

Wheelrights

Notes of Meeting on 24th September 2019 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY

Present (members): John Sayce (JS), Nick Guy (NG), David Naylor (DN), David Judd (DJ), Mike Lewis (ML), Chis Walsh (CW), Patrick Tribe (PT), Kevin Carey (KC), Mike Cherry (MC), Chris Connick (CC), Simon Bailey (SB), Frances (Fez), Colin Fielder (CF),

Present (non members): Jane Tonks (Uplands Vision), Dennis Dwyer (Ripples café), Julian Ingmire (and wife, Sue).

Apologies: Allyson Evans

The meeting had 18 attendees, and was chaired by John.

1. Speaker: Fez – BikeabilityWales.

Fez gave an entertaining and informative presentation about her new project managing the Santander Bike scheme on behalf of BikeAbilityWales.:

Fez's aim is to encourage more people to try journeys by bike, discovering the healthy/fun aspects of cycling.

Bikeability aim to:

- Use an E –Cargo bike to distribute the 55 bikes,
- Work closely with University – who have given maintenance space at Singleton,
- Expand the scheme step-by-step eg explore possible dock at High St Station?

2. Honourary Membership.

Nick Guy spoke about the great contribution to cycling made by Julian who has closed his Schmoos shop. Over the years Julian has provided Dr Bike service at the Gower Cycling Festival, 43 -2-C ride and Bike Maintenance classes. He has always given a helpful expert service to Wheelrights members at his shop, so Nick proposed we give him a year's honorary membership of Wheelrights, which was agreed.

Julian thanked us and confirmed that he will continue to do servicing and repairs from his home, and we can put his mobile Tel number on our website. [Post meeting: done.]

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Following a tea break/networking we broke into 3 small groups to discuss:

1. New Routes

Nick outlined the new priority routes which Wheelrights are suggesting for bids for 2020/2021. These were generally supported with added suggestions for routes in from Cadle –Penllergaer, and from NCN4 (Railway Inn) to Killay and Derwen Fawr.

2. Campaigns

John outlined a recent successful campaign for improvements from Cockett to Broadway. He stressed the importance of WR members contacting their local Councillors. Action: Sue Ingmire volunteered to be “publicity/recruitment volunteer for WR.

3. Minor Works.

David outlined the work of Routes group in identifying minor works, including a priority list. Most of these suggestions would help the Council bring existing routes up to the standards of the Active Travel Design guidance.

3. Future Events:

- 2nd October “Ride on Senedd” 1pm Cardiff – to campaign for higher spending.
- 5th October 10am “Routes Group” meeting,
- 3rd/24th Nov : “Green Fayre” 10am -4pm Wheelrights stall -- help needed,
- 2nd December 7pm Env centre: Wheelrights AGM with speaker Rhiannon, manager of Living Streets.

Nick Guy (*Wheelrights* secretary)