

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 13th February 2017 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY

Present: Dawn Aplin (DA), Simon Bailey (SB), Chris Connick (CC), Allyson Evans (AIE), Gordon Gibson (GG), Nick Guy (NG), Pat Hansard (PH), David Judd (DJ), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Fez Simmons (FS), Max Stokes (MS), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW),

Apologies: John Sayce (JS), Mike Cherry (MC), Hamish Osborn (HO), Pete Clarke (PC), Alice Pearson (AP), Claudine Conway (CC).

The meeting was chaired by GG

Reports.

Cycle Action Progress (CAP) meeting: NG reported progress with:

- Gowerton –Kingsbridge route Plans now drawn up. Council seeking funding and wants letters of support. WR policy of prioritising 5 key routes is succeeding. **[Action: NG, DN]**
- Cenotaph: .The work relating to the southerly diversion for cyclists is now essentially complete.
- St David's Centre: NG/DN attended consultation and pressed for new Pedestrian bridge to include cycling, accommodate the southern leg of the proposed 'box' along Wellington St. to Princess Way and include routes to bus and train stations. Public Consultation on 15/2/17 **(Action: encourage attendance)**.
- Routes Group CW gave update and discussion on Westway. Current works hopefully incorporating Routes group`s ideas. DN has prepared a report a draft of which has been sent to the Council and which he'll put on the Infrastructure page when finalised.
- "Space for Cycling": Cycling UK's roadshow: CW reported excellent idea of Bath Tube map which showed all routes esp those which need upgrading **(Action: Routes Group to work on similar tube map for Swansea)**
- Kingsway: DN attended consultation and went over plans which include 5m shared use path alongside an Urban Park, with 2 narrow traffic lanes suitable for confident cyclists Public Consultation from 14th -22nd Feb in Arts Wing, Grand Theatre **(Action: encourage attendance and feedback)**
- Gower Cycling Festival: DN reported dates 12th – 19th August and fliers currently being produced.

Integrated Network Map NG introduced discussion: CCS contracting Capita to do public consultation with 2 phases: Phase 1 a draft INM, followed by phase 2: public consultation (May/June) and final submission of INM to Welsh Govt by Sept 2017. DN asked about work needed to bring Existing Routes up to standard? NG`s understanding is that these routes will be under INM for future works, which WR should help prioritise (poss using a Bath type tube map). DN has provided a WR INM map (using OS mapping) on the Infrastructure page, and CW is compiling a Google earth map. We want members to submit route ideas in 3 main categories: Traffic-free paths, Cycle routes on minor/quiet roads, Cycle routes on main roads **(Action: Members send ideas to DN, CW).**

This led to discussion on Cycling UK`s Roger Geffen`s idea to prioritise new routes where cyclists already travel. Bishopston area is an example with a head of steam developing for routes connecting with Bishopston Comp. DN has submitted an article for the Bishopston Community Newsletter. **(Action: PT to take forward a local campaign).**

Campaigns Group

JS/NG planning to set up this new group (to supplement existing GCF and Routes group). Some initial ideas are:

1. Help Tidal Lagoon with their social media campaign to support this project which could be a great boost for cycling in Swansea. **(Action: Campaigns group to discuss, NG to pass E mail to members).**

2. Council Elections: We are developing closer contacts with Councillors and the May elections are an opportunity to ask candidates about cycling. Some suggestions included: local routes, new routes connecting with and through the city centre, a local cycling manifesto, Cycling UK's campaign to spend 10% of the transport budget on cycling. **(Action JS /NG to convene a campaigns group meeting DJ, FS, MS indicated their interest.)**
3. Rides to Work NG suggested WR organise a few rides to work to key locations eg Bay Campus, DVLA, NRW etc plus negotiate a discount with local independent cafes for people arriving by bike. MS suggested after work rides may work better, with café stop. **(Action: discuss at next campaigns group)**

AOB

1. Bikeability are launching their new Companion Rides on 8th March with weekly rides starting from Dunvant RFC at 10am every Wednesday. These will be short traffic-free rides and take over from our Cappucino rides, which are suspended. **(Action: any volunteers welcome to help Bikeability; contact Mike Cherry).**
2. DJ mentioned that John Grimshaw (patron of WR) is opening a key cycle route at Weston super Mare on 1st May, with a workcamp in April **(Action anyone interested contact DJ).**
3. DN announced he has got on Swansea's Access group and is pushing the Lethrid footpath upgrade, which, thanks to the intervention of cllr Mark Child, has been given higher priority.
4. WR Spring Newsletter should be issued next week.

Future meetings:

Plan is to alternate Business and Public Meetings on a quarterly basis.
JS and NG will start planning with initial idea to invite Rachel Maycock of Living Streets

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