

# Notes from Wheelrights Routes Group Meeting

## held Wednesday 7th July 2015 at Pumphouse

**Present:-** Chris Walsh (CW), David Naylor (DN), Nick Guy (NG)  
John Sayce (JS) Lyndsey Curtis (Sustrans) **Apologies:-** Mike Lewis (ML)

Meeting chaired by CW.

### 1. Active Travel Act (ATA)

1. Wheelrights (WR) proposal to Council to assist in the required audits on Cycling routes has been declined. Whilst some of the reasons are understandable the group felt strongly that we do have a role to play. Ben George (Council) has offered to meet with WR to discuss further which **CW** will arrange.

**UPDATE:-** DN/NG/CW Met with Ben 10.7.15. Consensus that WR resource would be better spent scrutinising existing audits to ensure their accuracy rather than undertaking new audits, which frankly WR would struggle to resource.

2. Existing Route Map (ERM) target for completion is Jan-16 and is likely to contain little more than NCN routes 4 & 43, and a 3 month consultation must be allowed within this timescale. We have been assured this will not limit any funding for improvements to just these routes
3. Integrated Network Map (INM) completion target is September 2017 and will include other routes

### 2. Carmarthen Road

1. Council have funding to carry out Safety Improvements to this road crucially proposing implanting a 1.2m cycle route. However this proposal did not comply with recommend widths specified in ATA guidelines a point raised by WR and Sustrans. Proposed Speed limit reductions and narrowing of traffic lanes could accommodate a cycle lane of recommended width. Feedback from Council is awaited.
2. Andrew James (engineer assigned to this project) to be invited to next CAP.

### 3. Planning Applications

1. Ben George has been asked by LC and agreed that WR could scrutinise the larger Planning Applications to check and ensure adequate consideration has been given to cycling provision.

### 4. Next Meeting 5:45pm the Pumphouse, 21st September 2015.