

# Lewisham Cyclists AGM

## Minutes

**Date:** 18.02.09 – Catford Town Hall

**Present:** John Phillips, Tom Crispin, Paul Taylor, Jane Davis, Ian Pendleton  
Carole Crankshaw, Roger Stocker, Mike Keogh (Lewisham councillor),  
Brendan Cuddy, Katie Collis

**Apologies:** Ian White, Barry Mason, Sue Luxton, Darren Johnson

**Minutes taken by:** Jane Davis

### Minutes of Last AGM

Read and agreed

### Co-ordinator's update

The group continues to run a very full and varied rides programme for all ages and abilities. We also ran a successful Bike Week, with rides throughout the week and we continue to maintain a presence at a range of local community events, including Brockley Fayre, Bike and Kite and People's Day. The website continues to be well visited, with up to 500 visits a day, and over a 100,000 hits a month. There had been an attempt to get funding for professionally led rides, but this had been rejected. The coordinator also felt we had built a good relationship with the borough's cycling officer, and thanked Carole Crankshaw for her part in working towards this and her hard work within the council. The co-ordinator informed the meeting he would be standing down this year, but would continue to manage the website. The meeting was unanimous in thanking Ian for this and all his hard work as coordinator to date.

Roger Stocker said that Lewisham council had not supported the introduction of motorcycles using bus lanes, but were still not showing any signs of introducing the salary sacrifice bicycle loan scheme, which we would support.

### Treasurer's report

See separate sheet

### Election of Committee

Roger Stocker; Chair

Katie Collis; Coordinator

John Phillips; Treasurer

Jane Davis; Secretary

Ian Pendleton; Webmaster

All of the above were nominated, seconded and elected unopposed

### AOB

Ian Pendleton informed the meeting that a Flickr account was now running where the Lewisham rides photo library could be archived.

Roger Stocker recommended we begin sending information about the group's activities to London cyclist for inclusion in the Borough News section.

There was some discussion over the difficulties of raising and maintaining funding, with special reference to Tom Crispin's attempts to run cycle training in Lewisham schools, developing his successful work with years 5 and 6. TFL have withdrawn funding this year. Lewisham and Greenwich young Cyclists began its rides

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programme this year and it is hoped that an article in the Newsshopper will raise the group's profile locally.

There was also discussion about the recent attacks on cyclists on the Waterlink Way. Carole Crankshaw has spoken to the police and they are increasing patrols in the area.

This led to a discussion of bicycle thefts and Lewisham Police's policy on this. Roger Stocker pointed out his was not consistent throughout all London police departments- Lewisham use the stolen bikes register.

Mike Keogh informed the meeting that the future of the Lewisham Gateway Development was in doubt- due to current economic climate. He has asked for details about the money already spent on the project. There will be a meeting with the architects to discuss a possible smaller scale development.

The Treasurer requested an increase in the pool of signatories for the group's bank. At the moment, the only signatures allowed are his and the Chair's. He requested two more be added so that if he or the Chair are not available, this will not cause problems if funds need to be accessed. The motion was presented that the Secretary and Coordinator be added to the list of signatures for the account and this was passed.

Katie Collis has taken on the post of Sustran's liaison officer in the borough as Roger Stocker can no longer do this.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

