

Notes from Wheelrights Group Meeting

held Mon 18th August 2014 in the Railway Inn

Present:- Chris Walsh (CW), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS), Mike Lewis (ML)

Apologies:- Nick Guy (NG), Chris Connick, Phil Jones, Rob Wachowski

Meeting was chaired by CW.

1. Group Purpose & Aims

1. Ensure existing Cycling Infrastructure is 'fit for purpose' identifying issues and discussing/prioritising with CC Swansea to resolve.
2. Identify & Prioritise new Cycling Routes liaising closely with CC Swansea and integrating with the Active Travel Act.

2. Prioritised Routes

The following 3 routes were agreed as the priorities to be raised at the forthcoming CAP Council meeting in October.

Uplands- City Centre - Liberty Stadium (Morfa Distributor Rd works)

Bonymaen - Liberty Stadium

Gowerton - Pontardullais

Following the last meeting DN undertook more work which sub divided the routes into manageable chunks and highlighted which were 'in the Pipeline' . This is shown below in Table 1. In this analysis the above also emerged as highest ranked along with two others.

All agreed that pressure should be kept on 'in Pipeline' routes to ensure the CCS delivered on these also. This includes the existing proposed works within the City Centre.

All Other routes identified would be pursued but probably not at the next CAP meeting to ensure focus would not be diluted from above routes.

Action:- JS offered to update a previous analysis to determine the Population percentage served by these new routes i.e those living within 1/2 mile of them. This data is expected to further support the priorities and possibly quantify potential usage of other routes.

3. Existing Infrastructure

DN advised that prior to the CAP there had been a quarterly Cycle Forum. This was backed up by technical subgroup meetings. All agreed that Wheelrights should request. All agreed that Wheelrights should the latter be re-started

Action:- DN to raise at next CAP meeting.

4. Council Cycling Action Plan

Next meeting with CCS due Tuesday, 14 October. (2.00pm Room 2.2.7 in Civic Centre)

Action:- CW to attend if possible

5. Campaigning

Discussed and agreed that we should be motivating local area groups to develop 'grass root support' for the prioritised routes. Input from NG and Sustrans would be useful to gather their experiences establishing groups in Pontardullais and Clydach.

6. Next Meeting 5:45pm Monday 15th September at the Railway Inn

Action:- NG to invite Lindsey Curtis/Helen Davis from Sustrans to next meeting

Table 1

Route Priorities

'Len' = approx. route length in miles.

Route	V	P	D	Σ	Len	Comments	
GPon [1]	(a)	In pipeline		¾		Legal negotiations with Stafford Commoners underway.	
	(b)	2	3	3	8	1½	Path exists; needs signing and minor improvements.
	(c)	2	3	2	7	1½	New route under M4 and rly via Waugron, then link to (b)?
GCad[6a]	2	2	3	7	3	Existing roads via Waunarwydd and Ystrad Rd.	
CityC [5]	(a)	In pipeline		¾		'Blue' route on Princess Way and Orchard St. (a CCS priority.)	
	(b)	In pipeline		1		Civic C. to Wind St done; Wind St to Tawe Br. 2014/15.	
	(c)	In pipeline		¾		Complete except for parapet height issue.	
	(d)	3	3	1	7	1½	Major hurdle: parking/traffic flow restrictions on A4118.
	(e)	In pipeline		½		'Green' route: Paxton St ... Cradoc St. (CCS lesser priority.)	
CCLS [2]	(a)	3	2	3	8	1	Exis' cycle path to Maliphant St, then B4603. Upgrade needed.
	(b)	In pipeline		1		New path on planned Morfa Distributer Rd (2015?)	
LibB [3]	3	3	2	8	1	Scope for new path on undeveloped ground.	
UniB [4]	3	1	3	7	2	New route via Langdon Rd and Lagoon access road.	
RCad [-]	2	2	1	5	3	Probably along Carmarthen Road.	
CaPe [6b]	(a)	2	2	3	7	1½	Exist' path through wood. J47 rbt crossing needed.
	(b)	2	2	2	6	1½	New path: Cadle to Brynrhos.
NCR4 [-]	3	2	3	8	7	Signing in pipeline but minor infrastructure changes are not.	
SGow [8]	(a)	2	3	2	7	2	New Clyne Common path. Safe route to Bishopston comp.
	(b)	2	2	3	7	1	Small job: advisory lanes on Pennard Road
NGow [7]	2	3	3	8	3	Half mile of path needed. On hold due to landowner objection.	

Highlight = new attribute or different value to that from 14 July meeting suggested.**Conclusion**

The order of priority for routes not already in the pipeline indicated by the above scores are:

First: (8-9)	NCR4:	Blackpill – Loughor.
	NGow:	North Gower. (But this is on hold.)
	LibB:	Liberty Stadium – Bonymaen.
	CCLS(a):	City Centre – Liberty Stadium (via Hafod).
	GPon(b):	Kingsbridge – Pontardullais (existing path).
Second: (7)	GPon(c):	Kingsbridge – Pontardullais (New N. path.)
	GCad:	Gowerton – Cadle.
	CityC(d):	Railway Stn – Uplands.
	UniB	University – Bay Campus
	CaPe(a):	Cadle – Penllergaer (Existing path through wood.)
	SGow(a,b):	South Gower (Clyne Common path is main issue.)
Third: (<7)	RCad:	Railway Stn – Cadle.
	CaPe(b):	Cadle - Penllergaer. (New path: Cadle to Brynrhos.)

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