

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Brian Turpin, Judith Bassett, Jorge Martinez Lopez, Smile (surname not given).

Present online: Mario Toraldo, John Phillips (Treasurer).

Apologies: Cllr Mark Ingleby (Lewisham Active Travel Champion),

The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Community Engagement & Rides.
 - Upcoming rides (see our Facebook Events for info and [LCC Events](#) page to register for rides).
 - Lesnes Abbey Ride Sat 8th Nov 10am.
 - Upcoming Community Events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info and also [LCC Events](#) page).
 - Grove Park 'Fix & Ride' Bike Workshop - Sun 16th Nov 11am - 2pm.
 - Beckenham Place Park (BPP) Dr Bike - Sun 7th Dec 10am - 2pm. BPP Dr Bike has now relocated to the BMX track area which is on the east side of the park near the Downham Gate on Old Bromley Road. Helping to support Roy who is running the BMX club once a month.
 - Jane and Roy have done a couple of Dr Bike sessions at Honor Oak Park Youth Club. Also investigating whether it could be a feasible location for a long-term workshop as they have a large secure shed.
- Topical Items.
 - Political Party Manifesto influencing for next local election in May 2026:
 - Alex & Tim met with Cllr Louise Krupski and Jack from the Labour Party on 29th Oct. Alex walked them through a PowerPoint presentation covering our proposed Pledges for the local elections. In practise our Asks are broadly in line with the objectives defined in the recently approved Active Travel Strategy. However, we are asking them to progress most elements faster than their current plans.
 - You can access the presentation and the Pledges via this website post <https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/lewisham-council-local-elections-may-2026/>
 - Judith and Tim are meeting with the Green Party on Mon 17th Nov.
 - Treasurer's Ongoing Budget Report (See Appendix A) - Comments from John:
 - "As you can see from the Ongoing Budget report it is estimated we shall have a slightly smaller end-of-year balance at the end of this financial year as compared with last (2024/25) year. On the face of this we could cut down our activities a little in 2026/27 to remain solvent in that forthcoming year.
 - However, during the current financial year we received a one-off payment of £1125 from Southwark Cyclists as arrears from 2022/24 which will not be repeated. Thus, our likely overspend and consequent deficit in 2026/27 would be in the region of maybe £1750 or so. We

would thus be insolvent and have no money to spend by autumn/early winter of 2026.

- The alternatives will be either obtaining a grant or a major cutting down of our ongoing activities or a sufficient response to our newly launched GoFundMe appeal. I am sorry to have to bring you this depressing news, John.”
- We discussed these financial issues at length in the meeting without coming to any firm conclusions. Some specific ideas for fund-raising were floated:
 - Doing Br Bikes for other commercial organizations. As we did for CycleHoop recently returning a small profit.
 - Refurbish and sell all the cycles we currently have stored in Grove Park. Aiming to make modest profits rather than selling near cost.
 - Do more Dr Bikes without paid mechanics - requires more skilled members to volunteer their time.
 - Do some direct fund raising e.g. at next Cold Blow Lane play street event.
 - Sell the Christiania cargo trike. We have been having issues getting people to commit to renting it recently so have not made much revenue from it while spending a fair amount of time on fruitless admin.
- **It was agreed to have a separate funding meeting in December to consider options in more detail and define a strategy for next year.**
- For information - LCC Finance procedural recommendations (email from Dave Sellers 29/10/25):
 - Cash collected during an activity should be counted by more than one person. The amount then jointly communicated to the Treasurer with a record kept of the communication. Cash safely transferred into the groups bank account/petty cash.
 - Income and Expenditure. All income and expenditure should be reported separately without netting off. This is most often applicable to income received where a fee is paid. The gross income should be recorded as income with the fees recorded as expenditure.
- LC funding options:
 - LCC Lime Share the Joy (STJ) fund. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25. <https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>
Still to decide whether to work with Grove Park Youth Club or other local organisations e.g. Youth First, in making a submission to the next round when it opens. Next submission window is 10th Feb to 10th Mar.
 - **Judith volunteered to help out with writing and making the STJ submission.**
 - LC GoFundMe appeal - work in progress, not available for donations yet. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/lewisham-cyclists-fix-and-ride>
 - London City Airport Community Fund.
Jane submitted an application online on 30th May. We heard last month

that we were unsuccessful in our application. Comments received, which may just be a standard response, were:

- When submitting applications to the LCY Community Fund, we would like to encourage you to ensure you showcase well how your project meets the funding criteria/s, as well as the below.
 - Importance of the project and why it is needed.
 - Emphasising local residents' involvement.
 - How you intend to ensure it is inclusive to all members of the community.
 - How the projects impact will be measured.
- Solve the School Run - organising a demo at Haberdashers Hatcham Primary in New Cross (SE14 5RD) on 6th Nov at 0820hrs. Various meeting attendees indicated they would join the demo. <https://www.solvetheschoolrun.org/>
- Council liaison update
 - Items covered in meeting with Darren Gotch on 30th Oct:
 - Deptford Church Street expected to be completed and fully open before Xmas.
 - C10 closure at Senegal Rd due to Community Heating scheme works. Project has suffered delays due to Network Rail. Now due to finish 15th Dec.
 - Southend Lane Toucan on Waterlink Way - remaining works on Fambridge Close - removal of railings, double-yellows and installation of bollards are programmed for next couple of weeks. Members have been complaining about very long wait times on Toucan. **Tim to investigate and feedback to Darren.**
 - Brockley Rise - new Tiger crossing planned at Harefield Rd/Coulgate St.
 - New Cross to Crofton Park cycle route planned for construction next year.
 - Brookmill Rd - new Zebra crossing planned to south of junction with Friendly St. Wide enough to become a Tiger crossing in the future.
 - Baring Rd - new Zebra crossing planned to north of junction with Coopers Lane. Not a Tiger crossing due to pavement width limitations and funding constraints. We asked him to review possibility of widening pavements as crossing is on the line of one of the Active Travel Strategy cycle routes via Railway Children Walk.
 - Active Travel Strategy Cycle Routes - expecting to complete detailed designs for two this Financial Year (FY). Then construct these two next FY and design the next two for construction in FY+1.
- Current consultations and planning applications
 - Brian briefed the meeting on the Lewisham Shopping Centre redevelopment planning application. This was recently approved by the Council. Before the approval we had wide-reaching discussions with Jon @ Landsec plus Cllr Krupski and Lewisham Officers highlighting the need for the development plans to address the extreme difficulty in cycling safely East-West through the Town Centre. Brian has analysed the planning report and believes these issues are potentially addressed as Reserved Matters (for ongoing discussion) in the Planning Consent and through the provision of £5M Section 106 funding in a Town Centre Improvement fund.
- Attendees News & Views.
 - Judith mentioned the new Perry Hill Toucan and Woolstone Road Tiger crossings and made the point that the Council should have consulted with the

local schools before implementing them. For future projects engaging with local schools could be an effective way to get to a significant number of local people without doing a time-consuming formal consultation.

- Mario reported that Kender Street outside Kender Primary School has been transformed into a very nice 24/7 play street.
- Mario also requested that we ask Lewisham Council about plans for the Pagnell Street crossing from Fordham Park towards New Cross station. Previously Darren has suggested that it could be upgraded to a Zebra/Tiger or a signalised Toucan crossing.
- Brian suggested that, as we don't have a regular monthly meeting during December, we should organise a Xmas Drinks instead. Possibly in the refurbished Catford Constitutional if it is open by then.
- Meeting closed at 8pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 7th January at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford. **N.B. There is no Monthly Meeting in December.**

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Appendix A - Treasurer's Ongoing Budget report

Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2025/26 as at 30 October (for Main account)							
<u>Income</u>							
Received to date							
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)						1443	
Cargo Bike hire						100	
						8046	< total rec'd to date
Estimated or expected							
Donations for November to March 2026 (say)						700	
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists 2025						1200	
						Plus actual income to date	8046
						Total actual + estimated income	9946
<u>Expenditure</u>							
Paid to date							
Mechanics costs for 3rd Sunday sessions at Grove Park April to June						450	
Dr Bike events at The Field, Telegraph Hill festival & Beckenham Place Park etc						1009	
Grove Park garage rent March to Sept						1050	
DunRun unloading assistment						135	
Consumables						55	
Purchases for Grove Park -Toilrt .table,chairs, banner						547	
Google cloud						50	
						3296	< total paid to date
Expected or estimated							
Grove Park garage rent Oct to March 2026						900	
Grove Park 3rd Sunday mechanics costs Oct to March 2026						630	
Further Dr Bike events - say 3 & 200 each						600	
Consumables						250	
Google Cloud & misc (say)						200	
						Total estimated future expenditure	2580
						Plus actual expenditure to date	3296
						Total actual + estimated expenditure	5876
Estimated net worth at end March 2026 (£9946-£5876)						4070	
John Phillips			Actual Main Account bank balance at 30 Oct 2025 £4,751 Grant account bank balance is a residual £70				
30 Oct 2025							
(forNovember meeting)							