

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 11th September 2021

in Ripple's Café, West Gross

Present: Allyson Evans (AE), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), Patrick Tribe (PT).

Apologies: Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

DN chaired the meeting.

1. **Matters arising** from 10 July meeting.

(a) Signing (Item 3). NG & ML have not yet been able to complete the signing audit.

(b) GAP (Item 5). PT expressed concern that the GAP was designated "Aspirational" on the Arcadis list of routes as the work is in progress. (It is Route 73. See link below.) We noted that most of the 158 routes are so designated (129: Aspirational; 26: Medium Term; 3: Short Term.). We are unclear what these designations mean. The bullet points in the 10 July meeting notes still apply. We noted the potential usefulness of the link he has established with Lyn Jones and Neil Holland.

2. **ATNM.**

The link <https://www.swansea.gov.uk/drafttravelmapsurvey> provides a map showing proposed ATNM routes and a separate document which lists and describes them. This has been produced by Arcadis and our understanding is that the routes comprise the draft Swansea ATNM. The link also provides a consultation document, the deadline for completion of which is 15 November. DN noted we needed to find a way of responding to the Council so that the end result is a decent network of cycle routes in Swansea.

Views were expressed that the proposal is unhelpful. Several different routes are given the same number and the background map is faint making it difficult to locate the routes. It provides an extensive list of routes, virtually all following roads, with no guidance on priority or feasibility. DN felt that the ATNM should be restricted to feasible routes. However it was noted that the intention (learnt from Tim John's reply to a query from JS) is just to identify desire lines. The practicality of constructing routes can apparently come later following consultation. (That at least would be a step in the right direction!)

Assuming that the way to respond to the Council is by means of the Questionnaire we decided that the best way to do this would be to invite all Wheelrights members (not just the Routes Group) to identify which of the Arcadis routes in the *areas with which they are familiar* should be on the ATNM. They should also relate this to the routes we have shown on the four cycle route maps (on the Infrastructure page) noting whether or not their chosen route coincides with one of ours. We agreed that members should send their response to DN who would collate them and pass this to JS who would then (if he agrees) reply to the Questionnaire on behalf of Wheelrights. DN suggested that we should ask the members to provide information to answer principally Questions 5 and 6. These are as follows:

- Qu. 5. Are there any new routes for everyday journeys that you would like to see included in the Active Travel Network that are not shown on the draft map?
- Qu. 6. Which future routes do you think should have the highest priority and be delivered first? (Provide route number and appropriate map, numbered 1-6.)

They might, optionally, answer Qu. 1 by identifying which of the six locality areas applies. We would also ask the members to prioritise their recommended routes: 1, 2 or 3 corresponding to high medium or low priority. Qu. 6 implies the need to do this.

It was agreed that DR would email this request to the membership. **[Action: DR]**

DN envisaged that we could use this feedback to, if necessary, update the routes on our four maps which represent WR's recommended ATNM routes. Arcadis's list may include routes which we have missed, and conversely we might want to ditch some of ours. DN would appreciate advice on this from the Group. **[Action: All]** To facilitate this he has prepared a table matching WR's routes to Arcadis's (where there is a match). He would email this to the Group for checking and possible amendment. **[Action: DN]**

3. Mayals Road (Lower SUP).

Following an accident on the lower SUP in which a descending cyclist hit a car emerging from Mumbles Bay Court, cllr Louise Thomas contacted DN. This followed up her letter of 5 Aug. in the Evening Post and DN's response to it on 7 Aug. DN informed her of Wheelrights proposed link from the upper end of the SUP to the existing Blackpill Toucan via Roman Court and suggested that it would take cyclists off the SUP. She was supportive. We agreed that this route needs to be promoted. It is described in the brief report "Mayals Road. (Link to Blackpill Toucan.)" under "Swansea Bay Cycle Routes" on the Infrastructure page.

An opportunity to do this would be at a meeting with Mayal's residents at 6.30 pm in Clyne Farm on 23 September. DR & DN hope to attend and promote this link. **[Action: DR, DN]**

4. AOB.

None.

5. Next meeting.

10.00 am on Saturday, 9 October in the Environment Centre. (It was suggested that we revert to our pre-Pandemic practice of alternating between the Env. Centre and Ripple's.)

The ride

DN and DR cycled to Blackpill and followed the line of the proposed link to Mayals Road via Roman Court.

Notes prepared by
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