

Record of Monthly Meeting of Lewisham Cyclists (LC) at Lewisham Civic Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 6.30pm

Present: Tim Collingridge (Secretary), Brian Turpin, Mario Toraldo, Cllr Mark Ingleby (Lewisham Active Travel Champion).

Present online: Jane Davis (Community Engagement & Rides Coordinator), Christopher Mahon.

Apologies: Alex Raha (LC Coordinator), Judith Barrett, John Phillips (Treasurer).

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).
    - London Explorer (Kings Cross Coal Drops Yard) - Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 10am
  - Upcoming Community Events (see our [calendar](#) for latest info and also [LCC Events](#) page).
    - Grove Park 'Fix & Ride' Bike Workshop - Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am - 2pm.
    - Beckenham Place Park BMX Track Dr Bike - Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 10am - 2pm.
  - The Telegraph Hill Festival organisation has received funding for their 'Upcycling Academy' and have asked LC if we wish to be involved. Starting with refurbishing the cycles they have in their shipping container. Also attending the Telegraph Hill Festival, as we did last year. We are keen to be involved, and Jane will continue discussions with them.
  - Jane mentioned that she has had some discussions with Lewisham Council regarding our potential use of the Ladywell Fields Adventure Playground facility where there are a couple of shipping containers. However it looks like they actually wish to find an operator for the whole facility which obviously is not appropriate for us! Cllr Mark said that Lewisham have received £528K 'Better Youth Spaces' funding for Adventure Playgrounds etc. some of which is expected to go to Ladywell Fields. Cllr Edison Huynh is leading this project.
- Topical Items.
  - Recent issues to be discussed:
    - Cycleway 10 - robbery in Folkestone Gardens.
      - Cllr Rudi Schmidt (Evelyn) has told us he will raise this incident with the Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team (SNT). Mario mentioned that the Sanford Housing Co-op (just off Cold Blow Lane) were very concerned as well. Apparently the email for the SNT is [newcrossgate.snt@metpolice.uk](mailto:newcrossgate.snt@metpolice.uk) if anyone wants to contact them directly.
    - Cycleway 10 - pavement parking in Senegal Road.
      - We've raised this again with Darren Gotch @ Lewisham Highways, asking for parking enforcement officers to visit and bollards to be installed. If members could report any illegally parked vehicles via the Love Clean Streets app this should also trigger enforcement action from Lewisham Parking.
    - Waterlink Way confluence bridge replacement - diversionary route from February 2026 for 12 weeks.

- Tim to chase Darren regarding the detail of this route.
- New Deptford Church Street (DCS) cycle tracks - 'snagging' points and celebratory CIVI mailout.
  - We have raised a number of points with Darren regarding the detailed working of the new scheme. One of the key ones is the confusing design when cycling northbound on the main carriageway at the Reginald Rd/Creekside junction and the other is the long delay on the cycle track lights at the Bronze St/Coffey St junction.
  - Brian agreed to prepare a CIVI email to local members to celebrate the opening of the DCS scheme
- Political Party Manifesto influencing for next local election in May 2026:
  - Before Xmas LC representatives attended a couple of events to put forward our election 'asks': [https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/leisham-council-local-elections-may-2026/](https://lewishamcyclists.org.uk/lewisham-council-local-elections-may-2026/)
    - A Green party community manifesto meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November.
    - A meeting with Lewisham Labour on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
    - We haven't heard anything further from either party since then. No other party has contacted us yet to set up similar discussions.
- Treasurer's Ongoing Budget Report (see Appendix A)
  - John's comment: "Our overall financial position remains the same. We are OK this financial year but are likely to be stretched in 2026/27"
- LC funding options:
  - LCC Lime Share the Joy fund. Four rounds of funding through 2024/25. <https://lcc.org.uk/share-the-joy-fund/>
    - We discussed whether to work with Grove Park Youth Club (GPYC) or another local organisation e.g. Beckenham Place Park (BPP) BMX track, in making a submission to the next round when it opens. Next submission window is 10<sup>th</sup> Feb to 10<sup>th</sup> Mar.
    - Given the somewhat 'arms-length' relationship with GPyC the meeting favoured working with BPP BMX however they have not yet established a constituted group or opened a bank account. Jane is going to discuss further with Roy and see if they can get a group established and involve some of the parents whose children currently attend the sessions.
  - LC GoFundMe appeal - work in progress, not available for donations yet. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/leisham-cyclists-fix-and-ride>  
Jane is going to follow up with John whether we have successfully linked the GoFundMe account to our 'Grant' bank account before we start promoting it.
- Council liaison update
  - Tim and Brian attended the official DCS opening event which was attended by Mayor Brenda Dacres, Deputy Mayor Louise Krupski, Will Norman (London Walking and Cycling Commissioner), Cllr Will Cooper (Evelyn), Cllr Rosie Parry

(Deptford), Darren Gotch (Lewisham Project Manager for the scheme) amongst others. <https://lewisham.gov.uk/articles/news/major-new-cycling-route-for-deptford-church-street>

- Cllr Mark mentioned that there may be issues with a few of our planned meeting dates:
  - March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting will clash with the Full Council meeting so we will need to find an alternative venue e.g. RUSS in Ladywell.
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be during electoral ‘purdah’ so Councillors will not be able to attend, however we are OK to have the meeting in the Civic Centre.
  - May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. At previous elections it hasn’t been possible to access the Civic Centre on the day before the election. The Mayoral and Council election is on 7<sup>th</sup> May. So, we may need to book an alternative venue then as well.
- Current consultations and planning applications
  - Members are encouraged to respond to these:
    - Lewisham Retail Park (Matalan Site) has been submitted but not yet approved by Lewisham Planning. We will be compiling a group response.
- Attendees News & Views.
  - Mario mentioned that the Pagnell Street Tiger crossing is complete (apart from powering up the Belisha beacons). Providing pedestrian & cyclist priority at this crossing between Fordham Park and New Cross station has been a long-term objective of the group.
  - Mario also told us about the plans for this year’s Hatcham Festival (in New Cross) on the weekend of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September. They are intending to have a Cinema, Art Exhibition, Play Street (Cold Blow Lane) etc. Mario said it would be great if LC could have a stall and Dr Bike.
- Meeting closed at 745pm.

The next Monthly Meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm at Lewisham Civic Centre in Catford.

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## Appendix A - Treasurers Ongoing Budget Report

<b>Lewisham Cyclists Ongoing Budget for 2025/26 as at 29 December ( for Main account)</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Received to date</b>			
Bank balance from end March 2025			4733
LCC grant			345
DunRun Ex Gracia 2024 true up (inc. arrears from 2022/24)			1125
Bike sale			300
Donations (April to date)			1944
Cargo Trike hire			100
			<b>8547</b> < total rec'd to date
<b>Estimated or expected</b>			
Donations for January to March 2026 (say)			400
Payment for DunRun unloading assistance ex. Southwark Cyclists 2025			1200
		Plus actual income to date	<b>8547</b>
		Total actual + estimated income	<b>10147</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<b>Paid to date</b>			
Mechanics costs for 3rd Sunday sessions at Grove Park April to October			666
Dr Bike events at The Field, Telegraph Hill festival & Beckenham Place Park etc			1135
Grove Park garage rent March to Nov			1350
DunRun unloading assistance			276
Consumables			55
Purchases for Grove Park -Toilet, table, chairs, banner			286
Cargo Trike maintenance			124
Google cloud			60
			<b>3952</b> < total paid to date
<b>Expected or estimated</b>			
Grove Park garage rent Dec to March 2026			600
Grove Park 3rd Sunday mechanics costs Jan to March 2026			270
Further Dr Bike events - say 3 @ 200 each			600
Consumables			250
Google Cloud & misc (say)			200
		Total estimated future expenditure	<b>1920</b>
		Plus actual expenditure to date	<b>3952</b>
		Total actual + estimated expenditure	<b>5872</b>
		Estimated net worth at end March 2026 (£10147-£5872)	<b>4596</b>
John Phillips		Actual Main Account bank balance at 29 Dec 2025	
29 Dec 2025		£4,751	
(for January meeting)		Grant account bank balance is a residual £70	