **Local Implementation Plan (LIP) spending plans 2014.** Tim has requested a breakdown of where the monies are/have been spent from Nick Harvey at LBL (London Borough of Lewisham).
- b) **Buckthorne Road closure for Utility works.** Jane has asked Bill Tarplett at LBL if LC could be pre-notified by e.g. email, if Utility works are going to impact cycle routes. He is looking into it.
- c) **Deptford Station to Greenwich Station cycle route.** Tim contacted Brian Hanson (the Hyder consultant coordinating the route development) regarding the status of this route development. His response was 'Works on site will start very shortly. We still await a programme from TfL for completion of the signals installations.'

3) **Space4Cycling (S4C) Campaign**

The next stage of the S4C campaign is to encourage 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

Brian Turpin reported that he has now attended three Local Assemblies (Lee Green – comments in previous minutes; Blackheath (his Local Assembly) and New Cross on 15th July). He said that the New Cross Assembly was very supportive of S4C proposals and Joe Dromey (one of the New Cross Councillors) was keen to meet with LC for further discussions.

Jane reported that she went to the Perry Vale Assembly to support local LCC member James Newis. James put forward a proposal for a Safe Routes to School project in the Ward that was apparently well received.

If any other LCC members have the time to attend Ward Assemblies to present S4C ideas please contact Jane as she may well be able to support you at the meeting.

Action: Jane to invite all Lewisham Councillors to the upcoming LC AGM and also encourage them to contact us in advance if they want to have an informal meeting.

4) **Assorted issues:**

- a) **Catford Greyhound Stadium redevelopment ('Catford Green') and temporary closure of Adenmore Road and re-routing of Waterlink Way (NCN Route 21).**

Jane commented that there is some confusing signage pointing both ways when going Southbound into Westdown Road.

Action: Jane to contact Paul Willis at Catford Green re these signs.

The new set of traffic lights at the junction of Ravensbourne Park and Westdown Road is now operational. We are still chasing LBL to provide Advanced Stop Lanes (ASL) at these lights before the forthcoming second phase (5 week) closure of the

rest of Adenmore road and the diversion of the Waterlink Way via Ravensbourne Park.

b) **Cycle parking provision.**

Tim contacted Nick Harvey at LBL on 6th July regarding the best way of sending them proposed cycle parking locations. Waiting for a response.

c) **Prudential Ride London – Saturday 9th August.**

LC will be leading a feeder ride to this Central London event. As usual the ride will start from the bridge over the river on NCN route 21 behind the Bell Green Sainsbury's store. We now have four marshals for this ride which should be sufficient for the expected numbers. Anyone else is welcome to join us on the feeder ride.

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

It is now our understanding that Lewisham Council and the Mayor have committed to make all roads in the borough (except TfL ones) 20MPH. This is very good news but we are interested how this is going to be sign-posted (currently 20MPH signage is patchy and inconsistent) and enforced (no evidence of it being enforced at the moment).

Action: Jane – contact Cllr Smith for an update on their 20MPH plans.

e) **London Cycle Design Standards consultation – responses due by 25th July.**

These are detailed and technical, we feel that LCC centrally should be coordinating a response to them. As such we are not planning to make a Group response. Individual members are encouraged to respond with their views.

f) **Downham Family rides.**

Jane will be leading some short family rides during the summer holidays. They will be running on Thursday mornings from 10am till noon starting from Downham Leisure Centre. They will be promoted locally in the Downham area. Children on the rides will need to be accompanied by a cycling adult. Duncan and Bill indicated at the meeting that they should be able to help Jane with these rides.

5) **Campaigning updates:**

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

Nick Harvey has provided LC with a map of the full proposed route.

Action: Jane to make a post on the LC website regarding Q2 and include a link to the map.

After the landowner recently put up 'Cyclists must stop' signs (which have no legal force) outside the Industrial Estate on the Surrey Canal Road cycle path it was agreed that LC should request that LBL look into the possibility, as part of the Q2 development, of 'humping' the path at this junction and actually giving cyclists priority. This could also apply to the junction just to the West of the new London Overground railway bridge.

Action: Tim to contact Nick and request this is included in the Q2 project scope.

6) **A.O.B**

Dr Bike & Bike Jumble outside Crofton Park Library (CPL).

John mentioned that CPL had previously shown interest in us hosting a mini-event outside the library. Maybe 11am to 3pm on a Saturday in the autumn with one Dr Bike technician.

Action: Jane to contact CPL.

South Circular on Catford Hill.

David Mill commented that the railway bridge on the Catford rail line may be soon up for renewal in which case LC should campaign for a wider bridge with proper provision for

cycle lanes. Tim commented that in recent discussions with Cllr Smith he had indicated that LBL were looking at plans to create a segregated cycle path on the South side of the South Circular from Canadian Avenue to Catford Hill. At Catford Hill it was planned to put the route through a brick railway arch to the South of the road. These plans are wrapped up in LBL's Catford Development Plan that is currently being worked up (and involves consultation with TfL).

Action: Tim to contact Cllr Smith to establish the current state of these plans.

LC AGM.

Further discussions were held regarding the AGM and it was agreed to hold it in October, rather than September, when everyone should definitely be back from holiday. Ideas for a Speaker for the meeting are welcome – please send to the LC Gmail, Yahoo Group or Facebook, it was suggested we could ask an LCC Cycle Award Winner along? We are planning to hold the meeting in the Lewisham Civic Centre.

September LC meeting – change of location.

David Mill commented that the 'lounge' in the Catford Constitutional pub is quite noisy with poor lighting. He suggested we look into getting a room in the Civic Centre instead. The general view of the meeting was that this would not impact number of attendees and may actually encourage some people. It was agreed to try this experimentally for the September meeting.

Ride presentation on LC website.

It was agreed that, to avoid confusion, all rides posted on the LC website should be solely attributed to the organising LCC Borough Group e.g. Lewisham Cyclists, Greenwich Cyclists etc.

Beckenham Place Park Heritage Lottery Fund Bid

This bid has been successful with the Park being re-developed with around £5M of investment. This is the original bid document:

<http://www.beckenhamplaceparkfriends.org.uk/Beckenham%20Place%20Park%20HLF%20application.pdf>

It is not wholly clear which option(s) are going to be adopted and what this will mean for cyclists.

Action: Jane to follow-up for clarification of the accepted proposal.

Meeting closed around 8.00pm.

Next LC Meeting will be on Wednesday 20th August at 6.30pm