

CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

Meeting Notes – 15th September 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting Attendance:

Councillor Nick Davies (Chair)	(Cllr. ND)	Swansea Council
Ben George	(BG)	Swansea Council
John Sayce	(JS)	Wheelrights
Nick Guy	(NG)	Wheelrights
Patrick Tribe	(PT)	Wheelrights
Ryland Jones	(RJ)	Sustrans

1. Matters Arising

- 1.1 JS raised point 1.1 from the previous meeting, regarding a crossing at the Mond, Clydach. BG advised that this is now in place.
- 1.2 JS raises point 4 regarding Cwm Road and Eaton Road signage. NG advised that Wheelrights had taken the position not to sign the route when undertaking the signage review earlier in the year. NG has put together a report suggesting improvements for the route, which he will send to BG, and suggests that signage be installed once these improvements are in place.

2. Active Travel Fund Projects (2018/19)

- 2.1 BG advised shared use to be installed on Llanllienwen Close during the current financial year.
- 2.2 JS advised that toucan crossing is being installed on Trallwn Link (Jersey Road).
- 2.3 JS described the route over the River Tawe (Swansea Vale route), shared use path width is 2m and the parapet height needs to be increased. BG to raise with engineers to resolve.
- 2.4 NG advised that there are several bridges that require increased parapet height; bridge on Prince of Wales Road, and Tawe Bridge connection with NCN 43. BG to discuss with engineers.
- 2.5 JS queried the Sketty Lane Widening scheme, BG advised that this delivered the widening of the Foreshore Path from Sketty Lane car park to Blackpill.

3. Active Travel Fund Projects 2019/20

- 3.1 BG discussed the Gors Avenue scheme and described the Council's approach to rectifying some of the deficiencies of the scheme. JS advised that he has a

meeting with Simon Jones to discuss, and Julie James AM is also aware of the scheme.

- 3.2 RJ raised the issue of engineer training on the importance of adhering to Design Standards. BG advised that a number of issues contributed to the resultant scheme, but the Council is keen to resolve the issues identified.
- 3.3 JS advised that he will keep Julie James AM involved in the discussions regarding remediation works required on the scheme.
- 3.4 JS advised that progress is being made on the shared use path between Gors Avenue and Broadway.
- 3.5 BG provided an update on Kingsbridge Link. A number of issues have arisen, however have been worked through, and completion is now due in late autumn.
- 3.6 NG keen to arrange a launch of Kingsbridge Link once complete, but suggested delaying until spring 2021.

4. Active Travel Fund Projects (2020/21)

- 4.1 BG provided an update on the grant funding allocation of £5,117,500, awarded to the below schemes:
- 4.2 City Centre Links - £2,467,500
A package of works to deliver:
 - Swansea Central Bridge
 - Townhill Northern Link (The Ravine)
 - Townhill Road Shared Use Path
 - St. Helens Shared Use Path
- 4.3 Sketty and Mayals Network Links - £1,877,000
A package of works to deliver:
 - Mayals Road Shared Use Path
 - Sketty Park Links
 - Olchfa Link
- 4.4 Core Allocation - £773,000
- 4.5 Carmarthen Road and Pontarddulais Link were not funded.
- 4.6 Cllr. ND discussed the promotion of routes, BG advised that a new contract has been awarded to continue the Swansea Bayways campaign which was launched earlier this year. The campaign will promote routes and raise public awareness of the network available, and also encourage walking and cycling for daily journeys whilst engaging with communities, employers, education establishments etc.

- 4.7 PT raised the Bristol 'Better by Bike' website and campaign, and whether some inspiration for the Swansea Bayways campaign could come from this source.
- 4.8 Townhill Northern Link update to be sent by BG, once further information on the programme for delivery is known.
- 4.9 Mayals Road – NG advised that Wheelrights now supports a route along Mayals Road, and shared use paths at either end. Main concerns around the hybrid lanes, and the speed that will be possible on the downhill. NG suggested a bike lane on south side, and light segregation, with the removal of the north side lane. NG raised safety concerns regarding delivery vans causing obstructions on the hybrid lanes, and suggests a bike lane on the south side and a path through Clyne Gardens.
- 4.10 BG to discuss with Alan Ferris TROs and the consultation of Mayals Road scheme, as NG keen to assist. BG advised that the time constraints of the grant, and with the design of the scheme having been submitted to Welsh Government and subsequently been funded, having gone through the approval process of the Council, large changes to the scheme cannot be made. Clyne Gardens will not be included in the scheme.
- 4.11 RJ advised that TROs to protect from vehicles parking will be key to the route.
- 4.12 RJ raised that Sustrans has registered that there are too many crossings proposed on Mayals Road, BG advised that he will chase up outstanding issues with the team delivering the project for response.
- 4.13 JS asked if a meeting would be possible to talk generally about how to give cyclists priority in Swansea.
- 4.14 NG advised that he has discussed the Mayals Road scheme with 13 residents, who have raised the following requests for walkers; crossing at Mayals Green instead of at Westport Avenue and crossings at bus stops. BG advised that he will speak with Alan Ferris and ask that a response is given to the various issues raised.
- 4.15 Swansea Central Bridge – BG advises that Welsh Government have advised that they want to meet with those managing the project, to ensure that the bridge links to the wider network.
- 4.16 Pontarddulais Link – Scheme not funded this year. Pentre Road Bridge due to close for 5 months for Network Rail works, bridge is due to be signalised with one lane being reallocated to pedestrians and cyclists to cross. BG advised that a significant proportion of the core fund received, will enable the continuation of certain aspects of the scheme development.

5. Future Initiatives

- 5.1 Singleton Park link to Gower College – BG advised that this is included in the core fund for design. Once an update is received, BG will send on to JS for discussion.
- 5.2 Uplands – JS raised the report on Walter Road, BG advised that there is a draft preferred recommendation that is being discussed by Cabinet, awaiting update from Cllr. Thomas.
- 5.3 JS raised that as this report has come back from Arcadis, feels that this should be shared with Wheelrights, and if necessary, will send a Freedom of Information request to the Council. BG advised that the report is still in a draft stage.
- 5.4 North West Swansea – JS advised that this area is poorly served currently, and is one of Wheelrights priorities for future works. BG advised that the A48 link is nearing completion, and discussions are ongoing with Penllergare Valley Woods to make use of their routes. This will start to bring routes and continuity into the areas of Portmead, Blaen-y-maes, Penlan etc., which are not easily linked to the network currently.
- 5.5 JS raised the Penlan Racecourse route, area of land that could provide link to Eaton Road. Link in Parc Llewellyn also something they are keen to establish.
- 5.6 Active Travel Network Map 2021 – Waiting for guidance to be released, anticipated to be November.
- 5.7 JS raised Culfor Road, BG will seek an update on this.
- 5.8 JS raised Pluck Lake to roundabout adjacent to Tennis Centre, BG advised that the Council is awaiting connection to highway request from developer, in order that this is then progressed.

6. Uplands Living Streets

- 6.1 NG advised that this looks at provision more widely across the whole area. Engaging with the community.

7. 10 Schools Projects

- 7.1 NG advised that Dennis Dwight is looking at school links in the area, looking to consult with the community.

8. Date of Next Meeting

- 8.1 The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8th of December 2020 at 14:00 via Microsoft Teams.