

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting/ride on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019

in Ripples Café, West Cross/Mumbles.

Present: Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Bill Gannon (BG), John Sayce (JS)

### 1. **Matters arising** from 2 February meeting.

(a) Gower Access Path. (Item 1.) The scheduled Feb. meeting with Jeff Green, cllr Lyndon Jones and GAP group rep.s has been postponed to an as yet unspecified date in March.

(b) Walter Road. (Item 2.) NG advised that Ben George is expected to meet councillors in the next two weeks. The Uplands councillors are Nick Davies, Mary Sherwood (Labour and both supportive of cycle lanes.) and two Independents (whose position on the proposals is not known). NG also noted that the officers are divided between the 2 lane proposal and Wheelrights single south side lane preference. (See our report on the Infrastructure page of our website.)

### 2. **Stafford Common**

DN (as a CUK Right to Ride rep.) and NG had received copies of a formal request from the Council to the Welsh Government to construct the northern part of the Gowerton to Kingsbridge proposed route. This goes from the S. side of Stafford Common, under the A484 and B4620 where it will join the existing cycle path which runs north from Kingsbridge. We viewed the document which marks the relevant section on a map. NG will write to the Council to express Wheelrights support for the plans. **[Action: NG]**

### 3. **Clyne Common – Foreshore link**

We agreed to a suggestion from CW that we draw the Council's attention to the need for a cycle friendly link between the planned GAP, the east end of which will be at the top of Fairwood Road, and the foreshore. Alternatives are Fairwood and Mayals Roads.

### 4. **Future meetings.**

The default will continue to be the first Saturday of the month at 10.00am, but we propose to alternate between the Environment Centre and Ripples Cafés. The next will be on 6 April in the Environment Centre.

### **The ride**

NG, DN, PT and CW cycled first to Mumbles and noted the blocked-by-a-car cycle rack there. (Photo below.) This needs to be raised with the Council, perhaps at a CAP meeting together with Item 3 above. **[Action: DN/NG/CW]**. NG and DN then looked at DN's shortcut between Fairwood Road and the Foreshore. While this is a desire line, making it an official route would not be easy.

ML offered to put a sign at Blackpill to direct west bound cyclists to bear right. **[Action: ML]**

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