Southwark Cyclists zoom meeting

11 January 2023

Attendance: Simon, Bruce, Amy, Hugh

Apologies: Derek, Daniel, Gareth, Tom, Mike

1. Draft Southwark Sustainable Transport Strategy
* At end of December 2022, Southwark launched their draft Sustainable Transport Strategy. SC had a lunchtime meeting earlier that day to discuss it.
* General Southwark Cyclists (SC) impression: lots of good words but we want to see an implementation plan with targets and deadlines. We are mindful the Council is stretched but also aware of the progress being made in Lambeth.
* Bruce noted the problem of inequity in cycling with very few women, especially women of colour, cycling; and how in Birmingham they were giving bikes to those who couldn’t afford it Southwark used to have a very cheap loan scheme.
* Amy mentioned the need for more priority given to reducing speed.
* 23 Jan - Southwark Sustainable Transport Strategy - f2f workshop hosted by the Council. Simon, Jeremy, Amy and Laurie Johnston (SLS) are attending. Consultation on the STS ends on 5/2.
* SC proposing open mic Zoom on Weds 18 Jan
1. Newsletter suggestions
* Southwark Sustainable Transport Strategy
* Healthy Rides. Bruce mentioned the popularity of the Henry Moore sculpture ride which was sold out on Dec 31st and the repeat for Jan 14th is also sold out.
* Bruce is also organising another Ride Leader’s training session (1000-1530 on a Saturday or Sunday--date in late March/early April not yet set). Cost to SC is @£250.
* Dulwich Dynamo 2023.This is happening and tickets will be available in February.
1. Dangerous Junctions and A3
* Several interested in starting a Dangerous Junction campaign, focusing on the A3 between Elephant and London Bridge. Two cyclists seriously injured in RTCs in the last few months at the Borough Station junction. This whole stretch of road needs attention. Hugh thought the worst problem was going south, with drivers coming northwest and he often saw near misses. Simon also mentioned the problem with leaving the protected cycle lane and having to overtake buses.
* Simon has emailed both Will Norman and Southwark Councillors about it.
* LCC has been asked if their Dangerous Junction campaign can be extended to include this.
1. Joint Cycle Stakeholder Group meeting (Zoom)
* This meeting is due to be held on 13 January, after being cancelled in December, but further details have not yet been sent.
* We need to find out more about the Cycling Action Plan being developed this year by the Council.
* We want to ask about the recent cycle serious injury collisions and any concerns they have about the A3 stretch mentioned above. We could ask for a site visit with them.
* We also want to ask how many speed enforcement requests Southwark Council have submitted to TfL/MPS under the London Borough Speed Enforcement Request Scheme (Lewisham has submitted lots).
1. Community Road Watch (CRW)
* This has restarted and there is a new police coordinator. Contact George.Stanlick@met.police.uk
1. London Cycle Theft Reduction Partnership Initiative
* This is being launched on 21 February. Simon and Amy attending, along with reps from Hammersmith & Fulham, Lambeth, Hackney. It will be rolled out across London later.  It is intended as “a collaborative group with representation from the Councils, cycle users, retailers, Transport for London and the Police” to bring about measurable and sustained reductions in thefts, while supporting the uptake and ongoing numbers of people using bicycles. Activity will focus around Education, Engagement, Environment and Enforcement.

1. Other
* TfL are currently consulting on proposed changes to London Bridge and Borough High Street, until 27 Jan, see [London Bridge and Borough High Street walking and cycling changes | Have Your Say Transport for London](https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/london-bridge-borough)
* Cycleway 4--this is going ahead, starting from the Rotherhithe Tunnel Roundabout and is causing congestion.
1. Next meeting
* We will try and find a meeting room so we can meet face to face in February.