

Agenda for Lewisham Cyclists (LC) meeting on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 6.30pm

LC are the local group for the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) in Lewisham. Anyone who wants to work together in support of our vision for people on cycles in Lewisham is welcome to join our meeting. Meet other local cyclists, hear about current cycling developments in Lewisham and have an opportunity to influence our campaigns on future schemes.

This will be an in-person meeting held at Lewisham Civic Centre, Catford Road, SE6 4RU.

For the best meeting experience, we recommend you attend in-person. We also allow people to access the meeting via Google Meet, but as this will be facilitated by a single laptop it may not be easy to follow all aspects of the meeting.

Connection details for Google Meet:

- *On your computer you will need to use a modern browser i.e. Chrome, Firefox, Safari or Edge (not Internet Explorer).*
- *On your mobile device (iPad, iPhone or Android tablet or Android phone) you should install the 'Google Hangouts Meet' app.*
- *Please connect into the meeting in advance e.g. at 6.25pm as, for the benefit of all attendees, the meeting will proceed to schedule notwithstanding individual people's connection issues.*
- *All attendees should MUTE the microphone in their Meet session to prevent 'feedback'.*
- *Use the Meet 'chat' box to type in any questions for the Chair and the relevant Committee Member will respond, time permitting.*

Connection details are: <https://meet.google.com/jmy-qydn-snr>

Alternatively, you can join by phone:

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Agenda items

- **Community Engagement & Rides. (20 mins)**
 - Upcoming rides (see our Facebook Events for info and [LCC Events](#) page to register for rides).
 - Ashford Loop Ride, 60 miles - Sat 6th Sept 810am (All day ride).
 - Upcoming Community Events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info and also [LCC Events](#) page).
 - Beckenham Place Park Dr Bike - Sun 7th Sept 10am - 2pm.
 - Dr Bike @ Festival of Climate Action (FoCA) on Sat 13th Sept 12pm - 3pm (provisional times). Jane is not available that weekend but Mario has offered to help staff a Dr Bike.
This South East London Community Energy (SELCE) FoCA event running from 11am to 5pm may be interesting for members, you can register here: <https://selce.org.uk/events/>
 - Grove Park 'Fix & Ride' Bike Workshop - Sun 21st Sept 11am - 2pm.
 - Cold Blow Lane Play Street Dr Bike session - Sun 28th Sept (times to be advised).
- **Topical Items. (30 mins)**
 - Political Party Manifesto influencing for next local election in May 2026:
 - Agreement on proposed 'Asks' for political party manifestos. (see Appendix A for draft 'Asks')
 - Overview of any contact with political parties to date.
 - Dockless Cycles submission for Sustainable Development Committee meeting on 11th Sept. Improvements we proposed in our submission:
 - We would like to see more than one viable supplier of dockless eBikes active in the borough, so would encourage the Council to fully engage with other established

providers e.g. Forest, to ensure users have more than one option and there is effective price competition.

- Another potential improvement would be for dockless cycle providers to offer alternative charging structures more oriented towards distance charging. There is currently a concern that riders may be riding faster than necessary because they are trying to minimise their time-related costs. Distance charging could result in improved rider habits and better compliance with highway code rules.
- Progressively we believe dockless parking bay provision needs to be extended from one every 300m to more like one every 100m which would improve parking behaviour and increase capacity for storage. Door to door convenience is one of the big attractions of these cycles so to be fully effective the bays need to be much closer together.
- Dockless cycle providers should make better in-app information available to clarify local borough parking rules for riders.
- London Boroughs like Lewisham should work together with TfL and Dockless Operators to ultimately provide a standardised service area and parking rules across London.
- Dockless bike providers should continue to invest in user education and training to improve rider safety and road awareness.
- 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/>
Assist Grove Park Youth Club in making a submission to the next round when it opens.
 - 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 expected in September.
- Council liaison update (10 mins)
 - Any contact with Officers/Councillors/Committees/Questions to Council.
- Current consultations and planning applications
 - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
 - Lewisham Retail Park development (3rd Community Engagement)
In person events: 5pm - 8pm Thu 4th Sept; 10am - 2pm Sat 6th Sept, at 70 Loampit Vale, London SE13 7SN.
Or 'Have Your Say' from 2nd Sept:
<https://lewishamretailpark.commonplace.is/en-GB/>
- Attendees News & Views. (10 mins)
 - Opportunity for attendees to raise other issues.
- Meeting closes at 8pm.

Tim Collingridge (LC Secretary)

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Appendix A - Draft Proposed Asks for political parties for May 2026 elections

Active Travel Routes

- Deliver 30km of new or upgraded active travel routes by 2030 - Council targets need to be higher than in their Active Travel Strategy to drive modal shift towards Active Travel.
 - 10km of protected cycle lanes on main roads including building on the successful bike tracks in Deptford Church Street to extend the Lewisham Spine along Brookmill Road, Molesworth Street and Lewisham High Street to Lewisham Hospital.
 - 20km network of quieter safe cycle routes, predominantly on back-streets, including safe crossings of main roads.

Liveable Neighbourhoods

- Accelerate the Council's Healthy Neighbourhood programme with six more by 2030 - current targets are not going to be enough to move into the top 10 boroughs on the Healthy Streets Scorecard. There are issues with excessive through traffic in many residential areas across Lewisham which need to be urgently addressed.
- Build on the Council's successful School Streets programme with genuine Safe Routes to School - ensuring these school streets are not an 'island' but are connected to a network of safe cycling routes e.g. using the successfully filtered Cold Blow Lane and our proposed Catford to Forest Hill cycle route to link to nearby school streets.
- Work with Network Rail and TFL to remove the obstacle presented by stepped railway bridges in the borough - i.e. the Railway Children's bridge, Bellingham Play Park bridge and Dacres Road/Sydenham Park, to put in place a plan for ramps/lifts to make the crossings fully accessible enabling key East-West quiet active travel routes across the borough.

Cycle storage and parking

- 450 new secure Cycle Hangers by 2030 - significant progress has been made in the current electoral term but there is still a massive suppressed demand which is inhibiting active travel.
- Every community building, pub and supermarket to have two standard 'Sheffield' stands within 15m by 2030 - there are still many gaps in on-street cycle parking which deters people from cycling to the shops, social engagements etc. Cycles end up being locked to street furniture and obstructing footways.
- Develop a programme to roll-out cargo bike hangers - cargo bikes for commerce and family use demonstrably reduce motor vehicle journeys. Secure storage is a challenge for all but those with the largest properties.

Shared micro-mobility

We strongly support dockless cycles as we believe they make a significant and growing contribution towards active travel. They are also bringing a much broader demographic towards cycling in Lewisham.

- Establish more than one viable supplier of dockless eCycles in the borough - ensuring riders have more than one option and there is effective price competition. Encourage alternative charging structures more oriented towards distance-charging as there is a concern that riders may be riding faster than necessary because they are trying to minimise their time-related costs.
- Extend dockless parking bay provision from one every 300m to more like one every 100m - this would improve parking behaviour and increase capacity for storage. Extending parking

bay provision should be built-in to all new/updated contracts with dockless cycle providers. Door to door convenience is one of the big attractions of these cycles so to be fully effective the bays need to be much closer together.

- Work together with TfL and all Dockless Operators to provide a standardised service area and parking rules across London.

Expand Cycle Training:

Fund more cycle training, particularly for adults for whom training has been very limited in Lewisham recently. With some targeted outreach to under-represented groups (women, older people, black and minority ethnic communities). Potentially requesting supplementary funding from dockless cycle providers to improve rider safety and road awareness. This is urgently needed for Lime riders who are particularly vulnerable in traffic on an unfamiliarly powerful machine.

Commercial Vehicle safety for Council operations and tenders

Sign up to Constructions Logistics and Community Safety (CLOCS) for all council run HGV operations (mainly waste management) and recognise both CLOCS and Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) in all new council procurement contracts, including them in their tendering process.

More effective use of Funding

Commit to at least 25% of capital funds for highway and street improvements funds to be allocated to the successful Active Travel Fund so that any public realm improvements include active travel spaces. This to be applied across the Council's portfolio including Planning developments (Section 106 & Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy), Highways, Regeneration/Environment, Local Implementation Plan (LIP) and Transport for London.