

Lewisham Cyclists minutes

Date: 16.1.08 – Dog and Bell, Prince Street, London SE8 3JD

Present: Ian Pendleton, Paul Taylor, John Phillips, Carole Crankshaw

Minutes taken by: Paul Taylor

One Lewisham Fund

Grant application has been submitted by deadline. Decision expected by end of month. Paul to then report back.

PT

Constitution

A draft version was used for One Lewisham application but agreed at last meeting that a more permanent one needed. John presented a new draft. Agreed that for purposes of voting funds a simple majority of management committee needed. Chair to have casting vote. If Chair not present, a person will be nominated as chair.

AGM

Roger has suggested via emails February 20 at Civic Suite. Paul to get back to Roger and to tell him to go ahead with making arrangements and inviting local politicians. John informed us that is acceptable to announce this on the web page and to the list.

PT

Lewisham Sustainability Fair

Effectively an internal event for Lewisham Council employees,. Roger and Carole will be attending. Ian also hopes to go along.

New Cross Gate event

Both Ian and Paul made it clear that they are away at the time and cannot do it. No-one else from meeting willing to commit to attending. As per decision at meeting last year, we need a core of Lewisham Cyclists to commit before being able to solicit help from list.

Removal of cycles by local councils

This issue has recently been covered in the media, relating to potential new powers for councils to remove what they consider to be obstructive cycles.

Carole Crankshaw as Lewisham's Cycling Officer looked into this and reported back on Lewisham Council's attitude to these powers. Carole thanked for very fast response – minuted here as agreed:

"I discussed this with our Head of Transport. Lewisham's policy would be, not to remove bicycles by this law without first providing adequate cycle parking for cyclists across the Borough. And not to remove them without prior warning and only if considered unreasonable to be left, after warnings, due to perceived blockage of the highway or of a pedestrian way.

Highways already have the ability to use the law to remove blockage from a highway, but rarely uses it on bicycles, as it is rarely necessary to do so.

Where cycles are using barriers to lock bikes, an alternative will be provided, i.e. Sheffield racks.

I am assured we will take only reasonable action as a Borough."

Trailer

Decided at earlier meeting that axle connecting version probably best and that we should have two hitching systems. Folding trailer may also be advisable – see below re storage. Ian to investigate and report back to meeting.

IP

Trailer storage

Carole reported back that Council cannot store planned new trailer. Paul agreed to store it in his garage but stressed that two people will always be needed to take it from the garage and return it due to extreme slope.

PT

Literature

Paul will also store this. Ian and Paul to arrange transferring it from Doug.

PT/IP

Our Gazebo

Currently stored by Doug. Once new storage sorted, to arrange transfer.

PT/IP

Sourcing new literature/freebies for community event stand

Currently very low on literature for community stands apart from soon-to-be superseded London cycling maps. More literature and freebie give-aways (particularly child friendly ones) needed.

Paul to get substantial quantities of all of latest edition of London cycling maps.)

PT

According to visitor to People's Day stand, LCC apparently has certain amount of older literature which it can give us. Paul to arrange to collect it if it still available.

PT

Carole reported that Roger Stocker has sourced some literature and bottles. Paul to arrange to collect and store.

PT

Cycle theft analysis information

Carole to source Lewisham figures within this and report back. Lewisham Cyclists to then raise as an issue, helping Carole to influence Lewisham Council to take appropriate measures. Carole to email this information to Ian P so that it can be read on the web site.

CK

People's Day

Kept on minutes as marker for next year - next year when we discuss arrangements with Lewisham Council we will endeavour to get Lewisham Council to agree to supervise the Bike park with its own security staff (*retained from July 2007*)

Kender Street Triangle

Ian went to public exhibition. Reported back that despite objections from some residents, he considered the plans to be generally positive for cyclists.

Borough Cycling Provision Reccies

Ian announced that every 2 months he intends to do a reccie with Carole Crankshaw of the latest moves in the Borough's cycling provision.

Treasurer's report

Lewisham Cyclist currently has a substantial surplus.

Next meeting

February is AGM. Next normal meeting Wednesday March 19, 7:30 pm – Dog and Bell, Prince Street, London SE8 3JD.