

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 10th December 2022

in Ripples Cafe, Foreshore, West Cross..

Present: John Britton (JB), Dennis Dwyer (DD), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR).

Apologies: Allyson Evans (AE), Bill Gannon (BG), Mike Lewis (ML), John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

DN chaired the meeting.

1. **Matters arising** from November meeting:

(a) Gower Cycle Network (Item 1d). DN had a response from Chris Lindley; the Council have approved the 14 October meeting notes (with minor amendments) which are now on <https://www.wheelrights.org.uk/newslnotes.htm> under Routes Group meetings.

(b) Wheelrights meeting (Item 4). JB recently met Ian Walker and he and DR will arrange for Ian to give a talk at a Wheelrights general meeting in the early spring. **[Action JB, DR]**

2. **ATNM.** Active Travel Network Map(s).

NG tabled ten A1 size paper maps showing existing and aspirational routes. These constitute the Council's ATNM. They show nearly all the routes we have recommended and a number of other routes some of which would not be suitable for cyclists. One route not included is ours between Gowerton and Fforestfach [GF]. We marked up the location of barriers on some of the maps. We focussed on a number of routes and noted that our route along the disused railway embankment from Clydach to Llansamlet [CH] was included as was a route running through Penclawdd. DJ noted that this route matched Sustrans' earlier plans and thought that there was a case for a work camp to construct part of it. DN retained the maps and plans to use them to review the routes on our four maps. **[Action DN]**

3. **ATS** (Active Travel Stakeholder) **meeting.**

DR had attended this (Teams) meeting on 30 November. Notes of it are on our website (bottom of Newsletters and Notes page). It comprised updates on the ATNM and schemes to be delivered this financial year. These include the North Swansea routes in Pontarddulais [GP3], Bishopston [GAP], Morryston [MD?] and Ynysallen [YR]. We noted that GP3 was complete except for raising the parapet on the bridge over the M4. We were not sure if the Morryston route was the link [MD] between the hospital and the DVLA – one of our priority routes. Work on the Gower Access Path (GAP) is due to start on 3 January.

4. **Green Cwm.**

There has been concern about a 'no cycling' sign recently placed on the gate at the south end of Park Woods. This was now been removed. DN had just learnt from PT (Thanks, Patrick.) that this was a temporary ban while trees were being inspected.

5. **Ripples Café.**

The issue was the proposed demolition of the café and nearby garage. DD advised that there have been many objections to the proposal, including some 4,000 on Facebook. He thanked us for our support. The decision will be made by a committee chaired by West Cross Cllr Rebecca Fogarty. It will meet when all the objections have been received. The dead line for them is next week. A strong case has been made to retain the café.

6. **AOB.**

(a) Gower Cycle Festival. Mike O'Driscoll of CTC Swansea is planning to revive this, probably as a long weekend event. NG is planning to meet him on 12 December. He and DN have already provided feedback from the 2010 – 2018 GCFs. This event has our support.

(b) Pontarddulais hub. NG advised that a transport hub is proposed. As Wheelrights rep. for cycling related developments in Pontarddulais, he will cover this. **[Action NG]**

7. **Next meeting.**

10.00 am on Saturday 14 January in the Environment Centre.

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