



April 2025 Newsletter

from the local group of
London Cycling Campaign in Lewisham



**Come along to our Annual Meeting on
Tuesday 1st April from 6.30pm**

Everyone's welcome at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening with guest speaker(s) **Stef Jones & colleagues** from **XO Bikes**

XO Bikes are also very kindly hosting the meeting at their shop in Lewisham Shopping Centre.

We'll also review the past year, look at plans for the next one, and decide who we'd like on our Committee. There'll be some snacks and refreshments and it's a good opportunity to chat with other Lewisham cyclists.

The meeting starts at 6.30pm (latecomers will be accepted). The meeting location is the XO Bike Shop in the Lewisham Shopping Centre.

You can get in touch with us beforehand with any queries about the meeting by email to lewishamcyclists@gmail.com

The Agenda will be posted on the [News](#) section of our website a couple of days beforehand.

Campaigning News



St Johns and Tanner's Hill Healthy Neighbourhoods - thanks for your suggestions!

Lewisham is consulting on making streets healthier between Deptford Bridge, Tanners Hill and Friendly Street. Many of you will cycle along these regularly and be aware of the rat running issues as drivers attempt to avoid the two busiest roads in the Borough by cutting through the triangle created by Lewisham Way (A20) and New Cross Rd/Deptford Bridge (A2). More people would be likely to cycle with traffic reduction measures, cycle contraflows and better crossing points making quieter streets more accessible. Some of us have already been on ride overs and walking tours with the Project Centre Consultants and fed suggestions into the mix of potential improvements. Plus many of you have dropped pins on the Commonplace map showing what you'd like. Project Centre are holding follow up workshops on [Thursday](#) and [Saturday](#) this week (online) and if you'd like to attend please reserve your place through the highlighted links.



Deptford Church Street cycle tracks

Lewisham Council continues to progress the works on the new cycle tracks along Deptford Church Street. Working north to south you can see new tracks and crossing points linking up with Cycleways 4 and 10. The new park on the old Tideway construction site is taking shape with some of the planting in situ. The elimination of the Birds Nest roundabout looks to be the next challenge for contractors Conway. We're told the route should be open by this autumn but will update you accordingly.



Courtesy Landsec. Plans for new towers on Lewisham shopping centre site *Item 2 of 10*

Lewisham Town Centre to become a bit more cycle friendly?

We supported the Council's Levelling Up grant application a few years ago because we were told there would be cycling improvements in the £15.9M allocation to the High Street and Market. In response to a recent Council question, it seems a modest £596K has been allocated for two pocket parks at Plough Bridge (northern end of the High Street by the Premier Inn) and Limes Grove by the library. These can be of some benefit to cyclists as they may improve connectivity at crossing points along active travel routes, and the northern parklet is sporting a new dropped kerb from the Tiger crossing from the Gateway development into St Stephen's Grove, although it's not yet clear how traffic conflict would be mitigated.

The Council are also saying there will be cycling parking improvements, and other works outside the scope of the Levelling Up project. They are in discussions with TfL, so we'll have to hope our elected representatives can make Lewisham a more cycle friendly and accessible town.



April Rides and Events

Rides

Saturday 5th April Ride for All: Short easy ride for all abilities ([Sign up here](#))

Saturday 12th April: Train Assisted Ride in Essex ([Sign up here](#))

Saturday 19th April: Half day Ride in Kent

Dr Bikes and Maintenance Workshops

Sunday 6th April: Dr Bike in Beckenham Place Park

Sunday 13th April: Dr Bike at Telegraph Hill Greening the Hill Festival

Sunday 20th April: Fix and Ride Community Cycle Workshop, Grove Park Youth Club

Other events

Saturday 26th April Women Ride Too: Lower Sydenham in conjunction with iBikeLondon. [Information and booking here on this great project](#)

For more information on our rides and events check our website [calendar](#) and <https://lcc.org.uk/events-calendar/> On the LCC calendar you can select our events only, if you wish, with a search for "Lewisham"

Or email lewishamcyclists@gmail.com for more information on anything above.

LCC Campaigner Skills Summit - book now!



Date: Saturday, 5 April 2025, 9.30am-5pm

Venue: Westminster University, 35 Marylebone Road NW1 5LS

FREE (donations very gratefully received)

Open to all, including non-members and non-Londoners

Join us to explore how to campaign for safer place for anyone to cycle, walk and wheel so that it's greener, cleaner and healthier.

- Opening plenary setting the scene for the day
- A range of workshop streams for campaigners of all levels of experience
- A great opportunity to meet campaigners from across London and beyond

Find out more about the summit

Looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday.

Alex, Jane, Tim & John (LC Committee)

Lewisham Cyclists



Free Gift With LCC Membership

Lewisham Cyclists is the local group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our members enable the work we do and receive a whole host of great benefits.

Join as a member today and choose from free lights, a lock or a pump!*

Already a member? Refer a friend and you'll both receive gifts.

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