

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Cllr Mark Ingleby (Lewisham Active Travel Champion), Brian Turpin, Judith Bassett, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Alasdair Morton.

Present online: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Renata Carvalho.

Apologies: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Mario Toraldo.

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
  - Last month's activity - report from Jane.
    - Dr Bike at Grove Park went ahead ok in July with activity building a little, but August Beckenham Place Park was cancelled due to lack of volunteers.
    - Dunwich Dynamo cycle offload went exceptionally well. Big thanks to all involved.
    - We supported the Winsford Rd play street with a Dr Bike - very busy.
    - Supported the Deptford Schools Bike Bus set up by Darren Reynolds at St Joseph's and Grinling Gibbons; that's been great fun! And reaching some very needy families. Darren is continuing to run it with these schools next term and I have said we may well be able to provide marshalling and maintenance support. Darren asked me to pass on thanks to Judith and Brian for their support
    - Rides have been more problematic to set up for August and September, but Fiona and Les have stepped in to lead a couple. I am not too worried these days about rides as many other organisations are leading all levels of rides these days: many other options out there for folk.
    - Queries in from Muhammad Rahmani at Youth First about working with YP's at Honor Oak Youth Club and from Natalie Playfair Community Development Lead (South L&Q Foundation - Thriving Places) about hosting a maintenance workshop. I am following up with both but we/they would need additional funding to take these forward.
  - It is demonstrably proving difficult to keep Facebook Events, LC Gmail Calendar and LCC Events coordinated for rides, which is potentially misleading for attendees. We discussed stopping putting rides on the LC Gmail Calendar as an experiment - this was agreed. We will need to adjust CIVI emails and the website to make it clear rides are only shown on Facebook and LCC Events page.
  - Upcoming rides (see our Facebook Events for info and [LCC Events](#) page to register for rides).
    - Folkestone Ride, 65miles - Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 8am - 5pm
    - Ashford Loop Ride, 60 miles - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Sep 810am (All day ride).
  - Upcoming Community Events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info and also [LCC Events](#) page).
    - Grove Park 'Fix & Ride' Bike Workshop - Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Aug 11am - 2pm.
    - Beckenham Place Park Dr Bike - Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sep 10am - 2pm.

- Possible Dr Bike @ Festival of Climate Action on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sep 11am - 5pm. Jane is not available that weekend but will check if any volunteers are available to staff a Dr Bike.  
This South East London Community Energy (SELCE) event may also be interesting for members, you can register here:  
<https://selce.org.uk/events/>
- Dr Bike @ Chinbrook Meadows 'Apple Day' Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Sep 130pm - 4pm.  
This whole event has been cancelled by the organisers due to a shortage of volunteers.
- Cold Blow Lane Play Street Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Sep.  
Jane is planning to attend this for a Dr Bike session.
- Topical Items.
  - Manifesto influencing for next local election in May 2025. Key points from meeting discussion:
    - Alex posted some proposed 'asks' to the committee - agreed to transfer these to Slack as a basis for group discussion.
    - The Greens have already shown interest in having a meeting with LC. Alex and one other to attend when we have finalised our 'asks'.
    - Labour have asked LC to complete an online form with our ideas. You can also tick a box 'do you want a meeting' which we should do.
    - We could send out a CIVI email asking members to put forward their views.
    - We should make our 'asks' consistent with our recent responses to the Active Travel Strategy targets.
    - We should present the same initial 'asks' to each party that we contact or contacts us. If we have a meeting with the party the asks can develop in a two-way discussion.
    - LCC guidance emphasises the benefits of meeting with representative(s) of the political party to craft an appropriate manifesto commitment they will sign up to. Also to endeavour to agree inclusion of a reference to a consistent joined-up cycle network.
    - Could Railway Crossings inaccessibility remediation feature in our asks? Not just from a walking and cycling angle but also for disability accessibility. Latest map is here:  
[https://umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/railway-crossing-accessibility\\_1252061#12/51.4299/-0.2012](https://umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/railway-crossing-accessibility_1252061#12/51.4299/-0.2012)
  - LC Treasurer's Ongoing Budget Report
    - See Appendix A
    - John reported that with our current level of activity and funding we will be OK financially into next year. This is good news, but we agreed in the meeting that we would still like to expand our community activities and for this we will need to apply for additional funding.
  - 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/>  
Current round closed on 25<sup>th</sup> June. In contradiction of what Alex suggested last month we have learnt that Grove Park Youth Club (GPYC)

didn't make a submission after all. Agreed we would assist them in making a submission to the next funding round.

- London City Airport Community Fund.  
Jane submitted an application online on 30<sup>th</sup> May. See document 'London City Airport Draft.docx' in LC Google Drive. Outcome expected in September.
- Walking and Cycling Grants London (WCGL)  
<https://wcgl.london/>  
Closes 8<sup>th</sup> September 10am. Jane will enquire with Alex & Rob why the joint GPYC/LC application failed last year to see if it is worth making another application this year.
- Lewisham Main Grants (2026-29)  
<https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/maingrants>  
Closes 6<sup>th</sup> October 5pm. Jane investigated these grants and apparently they only provide capital funding. We don't currently have a project needing capital funding so will not apply for these grants this time.

- Council liaison update
  - Cllr Mark mentioned the Sustainable Development meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September where Dockless Cycles are going to be discussed. He requested that LC submit our thoughts on these schemes and any improvements we think could be made to their operation. If possible, would like a representative e.g. Alex, to attend the meeting.
- Current consultations and planning applications (for information)
  - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
    - Riverdale Sculpture Park (Closes 24<sup>th</sup> Aug)  
<https://riverdalesculpturepark.commonplace.is/>  
We discussed how incorporating the re-opening of the riverside path between Wearside Road and the Sculpture Park in the project would provide a direct walking and cycling route between Waterlink Way (at Ladywell) and Molesworth Street (Lewisham Spine and Lewisham Shopping Centre). It would also stop the Sculpture Park being a dead-end and encourage much more footfall improving community safety aspects of the project. Cllr Mark said he would contact Ladywell and Lewisham Central Cllrs for their support in this approach.
- Attendees News & Views.
  - Item raised by Mario (in absentia).
    - Latest information on the closed section of walking and cycling path between Senegal Rd and Somerfield St near Millwall.
    - We believe this closure is expected to end in October 2025.
  - Jorge raised the issue of Cycleway 10 being obstructed between Crossfield St and Deptford High Street while paving works are proceeding outside St Joseph's Primary School. Cyclists Dismount signs are in place and the resultant path is very narrow. Jorge raised this with Lewisham Highways as it is not in line with the protocols for managing roadworks on key cycle routes. People on accessible cycles with a disability often cannot dismount so are blocked from using this major route. He has not received a satisfactory response. Cllr Mark said he would follow up with Highways.

- Jorge also asked if adult cycle training was again available in Lewisham after an extended period of unavailability? Jane checked the Cycle Confident website, and it appears there are now some slots on there.
- Meeting closed at 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 25 July 2025 ( for Main account)  |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| <b>Received to date</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Bank balance from end March 2025   |  |  |  |  |  | 4733                             |
| LCC grant  |  |  |  |  |  | 345                              |
| Dun Run Ex Gracia 2024 true up (inc. arrears from 2022/24)   |  |  |  |  |  | 1125                             |
| Bike sale  |  |  |  |  |  | 300                              |
| Donations (April to date)  |  |  |  |  |  | 844                              |
| Cargo Bike hire  |  |  |  |  |  | 100                              |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | <b>7447</b> <total rec'd to date |
| <b>Estimated or expected</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Donations for August March 2026 (say)  |  |  |  |  |  | 1600                             |
| Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists 2025  |  |  |  |  |  | 1200                             |
| Plus actual income to date   |  |  |  |  |  | 7447                             |
| Total actual + estimated income  |  |  |  |  |  | <b>10247</b>                     |
| <b>Expenditure</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| <b>Paid to date</b>  |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Mechanics costs for 3rd Sunday sessions at Grove Park April to June  |  |  |  |  |  | 270                              |
| Dr Bike events at The Field, Telegraph Hill festival & Beckenham Place Park  |  |  |  |  |  | 427                              |
| Grove Park garage rent March to June   |  |  |  |  |  | 600                              |
| DunRun unloading assistment  |  |  |  |  |  | 135                              |
| Toilet purchase for Grove Park   |  |  |  |  |  | 154                              |
| Google cloud   |  |  |  |  |  | 24                               |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | <b>1610</b> <total paid to date  |
| <b>Expected or estimated</b>   |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |
| Grove Park garage rent July to March 2026  |  |  |  |  |  | 1350                             |
| Grove Park 3rd Sunday mechanics costs July to March 2026   |  |  |  |  |  | 900                              |
| Further Dr Bike events - say 4 & 200 each  |  |  |  |  |  | 800                              |
| Consumables  |  |  |  |  |  | 700                              |
| Google Cloud & misc (say)  |  |  |  |  |  | 200                              |
| Total estimated future expenditure   |  |  |  |  |  | 3950                             |
| Plus actual expenditure to date  |  |  |  |  |  | 1610                             |
| Total actual + estimated expenditure   |  |  |  |  |  | <b>5560</b>                      |
| Estimated net worth at end March 2026 (£10247-£5560)   |  |  |  |  |  | <b>4687</b>                      |
| <div> <div>John Phillips</div> <div>25 July 2025</div> <div>(for August meeting)</div> </div> <div> <div>Actual Main Account bank balance at 25 July 2025</div> <div>£5,838</div> <div>Grant account bank balance is a residual £70</div> </div> |  |  |  |  |  |                                  |