



## **LEWISHAM CYCLISTS: CLIMATE SAFE STREETS CAMPAIGN**

We're calling on the next leader of Lewisham Council to make an urgent commitment to deliver #ClimateSafeStreets.

The 2022 council elections are a fundamental point on London's zero-carbon journey. Road transport emissions are the largest and most stubborn source of London's emissions and borough councils control 95% of the city's roads. We need a strong commitment from all our borough councils now – that's why we're calling on Lewisham Council to play a full and fair part in cutting road transport emissions and ensuring London becomes a zero-carbon city by 2030.

## **LEWISHAM AND THE CLIMATE**

Lewisham has declared a climate emergency and is aiming to be a carbon neutral borough by 2030. Transport represents 25% of their CO2 emissions and tackling this is a central focus of their transport strategies and programmes. Their policies and strategies align with the Mayor's Transport Strategy, with the aim of reducing car dependency and promoting active travel. Over a quarter of a million journeys in the borough every year can be cycled, yet 94% of these trips are currently made by other modes. Their transport actions go into great detail and can be viewed in their [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#).

In light of Lewisham Council's current approach towards addressing the climate crisis, we're requesting the following asks of the council's next leader to ensure that their roads are decarbonised by 2030.

## **LEWISHAM CYCLISTS' ASKS**

### **1. Safe inclusive cycle routes: protected cycle lanes on main roads, quiet cycle routes through Liveable Neighbourhoods, and safe junctions**

- Main road protected cycle lanes (10Km)
  - Deptford Church St, Brookmill Road, A21 Lewisham to Downham, Baring Road, Burnt Ash Hill, Southend Lane, Catford Bridge Cantilevered Bridge

- Quiet cycle routes through Liveable Neighbourhoods
  - New/incomplete routes – Catford to Forest Hill via Elm Lane, Canal Approach (Deptford Parks Liveable Neighbourhood (DPLN)), Cycleway 14 completion (Deptford), Kent House to Greenwich Cycleway completion
  - Ensure route continuity with protected main road crossings (x5) priorities amongst others - Southend Lane (signalised), Mount Pleasant Road (tiger), Catford Hill (tiger), Canadian Avenue (tiger), Grinstead Road (DPLN) (signalised/tiger)

## **2. Liveable Neighbourhoods: climate safe streets, school streets and urban realm fit for the future**

- Climate safe streets to enable shift to active travel transport modes and enhanced public realm
  - School streets, secure cycle parking (300 additional cycle hangars)
  - Localised modal filters
  - One-way street conversions for two-way cycling (20 conversions)

## **3. Embrace shared micro-mobility schemes across the borough**

- Bring TfL London Hire Bikes docking station(s) to the Deptford area.
  - Funded from S106 contributions from the massive, but poorly connected, Convoys Wharf development and other local developments.
  - Capitalizing on the recent construction of Cycleway 4 and the proposed segregated cycle track on Deptford Church Street.
- Support the growth of dockless bicycles and current trials of eScooters.
  - Introduce regulations to manage their safe parking and work collaboratively with neighbouring boroughs, and TfL, to ensure services are continuous across borough boundaries.

## **4. Create a dedicated active travel fund end stop-start delivery of projects**

- To be funded from a defined proportion of Highways budget plus contributions from S106 and NCIL Borough-wide funds.
  - Additional to TfL LIP funding which is not currently assured.
  - Enable an ongoing pipeline of active travel schemes. Eliminate historic stop/start in these activities.

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