

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 9th July 2022

in the Environment Centre, Pier Street, Swansea SA1 1RY.

Present: Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Allyson Evans (AE), David Judd (DJ), Nick Guy (NG), Patrick Tribe (PT).

DN chaired the meeting.

1. **Matters arising** from 4 June meeting.

- (a) Council meetings (Item 1a). there were two meetings attended by DR & JS in the last week in June, one with the Council in which the proposed 2022/23 Routes were outlined and the other with Arcadis which was principally about Walters Road.
- (b) Wheelrights meetings (Item 1b). The ball is at DJ's feet to arrange an autumn presentation by Lee Waters or a deputy. JS, who has not yet met with Phil Snaith and Lee to discuss AT issues, again offered to raise this with Lee if and when they meet. **[Action DJ, JS]**
- (c) Wheelrights Bike Week ride (Item 5). This took place on 8 June. Five went on it. Instead of going to Port Aberavon, to avoid a strong headwind on the return, they headed east to Briton Ferry and then returned inland (sheltered from the wind) via Lansamlet and the Trallwyn and North Bank paths. DN noted the need for the east approach to the Trallwyn path to be signed – a task for NG, our signing supremo. **[Action NG]**

2. **2022-23 Routes.**

- (a) Gorseinon Road. DN noted that we had not been consulted on the plans and was concerned that the proposal to locate a shared use path on the south side up the hill from a crossing near Lidl's would lead to "another Mayals". The concern is that downhill cyclists would use it thereby endangering pedestrians. That the SUP should remain on the north side with a crossing further east where the gradient eases has been supported by the Group. (Item 4, notes of 22 January meeting.) DN proposed that we should try and get this changed. JS felt that it was too late, however he would be happy for DN to contact Jack Palmer as a Cycling UK representative. DN indicated he would do this. (Post meeting: he emailed Jack on 11 July, who referred it to his colleagues.)
- (b) Other Routes. JS referred to the following. ([] identifies the route on the website maps.)
 - Pontardullais [GP3]. Some concerns north of the Pentre Bridge.
 - Samlet Rd – NCR 43 (where it goes under M4) [SA]. Barriers need removing and other improvements made to this long established route. It needs to be extended at the south end to link with other routes.
 - Penllergaer – Cadle [VW1]. Existing path. Barrier at south end needs removing. Also it needs to link with other routes at the south end.
 - Clydach to Craig Cefn Park. [UF]. The barriers need to be replaced.

JS would write to CCS about these development routes. **[Action JS]**

- (c) Swansea – Bay Campus (S. of Fabian Way) [SB] CCS have asked for support for this. DN noted that it was one of our priorities and would follow it up. **[Action DN]**

3. **AOB.**

Swansea Ironman Triathlon. DR passed on DJ's concern about the plan to include cyclists in the proposed traffic ban on roads affected by this event on 7 August. We support his attempt to get this overturned.

4. **Next meeting.**

10.00am on Saturday 13 August in Ripple's Café (West Cross Foreshore).

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