

CYCLE ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

MEETING NOTES – 18TH APRIL 2018

PRESENT: Cllr. Nick Davies (Chair)
Mike Cherry – Bikeability
Chris Walsh – Wheelrights
David Naylor – Wheelrights
Ben George – City & County of Swansea

1. MATTERS ARISING

- 1.1. DN advised that the Wheelrights Routes Group had finished assessing the Integrated Network Map Routes and Wheelrights intended to submit these to the Council for consideration in the next few months. BG advised that it would be helpful to have sight of these proposals in early Autumn 2018 in order to influence the bids to the Welsh Governments Capital Grant Funding Pots for 2019/20. **BG agreed to supply the Active Travel Act audit toolkit to allow Wheelrights to provisionally score the routes.**
- 1.2. ND queried whether progress had been made with the Wales Housing Quality Standards funding pots. **BG agreed to chase this matter and report back to the Group.**
- 1.3. ND commented that he had not made enquiries regarding the WREN funding and agreed to do so.

2. LOCAL TRANSPORT FUND 2018/19

- 2.1. BG advised the group that the City & County of Swansea had received a very favourable allocation of funding from the Local Transport Fund and Local Transport Network Fund for 2018/19. This funding allocation will allow the delivery of four principal schemes – South West Wales Metro; Fabian Way Improvements; Active Travel Scheme Development and Strategic Bus Corridor Development.
- 2.2. The Active Travel Scheme Development project will provide design and land resources for the development for up to ten schemes around Swansea. The schemes are listed below:
 - Clyne Common Link – A walking and cycling link between Bishopston to Mayals;
 - Kingsbridge Link – A walking and cycling link between Gowerton and Kingsbridge;
 - Pontarddulais Link - A walking and cycling link between Grovesend & Pontarddulais;
 - Cwm Level Link - A walking and cycling link adjacent to Cwm Level Road;
 - Morriston Riverside Links – A series of walking and cycling routes adjacent to Morriston and the River Tawe;
 - Swansea Vale Link Road Shared Use Path;
 - Trallwn Link – A shared use path adjacent to Carmel Road;
 - Llansamlet Link - A walking and cycling link between Llansamlet Railway Station, Frederick Place and Maes-yr-Haf;
 - North Gower Trail – A shared use path adjacent to the main road between Gowerton and Penclawdd;

- Walter Road: An on-road cycle route along Walter Road between the junctions of Christina Street and St. James' Crescent.

3. WHEELRIGHTS QUICK WINS

- 3.1. The members of Wheelrights tabled a number of proposed quick wins for delivery over the coming year. These are summarised below along with the subsequent response by BG.
- 3.2. *Nantong Way Shared Use Path* – to link the Upper Bank Cycle Route with NCN43. BG responded that this was still on the programme for delivery, but the Council is waiting for an opportune moment to combine the delivery of this with the works to build a junction into a new housing development adjacent to Nantong Way.
- 3.3. *Wychtree Routes* – Wheelrights requested improvements to the routes at Wychtree to improve permeability between NCN43 and Morrision. BG responded that these improvements were included for design in 2018/19.
- 3.4. *Tir Canol to Morrision Hospital* – BG advised that this was also included for design in 2018/19.
- 3.5. *Liberty Stadium to DVLA* – BG advised that this scheme was submitted to the Welsh Government as part of a reserve list for development if the additional funding can be made available in year.
- 3.6. *Cwm Level Crossing* – BG advised that a toucan crossing was scheduled to be installed on Cwm Level Road within the next few days.
- 3.7. *Jersey Road to Cefn Hengoed School* – BG advised that some of this proposal was included within the reserve list referenced above.

4. WALTER ROAD CYCLE ROUTE

- 4.1. BG advised that the City & County of Swansea were planning to design and install a cycle route on Walter Road in 2018/19. The route will be subject to an options appraisal and design process in the coming weeks.
- 4.2. **BG agreed to meet with Cllr ND** in the coming weeks to discuss the development and implementation of the route.

5. GOWER ACCESS PATH

- 5.1. The route Gower Access Path would deliver a shared use path between Bishopston & Mayals. The scheme successfully secured funding from the Safe Routes in Communities and will be developed in 2018/19, with a view to land purchase and construction within three years.

6. KINGSBRIDGE LINK

- 6.1. BG informed the group that a Licence had now been signed for the first section of the route and some elements were currently under construction. Work was ongoing to securing Licenses for the remaining sections of the route.
- 6.2. It is expected that applications will be made to the Welsh Government Planning Inspectorate within the next few weeks. This will serve to vary the terms of the Common Land. It is expected that construction will commence and complete in 2019/20.

7. SANTANDER BIKE SCHEME

- 7.1. BG informed the CAP that Swansea University anticipate that the Santander Bike Scheme will be installed in May and formally launched in June 2018. This will bring 50 bicycles and 100 docking stations to Swansea Bay.

8. NEW OFFICER

- 8.1. Transportation will shortly be appointing a new Officer to assist BG with Transport Policy and Strategy matters. This Officer will likely provide some assistance with cycling matters also and will therefore be present at future Cycle Action Progress meetings.

9. BIKE WEEK

- 9.1. MC informed the group that Bikeability would be open to the public on 16th June in order to promote the service as part of Bike Week. Wheelrights agreed that they would also list this on their website.

10. LEVEL 3 CYCLE TRAINING

- 10.1. Bikeability will be doing some on-road training with pupils from Olchfa School as part of the Level 3 standards. Bikeability are targeting further sessions with St. Johns Ambulance and the non-profit organisation 'Single, Young & Homeless'.