

## About Lewisham Cyclists

Lewisham Cyclists (LC) are the local borough group of the London Cycling Campaign (LCC) with more than 3000 supporters of whom over 650 are fully paid-up members of LCC. We speak up on behalf of everyone who cycles or wants to cycle in the London Borough of Lewisham and its adjacent local parks; and we speak up for a greener, healthier, happier and better-connected capital.

### **LC response to London Borough of Lewisham's (LBL) survey on plans to transform Riverdale Sculpture Park August 2025.**

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

*Lewisham Cyclists are pleased to see that Lewisham Council have secured significant funding to transform this underutilised and somewhat forgotten park.*

Currently the park is a little used dead-end which is run-down, particularly on the west side of the river, feels unloved and a bit intimidating. Given the presence of the river and the park's proximity to the Lewisham Shopping Centre and the Waterlink Way in Ladywell there is the potential to really open up the park and make it a very popular location for local residents to visit.

#### Key improvements we would like to see are:

- Ensure accessibility for all throughout the park including the bridges across the river.
- Clean the park up and restore the built environment throughout.
- Re-naturalise a section of the river in the park and allow public access to it. As has been done in Ladywell Fields middle park and Cornmill Gardens.
- Re-open the still extant, riverside path from Wearside Road to the Sculpture park. Creating a safe off-road walking and cycling route, suitable for families, from the Waterlink Way to the Molesworth Street cycle lanes and onwards to Lewisham Shopping Centre.
- Stopping the park being a dead end by linking it to through to Ladywell will encourage much more footfall and hence improve public safety.

We look forward to further engagement with the project team to help transform the park and its surrounding active travel links.

**Tim Collingridge (LC Secretary) pp LC Committee (22/8/25)**