

# ***Wheelrights***

## **Notes of meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in the Environment Centre, Swansea**

Present: Don Ashman (DA), John Cardy (JC), Chris Connick (ChC), Claudine Conway (CC), Allyson Evans (AE), Rhian Evans (RE), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Fran Rolfe (FR), Kerry Rogers (KR), Alice Saville (AS), Chris Walsh (CW), Alan Watson (AW).

Apologies: Jennifer Crooks (JCr), Colin Fielder (CF), Eifion Francis (EF), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), David Judd (DJ), Hamish Osborn (HO), Rob Wachowski (RW).

The meeting was chaired by CC.

**1. Matters arising** from 21 January meeting. Item 2 (Workshop on cycle routes) is covered under 2. below.

Item 1. Links to Fabian Way campus. A meeting with Geoff Marquis has been arranged for 20 February. (Post meeting: it took place and was attended by JC, DN and Laura Dowsett.)

Item 3e. Nigel Jenkins has died.

Item 3f. NCR 43. The work is expected to be completed in early March.

Item 3g. High Street Station. Additional Sheffield stands have now been installed

Item 3i. Sail Bridge. The hoops were removed and the barrier replaced on 19 February.

## **2. Cycle routes**

DN set the ball rolling with some suggestions for which of the 16 proposed routes listed in the table in the 21 Jan. meeting notes should be given priority. This led to an exchange of views the outcome of which was that we decided that all the routes should be shown on a map. This would make it easier to compare the routes and assist the Council prepare the maps they are obliged to prepare under the *Active Travel Act*.

In order to prioritise routes we need to establish desire lines. To establish these relevant information would include the following:

- The populations and places of work (including schools) which the routes would connect.
- Existing traffic flows. FR offered to help with this, eg from SWWITCH. **[Action FR]**
- Existing cycle flows. DN noted that flows on NCRs 4 & 43 were recorded but was not sure that they were elsewhere.

DN offered to prepare a map and put it on Wheelrights website. **[Action DN]**

## **3. North Gower Trail**

DN advised that the Council had decided to cease negotiations with the landowners over the missing section of this route between Berthlwyd and Pont-y-Cob Road. It was agreed that Wheelrights, hopefully supported by Sustrans, would endeavour to get the Council to change their mind. (Unfortunately Sustrans were not represented at the meeting.) DN had drafted a letter to Chris Vinestock (Head of Transportation) to this end which he read out. It was agreed that he should send it but reworded to be less specific about the options, instead asking them to consider all options. [Post meeting: letter sent on 21 February.]

## **4. Adult Beginners Classes**

DN proposed we follow last year's schedule. This was agreed; the dates are on Saturdays from 9.30-11.30 as follows: 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 19 July, 30 Aug, 20 Sept.

Noting the poor numbers last year we considered how these classes could be better advertised. DN will again endeavour to get them listed in *What's On*. (Most but not all were listed last year.) He would also attempt to make use of his weekly Evening Post column, eg by including an article featuring somebody who had got on their bike following our classes. RE offered to help by putting DN in touch with such a person. **[Action RE, DN]**

DN noted that a poster advertising the classes can be downloaded from the 'Novices' page of the website. People are encouraged to print a few and display them where potential attendees would see them. **[Action All]**

## 5. Cycle training

DN had been approached by both Sustrans and Coastal Housing who had asked if we could provide qualified instructors to instruct at events they are both separately planning. They would be paid for their services. Of those present CW was qualified to teach to National Standard Level 3. (So also was RW.) 7 of us are qualified as Assistant Instructors (To Level 2). DN had indicated to both organisations that Wheelrights should be able to help with volunteer support. He will leave it to them to make direct arrangements regarding formal (paid) instruction.

Related to this Tim John of Sustrans had informed DN that Sustrans were prepared to sponsor instructor training for Wheelrights members at least for those already qualified as Assistant National Standard instructors. ChC, CC, NG,, ML, KR & FR indicated interest. DN would follow this up with Tim. **[Action DN]**

## 6. Bike Week (14-22 June)

KR suggested that we do something to raise the profile of the *Active Travel* Bill but we failed to come up with just what. FR noted that we needed a theme: *Active Travel* perhaps?

## 7. AOB

- (a) Facebook. FR was liaising with Gordon Gibson to strengthen our Facebook representation.
- (b) GCF Working Group. AE wondered if we could find a different venue to the Railway Inn, at least during the winter. CC kindly offered the use of Volcano's High St office premises for the next meeting on 26 March. **[Action CC]**
- (c) First Aid Training. NG had advised that there was SCVS funding to sponsor first aid training. A minimum of 8 participants are needed. A number present indicated their interest so we are asking NG to set this up on the assumption that at least 8 will take up the offer. **[Action NG]**

## 4. Date of next meeting

7.00 pm, 18 March, in the Environment Centre.

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