

Manifesto – Simon Saville

LCC Board of Trustees Election 2022



I have been a cyclist for as long as I can remember and a resident of London for 12 years. I joined Southwark Cyclists through their Healthy Rides scheme and then volunteered as a Climate Safe Streets Champion for the May local election. That work continues as we build relationships with key Councillors and lobby them for better cycling infrastructure, more LTNs, more bike storage and - ultimately - for an acceleration of their Climate Action Plan.

I'm keen to get involved as a LCC Trustee, and my background means that I have a lot to offer. Before I took early retirement, I worked at senior leadership levels in a large multinational company, focusing on marketing, communications and public relations. I led large teams, managed large budgets, delivered on projects and built expertise in leadership, risk management, strategic planning and organisational change.

Since retiring early a few years ago, I have focused my time on the environment in London and have become increasingly involved and concerned about climate change and our collective lack of action. Addressing the climate crisis means fewer cars on the roads and much more cycling. But that will require major change: more - and safer - cycling routes; more cycle storage facilities; more traffic-free or low-traffic neighbourhoods; and smart road-user charging for a start.

I lived and worked for 6 years in The Netherlands, so I have first-hand experience of how cycling and walking can be made part of everyday life. I know that it can be done - it's just a matter of political will, as progress in some London boroughs shows.

I am a volunteer and trustee for Butterfly Conservation - a £5m national charity that supports butterflies, moths and the habitats that they rely on. I encourage people to enjoy and improve the green spaces near where they live. I Chair the trustees' Audit and Risk Committee, and my experience as a trustee for 5 years will be directly relevant to LCC.

I am a Ranger for London National Park City, which is a movement that seeks to make London greener, healthier and wilder.

I am a founder member of Southwark Nature Action Volunteers, a group of people and organisations aiming to improve green spaces in Southwark for all wildlife - and people. I am a supporter and volunteer for Extinction Rebellion (XR Southwark), lobbying the local council to take morfe action for climate change - especially active travel.

In 2020, I cycled solo from Land's End to John o'Groats, raising over £30,000 for Butterfly Conservation in the process.

LCC members nominating this candidate: Suami Rocha (Proposer) and David Stoker (Seconder)