



LEWISHAM
CYCLISTS

January 2026 Newsletter

from the local group of the
London Cycling Campaign in Lewisham

Key cycle track opens in Deptford



After almost a year of construction work, the much anticipated protected cycle track on Deptford Church Street (DCS) opened in mid-December. In celebration, Mayor Dacres, Deputy Mayor Krupski, Will Norman (London Walking and Cycling Commissioner), Lewisham Cyclists and Project Team

members recently attended a ride-over and photo call along the route:
Lewisham Council Press Release

The track, designated part of Cycleway 18 (C18), now links Cycleway 4 (Tower Bridge - Greenwich) with Deptford Bridge (Waterlink Way) for routes to Lewisham and beyond.

This useful [London Cycle Routes video](#) shows how to utilise C18 for your ride to the West End.

The new track also links to Cycleway 10, a popular route towards Bermondsey. You told us of some signage confusion where these cross and we've "snagged" this with Lewisham Council.

We campaigned for this DCS track for a number of years once it became clear that half the road would be closed to traffic for Thames Tideway sewer construction works. Massive thanks to Lewisham Council for recognising this opportunity for active travel improvements, pulling together the funding and the enthusiastic team to deliver the project.

This is also the first completed section of the proposed Lewisham Spine, a safe active travel route from Deptford to Downham via Lewisham and Catford. We will now campaign to extend the Spine to central Lewisham via Brookmill Road, and further along the A21 to Catford, a route which is already popular with people on cycles.



Waterlink Way Bridge replacement

After many years of campaigning, the old wooden bridge over the River Pool on the Waterlink Way (WW) is being replaced with a new structure. The old bridge had subsided and was becoming hazardous and difficult to ride over as well as being too narrow for pedestrians and cyclists to share the space comfortably.

Work is expected to take 12 weeks with a diversionary route being signed from February along Perry Hill and Catford Hill then back onto WW via the small park on Catford Hill to regain the Catford Bridge underpass near Halfords.



New 'Tiger' crossing on Pagnell Street

Last month's new crossings have now been supplemented with another cycle-friendly tiger crossing at Pagnell Street improving safety for all users between Fordham Park and New Cross Station. This is a very busy shared active travel route and Pagnell Street is often busy with commuter traffic.



Cycleway 10 reopens at Millwall

Cycleway 10 to the rear of the Millwall stadium is now fully open again following a lengthy programme of utility works.

Unfortunately since it reopened we've seen illegal car parking along the shared track in Senegal Road which makes passing tricky for people on cycles. The Council is aware but if you encounter this, please take a photo and report via the Love Clean Streets mobile app or [website](#).



January & February Rides and Events

Rides

[Find details on our rides on the London Cycling Campaign events calendar](#) where you can select our events only with a search for "Lewisham".

Or join our [Facebook Group](#) and look at the events there.

Dr Bikes and Maintenance Workshops

Sunday 1st February 10am-2pm: Dr Bike @ Beckenham Place Park by the BMX track.

Sunday 15th February 11am-2pm: [Fix and Ride Community Workshop Session @ Grove Park Youth Club](#) A Dr Bike and "a little bit more". Grove Park Youth Club, Marvels Lane, SE12 9PR.

[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 4th February at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre (also online via Google Meet). Hope to see you there...

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



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