

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 4th June 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Laura Harvey, Cllr Mark Ingleby (Lewisham Active Travel Champion).

Present online: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), John Phillips (Treasurer), Mark Chapman, Jorge Martinez Lopez.

Apologies: Brian Turpin, Mario Toraldo, Judith Bassett.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Upcoming events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info).
 - Cambridge ride - Sat 7th Jun 9am - 5pm.
 - Lewisham Peaks Ride (for Bike Week) - Thu 12th Jun 630pm - 10pm.
 - Half day Kent Ride - Sat 21st Jun 9am - 130pm.
 - Grove Park 'Fix & Ride' Bike Workshop - Sun 22nd Jun 11am - 2pm.
 - Bushy Park Ride via Riverside Route - Sat 28th Jun 10am - 5pm.
 - Winford Road Dr Bike - Sun 29th Jun 12pm - 1pm.
 - Beckenham Place Park Dr Bike - Sun 6th Jul 10am - 2pm.
 - Community activity update.
 - Dunwich Dynamo cycle lorry unload - Sun 13th Jul.
 - 8 volunteers so far, Jane is going to make one more appeal for volunteers before the event.
 - Dr Bikes and Workshop news:
 - Around £200 raised in donations from Beckenham Place Park Festival Dr Bike last week.
 - L&Q Housing Association and Youth First are interested in collaborating for Dr Bikes. Jane has asked if they have any funding for this. We agreed regular participation with organisations like this should be subject to some level of funding.
 - Holbeach School have also requested a Dr Bike at their Summer Fair on Sat 12th Jul 11am - 2pm. It's the day before the Dunwich Dynamo unload so may have trouble getting volunteers?
- Council liaison update.
 - Cllr Mark mentioned two upcoming Sustainable Development meetings of interest to LC. Cllr Liam Curran is new Chair.
 - 11th Jun. Update on Sustainable Streets projects.
 - 11th Sep. Discussion on pros and cons of dockless bikes. LC to be invited to give our views. Some comments from this meeting:
 - Should the payment approach be distance rather than time related. Time related encourages riders to ride faster.
 - Some of the delineated dockless bays are already commonly full. Need to bear in mind and add further bays where necessary.
 - As an observation it's less controversial installing bays where there isn't a CPZ as it's not perceived as taking away a 'paid for' bay.

- Where there aren't delineated dockless bays should riders be allowed to park in the road, less obstructive than the pavement?
 - Are local council estates being equipped with delineated dockless bays? Often these estates have poor provision of secure cycle parking.
 - Is it OK to park dockless bikes adjacent to Sheffield stands - in some locations dockless congestion makes it impossible to lock people's personal bikes.
- Recent meeting with Darren Gotch (Lewisham Principal Engineer for Highways & Transport).
 - New Southend Lane Waterlink Way Toucan Crossing.
 - TfL contractors are waiting for delivery of a critical part. Once received they will start installation.
 - Confluence Bridge on Waterlink Way replacement.
 - Construction will commence soon. The existing bridge will be closed for the duration of the works and a diversion will be in place. Plans for diversion not available yet.
 - Catford Bridge Waterlink Way underpass improvements.
 - Design work commencing next month with a view to implementation in September.
 - New Perry Hill Toucan Crossing.
 - The originally proposed location between Elm Lane and Vancouver Road, replacing the existing zebra crossing, has apparently failed a safety audit. Therefore Darren is proposing locating it west of the Woolstone Road junction. We are opposed to this alternative location as the majority of pedestrians and cyclists will now additionally have to cross Woolstone Road which is itself pretty busy. **Tim to reply to Darren CC Cllr Krupski and Cllr Ingleby highlighting that this location has created an additional hazard and there may need to be a complimentary Tiger crossing on Woolstone Road.**
 - Removal of St Joseph's Vale barrier on cycle route.
 - Still much prevarication about this due to a local resident objecting. **Agreed we should ask for a site visit with Darren.** Jorge also happy to attend.
 - New Grinstead Road Toucan crossing.
 - Current Plans show a 'straight-across' crossing to Scarwen Rd. Realistic date for construction start for TfL contractors is October.
 - Also will be a new school street on Scarwen Rd. covering section from Kezia Street junction to existing permanently closed area. Landscaping to take place in existing closed part of Scarwen Rd. outside Twin Oaks Primary school entrance.
 - New Southend Lane Moremead Rd/Sedgehill Rd Toucan Crossing.
 - Existing crossing is being reconstructed as part of the new westbound bus lane implementation on Southend Lane. We are very disappointed to see that our suggestion in the bus lane

Consultation for a 'straight-across' crossing has not been adopted and the new one is like-for-like 'two stage'. These staggered crossings are hard to negotiate for cyclists and the long delays mean pedestrians and cyclists often don't wait for the lights to change. We can't see any good reason in terms of traffic flow or potential bus delays why this couldn't have been a straight-across crossing. **Tim to write to Darren CC Cllr Krupski/Cllr Ingelby to express our disappointment.**

- Bike Hangers
 - Latest stats for installations are 249 in this 'election' period with 59 more planned for this year. This looks like meeting the Labour manifesto aspiration.
 - Jane commented that the Falco hangers still don't seem to have many bikes in them. This possibly may be because people need to go to a separate website to search for an available Falco hanger. According to Darren there is soon meant to be a new maintenance contract for hangers which should resolve this issue. **Tim to write to Martha Lauchlan at Lewisham Council for an update on the cycle hanger strategy.**
- St John's/Tanners Hill Healthy Neighbourhood.
 - The next phase of Consultation for this project is probably going to be in the period Oct - Dec 2025. This is seen as the best window of opportunity before the run-in to next year's May local elections.
- Active Travel Strategy public consultation - We have just received a notification that the public consultation for this will run from 9th Jun to 20th Jul. **We will be encouraging members to attend these sessions and contribute to a discussion on our formal response via Slack.** Details are as follows:
 - "The consultation will be conducted through:
 - A survey for residents to share their feedback via either the Citizen Space online platform or paper copies made available in three of the libraries.
 - Drop-in sessions across the borough where residents can speak with the team, ask questions, and provide further feedback. These will take place in the following dates, times, and locations:
 - Thurs 19th Jun 14:00-18:00: Forest Hill Library (community room)
 - Tues 24th Jun 14:00-18:00: Downham Library
 - Wed 2nd Jul 14:00-18:00: Manor House Library (Baring Room)
 - An online webinar, which will take place on Monday 30th Jun 18:30-19:30, offering an overview of the strategy and a Q&A session."
- Lewisham Shopping Centre redevelopment
 - Recently we wrote to the Lewisham Mayor and the developers Landsec regarding ensuring there are adequate E-W cycle routes through the proposed development and that fully defined plans are brought forward for segregated cycling on Molesworth St. To date we had not had a

response from either. **LC to follow up with the Mayor and Landsec regarding these issues.**

- Topical Items.
 - LC funding options applications:
 - LCC Lime Share the Joy fund. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25. <https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>
Next round opens in June, closes towards the end of the month. Alex is coordinating this submission with GPYC. He has their Public Liability insurance details but still need to chase for their Lease details.
 - London City Airport Community Fund.
Jane submitted an application online on 30th May. See document 'London City Airport Draft.docx' in LC Google Drive. **Outcome is due in September.**
<https://www.londoncityairport.com/corporate/our-community/community-investment/community-fund>
 - 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. 2nd Thursday of the month looks like a possible choice
 - This was discussed and it was agreed to stick with the first Wednesday of the month. Thursday was potentially an issue for Cllr Mark and many Cllrs have 'surgeries' that day of the week.
 - John made the point that the Annual Meeting, specifically, needs to be at least one week into the new Financial Year so he has time to prepare the Annual Accounts and process any outstanding transactions. We agreed to take this into consideration in future.
 - Jane suggested we occasionally have 'joint' meetings with other borough groups e.g. Southwark, Greenwich, Bromley and Bexley, to share information. As Greenwich and Lewisham's meetings are already on the same day of the month Alex is going to ask Neil (Greenwich Coordinator) if we can do this soon? Jorge said he would investigate the possibility of using Parkside as a mutually convenient location for the joint meeting.
- Treasurers Ongoing Budget Report (see Appendix A for details).
 - John's comments were as follows:
"As you can see from the attached Ongoing Budget we are in quite a good financial position for this year as compared with previous estimates. This mainly due to substantial arrears of payment from Southwark Cyclists DunRun and a reduction of the ongoing mechanic's costs for the 3rd Sunday sessions. Looking to the future this means that we may be able to survive next year i.e. 2026/27 even if we do not receive any other grants or sources of income."
- Current consultations and planning applications
 - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Lewisham Sustainable Streets final consultation covering remaining wards (Closes 16th June). **Alex to do Civi email in next few days to encourage members to respond.**
<https://lewishamsustainablestreets.commonplace.is/>

- Deptford Bridge redevelopment of Lewisham College (Lewisham & Greenwich planning applications). **LC to post on Slack & Facebook to ask for interested members' assistance in assessing these applications.**

Greenwich:

https://planning.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=_GRNW_DCAPR_123660

Lewisham:

https://planning.lewisham.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=_LEWIS_DCAPR_127313

- Attendees News & Views.
 - Mark suggested we stage a Birthday event to 'celebrate' (ironic) Thames Water's closure of the northerly section of the cycle path in Brookmill Park. This was originally closed in Jul 2021! If we'd known it was going to be such a long-term closure, we'd have demanded a properly engineered alternative route.
- Meeting closed at 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd July at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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Appendix A - Treasurer's Ongoing Budget report

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2025/26 as at 30 May 2025 (for Main account)						
Income						
Received to date						
Bank balance from end March 2025					4733	
Dun Run Ex Gracia 2024 true up (inc. arrears from 2022/24)					1125	
Bike sale					300	
Donations (April to date)					299	
					6457	<total rec'd to date
Estimated or expected						
Donations for June to March 2026 (say)					2000	
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists 2025					1200	
LCC grant					375	
				Plus actual income to date	6457	
				Total actual + estimated income	10032	
Expenditure						
Paid to date						
Mechanics costs for 3rd Sunday sessions at Grove Park April & May					210	
Dr Bike events at The Field & Telegraph Hill festival					240	
Grove Park garage rent Apr & May					300	
Google cloud					12	
					762	<total paid to date
Expected or estimated						
Grove Park garage rent June to March 2026					1500	
Grove Park 3rd Sunday mechanics costs June to March 2026					1200	
Further Dr Bike events - say 5 & 200 each					1000	
Consumables					700	
Google Cloud & misc (say)					200	
				Total estimated future expenditure	4600	
				Plus actual expenditure to date	762	
				Total actual + estimated expenditure	5362	
				Estimated net worth at end March 2026 (£10032-£5362)	4670	
				Actual Main account bank balance at 30 May 2025		
John Phillips				£5,695		
30 May 2025				Grant account bank balance is a residual £70		
(for June meeting)						