



CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

9TH OCTOBER 2013

Present: Cllr Nick Davies (CCS – Cycle Forum Designate)
Ben George (CCS – Transport Strategy)
Rob Wachowski (CCS – Walking & Cycling Officer)
Helen Davies (Sustrans)
Nick Guy (Wheelrights)
David Naylor (Wheelrights)

Apologies: Colin Fielder (Wheelrights)
Chris Vinestock (CCS – Transportation, Head of Service)

1. Matters Arising

- 1.1 A number of actions had been assigned following the last meeting. These are summarised along with associated progress below. A number of the actions relate to items on the meeting agenda and are therefore dealt with in the relevant sections.
- 1.2 ND queried progress with the Boulevard. BG reported that the southern shared use footway was partially open and the remaining sections are expected to open in the next few weeks.
- 1.3 In respect of Cycle Promotion and the “Cycle Challenge”, ND reported that 67 organisations had taken part, including 775 participants of which 134 were new cyclists. While the Challenge had been affected by the weather, it was considered to have been a successful event.

2. Commuter Routes

- 2.1 BG circulated the latest draft of the map. It was reported that Officers in Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (NPTCBC) are now working to roll out the complementary signage on the routes. The Glynneath to Briton Ferry will be the first route to be signed.
- 2.2 BG reported that it was hoped that the Officers are working to ensure that the NCN routes into Swansea are signed by March 2014, with a view to completing the other routes as funding becomes available.
- 2.3 A number of queries were raised in respect of the map and BG agreed to forward **BG** these to colleagues in NPTCBC for consideration:
 - HD requested that the National Cycle Network routes be marked on the map.
 - NG asked again for railway stations to be added.
 - NG also asked for specific colours for certain routes.

3. City Centre Cycle Routes

- 3.1 BG reported that a consultation to seek views on the City Centre Cycle Network

concept had been held on 2nd - 4th October on the High Street, Swansea. The drop-in sessions were very well attended and the general response to the proposals was positive. A consultation report is now being prepared to record the comments made and summarise the outcomes from the consultation.

- 3.2 There are a number of key conclusions from the consultation which will be included in the report. The first major conclusion is that there is overwhelming public support for the routes to travel through the pedestrianised areas, although much of this support was qualified with the need for measures which would moderate the interaction of pedestrians and cyclists in the shared use spaces. The other major themes focussed around the need for additional signage and improved parking facilities.
- 3.3 Preliminary design and political approvals will now be sought to implement the plans. Delivery of the network will be dependent upon identifying the necessary funding sources, although delivery of early works are expected to commence in 2013/14.
- 3.4 ND commented that the final scheme needed to make cyclists feel that they were welcomed into the City Centre.

4. Kingsbridge Cycle Link

- 4.1 BG reported that he and CV would be meeting with the Council's Legal Officer who is responsible for Common Land to discuss how this project might be taken forward. It is hoped that this meeting will identify a means of delivery for the scheme.
- 4.2 BG also stated that he intends to write to the land agents for Penllergaer Estates to seek their consent to construct the southern element of the route. between Fairwood Terrace and Gowerton Railway Station. **BG**

5. Fabian Way

- 5.1 BG reported that preliminary design work for the proposed route enhancements for Fabian Way have now begun. A number of options are being prepared to consider feasibility and deliverability criteria. The base option will be to widen the footway on the northern side of Fabian Way between Baldwin's Bridge and Wern Fawr Road. A cursory investigation has determined that a 3 metre wide shared use path, with a 1 metre verge, could be achieved.
- 5.2 A secondary option is to consider the use of land immediately north of Fabian Way to construct a wholly new route away from the busy Fabian Way dual carriageway. This would deliver a more attractive route, but would require land which is owned by a third party and would also be close to a live railway line; these and other issues will be investigated in the coming weeks.
- 5.3 A third option to travel to the south of Fabian Way may be a feasible option as development comes forward in the coming years, but is not considered practicable within the next 24 months because of land and budget constraints. Wheelrights agreed to contact Swansea University Planning Officers to discuss whether they have any influence on the development of a southern route. **DN**

6. Quick Wins

- 6.1 NG requested whether consideration could be given to two issues which were considered to be 'quick wins'. These were:

- Oysertmouth Road Shared Use Path: BG replied that this was a scheme currently being developed by the Council for implementation within 2013/14.
- Jersey Road Dropped Kerb to improve the link to the Enterprise Park: This had previously been reported to the Council, but had not been actioned. This will be followed up.

7. Cycle Forum

7.1 NG reported that the group which has recently been formed to discuss the construction of a new cycle facility for Swansea has been progressing well and the group is well attended by a wide range of cycling interest groups. NG proposed that this group should become known as the formal 'Cycle Forum'.

7.2 It was discussed that the group would benefit from establishing its terms of reference to ensure its work and discussions are properly targeted.

7.3 NG also reported that WeCycle were in the process of appointing a 'cycle coordinator'.

8. AOB

8.1 The Clydach Connect2 Project Group has written to Cllr Nick Davies to express a number of concerns in respect of a number of poorly signed areas of the NCN43. BG reported that a good number of the concerns were already in the process of being resolved and it was agreed that RW would respond to this letter.

RW

9. Date of Next Meeting

9.1 The next Cycle Action Progress Meeting will be held on 8th January 2014.

