

Notes from Wheelrights Group Meeting

held Monday 15th September 2014 in the Railway Inn

Present:- Chris Walsh (CW), David Naylor (DN), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), Lindsey Curtis(LC)-Sustrans

Apologies:- John Sayce (JS)

Meeting was chaired by CW.

Group Purpose & Aims

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

1. Items for the Cycling Action Plan (CAP) Meeting

1.1 The 3 priority routes outlined below will be presented at meeting by DN & NG

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

Bonymaen - Liberty Stadium

Gowerton - Pontardullais

1.2 Supporting Analysis

LC suggested the Sustrans Research & Development Team may be able to offer some support and possibly usage data to compliment our own analysis by JS/NG.

Action:- JS/NG 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. NG updated meeting that this data is proving more difficult to obtain.

1.3 Active Travel Bill

To be raised to identify how Wheelrights may support this bill in partnership with Council. Link below gives more information.

<http://www.senedd.assemblywales.org/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?lId=5750>

1.4 Existing Infrastructure - Issues & Improvements

DN previously 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 the latter be re-started.

LC advised that Councils should be setting up "Active Travel" groups, and this maybe better than trying to create a separate group. Meeting agreed.

1.5 Post Meeting Update. CAP Meeting Date has been rescheduled to 21st October. The next Routes group meeting agreed to be after this.

2. Sustrans Input

2.1 Setting Up Local Support Groups

LC outlined that funding for projects was becoming increasingly difficult to obtain hence requiring a wider search for community and business links when setting up support groups. Difficult to give a generic approach as each group would be unique.

3. Existing Infrastructure

A suggestion made previously and raised by NG was the idea of riding the current network and identifying and highlighting issues. These would be then be raised with the Council in the appropriate forum (refer 1.4 above)

Rather than list the individual issues in these notes I have chosen to create an Appendix that no doubt will start to fill quickly. Also we can add more detail in what may become our working document for review and discussion with CCS.

4. Next Meeting 5:45pm Monday 10th November at the Railway Inn

Appendix 1 - Existing Route Infrastructure Issues

1. **NCN 4** DN noted that at the last CAP he had raised an earlier request from Wheelrights for minor infrastructure changes on NCR 4 between Gowerton and Loughor Bridge. These comprise:-

1.1 a dropped kerb to access the Sterry Road toucan

1.2 rerouting for safety reasons at the east approach to Loughor Bridge.

Details are on the infrastructure page of Wheelrights website.-**Action DN**