

July 2025 Newsletter

from the local group of the London Cycling Campaign in Lewisham



Lewisham Active Travel Strategy Consultation - give the Council your support!

We want to see more scenes like this in your local area right across Lewisham Borough, so we're asking for your help in supporting Lewisham Council's new Active Travel Strategy by completing their Consultation. Over the coming years this Strategy should facilitate much more cycling, wheeling and walking in your local area with broader benefits for communities throughout the borough. It'll include a lot more protected cycle lanes, upgraded routes and dedicated cycle parking along with public realm improvements.

You have until Sunday 20th July to complete the 'Give us your views - Online Survey'

It only takes five minutes or so to complete the survey but if you're pushed for time and want to support the Strategy we've produced <u>a guide with suggested responses</u> to help with completion. For further details see our <u>webpost on the strategy</u>.

Take action for more cycling infrastructure in Lewisham here

Healthy Streets Scorecard 2025: what does it say about Lewisham?

The 2025 Healthy Streets Scorecard is just out: <u>Healthy Streets Scorecard –</u> <u>Promoting the delivery of healthy streets in London</u>.

While Lewisham has 20mph on 100% of borough-controlled streets and is top of the table for school streets (54% of schools), it lags behind other inner London boroughs and dropped three places this year. There are projects in the pipeline, but in the meantime our council needs to make progress in a number of areas to create safer and more attractive streets for active travel that will enable people to improve lives and health. Although cycling has increased by 1%, it is concerning that walking trips are down by nearly 3%. We know that the interventions measured in the Healthy Streets Scorecard work; even more research came out this week on LTNs London's low-traffic zones 'cut deaths and injuries by more than a third' | Low-traffic neighbourhoods | The Guardian (original research published in the BMJ Journal *Injury Prevention*), for instance. We'll continue to work with the council to support them in becoming more ambitious and matching their achievements on 20mph and school streets in other areas.

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE of LB Newham spoke at the launch about her passion for improving health outcomes, in particular reducing the number of children going to hospital with respiratory conditions every year, and how she used that in response when other people said 'they agreed with the actions but did not think the time was right'. 'I said waiting four years would see another 20,000 children in hospital and I could not countenance any delay for actions that we know are correct'. We'd like to hear this level of determination and decisiveness behind interventions on Lewisham's unhealthy streets, too.

Check the Healthy Streets Scorecard 2025 results

Latest new Lewisham Cycling Infrastructure



Rushey Green Toucan Crossing

TfL have recently installed a new Toucan Crossing between Mount Pleasant Road and Albacore Crescent. At last we have a safe route across the A21 from Ladywell Fields to Hither Green, something we've long campaigned for...



Neptune Wharf - Folkestone Gardens link now open

There's now an attractive safe cyclable route from Folkestone Gardens to Deptford Park via the 'Neptune Wharf' development using the old Surrey Canal tunnel. This avoids the nasty road tunnel on Trundleys Rd. Later in the year there will also be a new Toucan Crossing installed on Grinstead Road.



Deptford Church Street cycle track

Lewisham are making good progress with the new segregated cycle track along DCS with two sets of traffic lights now operational and just the Creekside junction to do. Completion of works is expected in September.



July Rides and Events

Rides

For information on our rides check our website calendar. You can also find our rides on the London Cycling Campaign Events Calendar where you can select our events only with a search for "Lewisham".

Dr Bikes and Maintenance Workshops

Sunday 20th July 11am-2pm: <u>Fix and Ride Community Workshop Session @ Grove</u> <u>Park Youth Club</u> A Dr Bike and "a little bit more". Grove Park Youth Club, Marvels Lane, SE12 9PR.

Sunday 3rd August 10am-2pm: Dr Bike @ Beckenham Place Park in the Stables Yard.

Details of all Dr Bike events on our calendar

Or Facebook Group

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

Our next Monthly Meeting is on Wednesday 6th August at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre (also online via Google Meet). Hope to see you there...

Alex, Jane, Tim & John (Lewisham Cyclists Committee)



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.

*Offer applies to Individual and Household membership purchased via Direct Debit.

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