

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at RUSS Centre, Ladywell on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Rosemary Scott, Roy Ashman.

Present online: Mario Toraldo.

Apologies: John Phillips (Treasurer), Judith Bassett, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Cllr Mark Ingleby (Lewisham Active Travel Champion).

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Events.
  - Upcoming events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info).
    - London Explorer Ride - Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 10am - 230pm.
    - Grove Park Youth Club 'Fix and Ride' - Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 2pm.  
Orlando booked for mechanic slot.
    - Beckenham Place Park Community Day Dr Bike - Sat 31<sup>st</sup> May 11am - 4pm.  
Seb booked for mechanic slot.
  - Alex mentioned that Greenwich Cyclists & Southwark Cyclists are talking about holding a ride along Cycleway 4 on the LCC London Cycling Festival weekend (24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> May). Jane & Alex are not available that weekend. Tim has been added to the relevant WhatsApp coordination group to monitor plans.
  - Dunwich Dynamo cycle lorry unload. Jane said that she has received a couple more offers of help, so she is not so concerned now about the number of volunteers. Given the revenue we earn from the unload we agreed that, if there is a need for some extra hands, LC could potentially employ a couple of Cycle Mechanics or Instructors to assist. We also discussed the idea of attaching Apple Airtags to the lorries so we know where they are and can plan for their arrival. Alex is going to investigate the cost. Would also need to be sure that the Hauliers are OK with them being attached to the trailers.
  - Darren Reynolds is coordinating a bike bus for a couple of primary schools on 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Grinling Gibbons & St Joseph's). Not needing volunteer assistance at this time but may do in the future. He is also looking for parent/teacher contacts at Ashmead, St Stephen's, Myatt Garden and Tidemill with a view to expanding the operation.
- Council liaison update.
  - Recent meeting with Darren Gotch attended by Tim & Alex. At the meeting we presented a couple of documents to Darren:
    - Proposed C18 extension from Elverson Road to Deptford Bridge.  
In the light of the LCC Women's Freedom campaign this extension should go via Brookmill Road rather than stay in the park.
    - Removal of the substandard barrier on the cycle route between St Joseph's Vale/Heath Lane.
    - It was agreed that we should give Darren a few weeks to respond to these documents before escalating to Councillors etc.
  - Councillor Hau-Yu Tam, Lewisham Green Party Councillor for Evelyn Ward, has expressed an interest in meeting with LC representatives. We agreed it would

be interesting to hear what she has to say and should be arranged so that two members can attend the meeting.

- Topical Items.

- Lewisham Shopping Centre redevelopment - campaign to ensure adequate space for cycling is included in planning application. Recent planning application changes from Landsec don't appear to have addressed this issue. **Already drafted email to Lewisham Mayor on this issue to be sent by Alex asap.**

**We agreed to ask Landsec for a meeting asap - Brian to prepare draft email. Tim to chase Darren for Molesworth St segregated Cycle Lane reinstatement plans produced by TfL, which he mentioned at our last meeting.**

- Deptford High Street pedestrianisation - discussion of group response.

<https://deptfordhighstreet.commonplace.is/>

**Tim & Alex to prepare Group Response - generally supportive.**

- There is currently a final Sustainable Streets consultation taking place - covering all the wards that have not been previously consulted - Bellingham, Catford South, Crofton Park, Deptford, Downham, Forest Hill, Grove Park, Hither Green, Ladywell, New Cross Gate, Perry Vale and Sydenham. (Closes 16<sup>th</sup> June)

<https://lewishamsustainablestreets.commonplace.is/> .

**Alex to prepare a 'June' Civi mailout to be sent at the end of May.** To encourage members to respond to the consultation, particularly those living in the south of the borough where there is a paucity of cycle hangers.

- Discussion on best day of the month for monthly meeting. It would be easier for our Treasurer if later in the month. Also want to avoid clashes with major Council Meetings.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month looked like a possible choice - **needs further investigation by the Committee** to establish if there are any potential conflicts regarding that day.
- Lewisham College (Deptford Bridge site) redevelopment. Two planning applications for Lewisham and Greenwich elements.
  - Opportunity to ask for S106 benefits - Deptford Bridge junction segregated cycle provision or improvement of staggered Toucan crossing. Filtering of Creekside. Provision of cyclable thoroughfare along Deptford Creek.

- LC future funding options - applications to be made.

- LCC Lime Share the Joy fund. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25.

<https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>

Round three was open for applications from 10th Feb to 10th Mar. Intention was to apply for this in collaboration with Grove Park Youth Club (GPYC). Alex was handling this application.

The application wasn't submitted due to a lack of information from GPYC in the areas of Public Liability and Lease details.

**Next round opens in June - Alex will coordinate with GPYC for a submission to be made.**

- London City Airport Community Fund.

<https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/our-community/community->

[investment/community-fund](#)

“Each year, the London City Airport Community Fund awards £75,000 in grants, ranging from £300 to £3,000. These funds go to local organisations who are creating significant and positive change in diverse, inclusive communities across East London.”

Jane has prepared a draft submission - 'London City Airport Draft' which is in LC Google Drive.

**Submission deadline is 20th Jun.**

- Current consultations and planning applications.
  - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
    - Deptford High Street pedestrianisation (Closes 13<sup>th</sup> May).  
<https://deptfordhighstreet.commonplace.is/>
    - Lewisham College (Deptford Bridge site) redevelopment.  
[https://planning.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=\\_GRN\\_W\\_DCAPR\\_123660](https://planning.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=_GRN_W_DCAPR_123660)
    - Sustainable Streets final consultation covering remaining boroughs (Closes 16<sup>th</sup> June).  
<https://lewishamsustainablestreets.commonplace.is/> .
- Meeting closed at 815pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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