Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting/ride on 7th September 2019
in Ripples Café, Mumbles.

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

<u>Apologies</u>: John Sayce (JS)

1. **Matters arising** from 3 August meeting.
   (a) <u>Gower Access Path</u>. (Item 1b.) PT advised that due to local interest in this path there is a plan to set up an Information Centre. Cllr Lyndon Jones is hoping to arrange a meeting with the Council soon.

2. **Minor Works**
   We went through the minor works list we had compiled at the last meeting, added to it and divided it into two priorities as follows: ([ ] = listing in section 3 of last meeting's notes.)

   <u>Priority 1</u>.
   (a) <u>NCR 4: Loughor Bridge</u>. [a] Re-route western approach to the north side of Castle Road. Reopen issue of widening shared-use path on north side of bridge.
   (b) <u>NCR 43 Mond crossing at Clydach</u>. [d] Below standard: parallel crossing suggested.
   (c) <u>Kingsbridge to A4240 path upgrade</u>. [e] Upgrade and sign existing path.
   (d) <u>Landore E-W link</u>. [f] Upgrade crossing of A4067 to a Toucan and the footpath between it and the Morfa Relief Rd to shared use.
   (e) <u>Cross Valley link</u>. [i] Provide a Park and Bike facility at W. end, widen N. side path to improve access to NCR 43 and improve link to Morriston path across r'b't over A4067.
   (f) <u>Railway Station</u>. Signage and cycle access in immediate vicinity of station.

   <u>Priority 2</u>.
   (a) <u>NCR 4: Sterry Rd</u>. [b] Provide a dropped kerb to take NCR 4 directly across Sterry Rd.
   (b) <u>Advance Stop Lines</u>. [c] List on the Infrastructure page of website now updated.
   (c) <u>NCR 43 to N. Bank path link</u>. [h] Along E. side of Nantong Way. (Already in pipeline?)
   (d) <u>Clydach Rd under M4</u>. [j] Add a path between Clydach Rd (B4603) and the A4067 to give cycle access under the M4. (If pos. upgrade the pedestrian bridge for cycle use)
   (e) <u>Eaton Road</u>. Upgrade existing cycle lane. (Key route north from station.)
   (f) <u>Gwydr Square to Singleton Park</u>. Make link via Oakwood Rd and Gwydr Cr. cycle friendly.
   (g) <u>Terrace Rd</u>. Make barriers at east end cycle friendly.

   We noted the importance of the following route but were not sure if this was a 'minor work'.
   <u>Neath Rd – Morfa Relief Rd N-S link</u>. [g] A means for cyclists to cross the busy B4603.

   DN would submit the above to Ben George. **[Action: DN]**

3. **Cockett to Vivian Rd**
   We considered JS's 3 Sept email which drew attention to the need for cycle provision at the impending £1m replacement of the roundabouts at the Vivian/Gower Rd junction by lights and the need for a cycle link along Cockett Rd to the Dylan Thomas school. We left it for individuals to survey this and email their suggestions to DN with a view to coming up with proposals to pass on to the Council. **[Action: All]**

4. **Tube (aka Network) map**
   CW tabled a draft on which he requests feedback by 22 Sep. Specifically:
   - Are there key nodes missing?
   - Any important areas to add?
   - Are the colours appropriate?
   - Does the map align with our priorities? (Political issue.)

CW noted that a role for the Routes Group would be to select a preferred route between nodes and advise on the work involved. He proposes to share the map with Ben George and then bring it up at the next CAP (24 October). [Post meeting: DN has received the map from CW as a pdf and has put it on the Infrastructure page of the website.] **[Action: All]**

5. **AOB**
   (a) <u>Santander Bikes</u>. NG advised that BikeAbility have take over the servicing of these bikes. Fez would manage them.
   (b) <u>Wheelrights meeting</u>. NG advised that no speaker was planned for the meeting on 24 September but that we would be divided into three groups: 'Campaigning', 'Minor Works' and one other.
   (c) <u>Liberty Stadium Cycle stands</u>. PT reported that a new fence has blocked these stands but that there are plans to reinstate them. He will keep us informed. **[Action: PT]**

6. **Next meeting.**
   10.00 am on Saturday, 5 October in Ripples Café. (The provision of complimentary cake helped us decide to hold the next meeting here!)

We forwent the ride.

Notes prepared by
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