

Wheelrights

Notes of AGM on 17th October 2017 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY

Present: Simon Bailey (SB), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Chris Walsh (CW), John Sayce (JS), Mike Cherry (MC), Alan Kreppel (AK), Colin Fielder (CF), Alice Saville (AS), Dawn Aplin (DA), Pat Hansard (PH), Don Ashman (DA)

Apologies: Gordon Gibson, David Judd, Hamish Osborn, Chris Connick, John Cardy

Minutes of 2016 AGM were accepted as correct.

Working Groups

Gower Cycling Festival

DN reported on another successful Festival with more people from away, and more doing more rides. A glitch arranging the Launch at Blackpill was overcome with help of Cllr Mark Child (and an admin fee of £35). The camping was successful at Dunvant. WR made approx. £400 profit. There was some discussion about the low Registration fee of £5 and JS asked the GCF group to consider raising this to £10, and this to include WR membership.

Campaign Group

JS reported the success of getting WR Cycling Manifesto accepted by Swansea Council, and the challenge of helping them implement this. Main aim is to link 10 Council wards with the city centre by a network of new bike routes. WR launching a new campaign to create bike lanes along Walter Road to Uplands. A crucial issue is the low spend on cycling and WR taking this up at Welsh Govt level.

Routes Group

DN reported on-going work evaluating existing and new possible routes. The Routes Group provided a detailed submission to the INM, with final Council INM being expected soon.

Officers` Reports

Delivered by Chris Walsh, Nick Guy and John Sayce. Chris Walsh's Treasurers report attached as the Appendix. Contact the authors for the other reports

Elections:

CW, NG, JS and Claudine all re-elected as treasurer, secretary, chair and vice-chair.

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Speaker: Jayne Cornelius (Sustainable Travel Officer at Swansea University)

She described the success of the University's bid to bring a bike scheme to Swansea -- starting with 50 bikes based at 5 docking stations between the 2 campuses. The bid is in last 5 and success now depends on crowd-funding to raise £70k, and Jayne made a plea for WR help. If successful this bike rental scheme would significantly boost cycling in Swansea. Crowd Funding runs from 6th Nov -8th December and people can sign up (min £5) via www.crowdfunder.co.uk/bikes4swansea also see www.swansea.ac.uk/bikescheme

AOB

Green Fayre 18th/19th Nov at Waterfront Museum; WR sharing a stall with BikeAbilityWales, and volunteers needed – Contact Nick Guy with offers to do 2 hours.

Discussed a Xmas Social Dawn agreed to arrange.

Post Meeting note: Ripples agreed to arrange Film Night on 24th Nov 7pm to show French film "The kid with a bike" Entrance £10 to go towards Swansea Bike Scheme bid with curry & soft drinks provided.

Nick Guy (*Wheelrights* secretary)

APPENDIX

Treasurer and Membership Secretary's Report.

Summary

2017 has been a successful year with funds supporting the Gower Cycling Festival (GCF), Conference attendance and expenses for organising meetings and publishing newsletters.

Year opened with a balance of £1065.94 (31-Oct-16) and closed with a balance of £768.41 (17-Oct-17)

Total Income for the year was £852.46 split between GCF income of £633 and Membership subscriptions of £219.46.

Expenditure primarily GCF totalling £448.50 hence the festival delivered a surplus of £184.50.

Detailed breakdowns for Overall Accounts and the GCF are shown below.

Membership

Current membership stands at 54 down from 61 last year a reduction of 12%.

Chris Walsh
Treasurer & Membership Secretary
17 October 2017