



CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

21ST APRIL 2015

Present: Cllr Nick Davies (CCS – Cycle Forum Designate), Chair
Ben George (CCS – Transport Strategy)
Mike Cherry (Bikeability)
Nick Guy (Wheelrights)
David Naylor (Wheelrights)
Chris Walsh (Wheelrights)

Apologies: Cllr Mark Thomas (CCS – Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation)
Cllr Mark Child (CCS – Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City)
Stuart Davies (CCS – Head of Service, Highways & Transportation)
Lindsey Curtis (Sustrans)

1. Matters Arising	
1.1 BG confirmed that he had sent the plans for the Princess Way cycle route to LC as requested.	
1.2 BG had not made the necessary enquiries with regards to the provision of an Advanced Stop Line on Gwydr Square, but agreed to do so.	BG
1.3 ND asked whether the possibility of CPO for the land required for the North Gower Trail could be investigated. BG agreed to secure advice with regards to the likely costs and timescales.	BG
1.4 A query was also raised in respect of work to investigate the feasibility of a shared use path crossing Mayals Common. BG agreed to make enquiries and report back to the next CAP meeting.	
1.5 NG asked whether the Council could consider the installation of Advanced Stop Lines at certain junctions. BG agreed to consider the Wheelrights proposal, budgets permitting.	
2. Local Transport Fund 2015/16	
2.1 BG reported that the City & County of Swansea had bid for three schemes under the Local Transport Fund 2015/16. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morfa Distributor Road: The continuation of construction of a new 1.8km road and shared use path from Normandy Road Roundabout to New Cut Road.• Bascule Bridge & Swansea Vale Cycle Route: This scheme comprises of two elements. Firstly, the restoration and reopening of Bascule Bridge as a pedestrian and cycle bridge. Secondly, the construction of a 2km cycle route from Pluck Pond to Jersey Road following the alignment of the former Swansea Vale Railway Line.• Fabian Way: This scheme includes three elements. First, to undertake an options appraisal for Baldwins Bridge to ensure it provides the function, efficiency and capacity to meet current and anticipated development in the	

	<p>coming years. Secondly, the bid will also fund new bus shelters and electronic passenger information along the corridor. Third, to improve traffic management at Port Tennant Road. Lastly, to construct a 1.6km shared use path between Wern Fawr Road and Baldwins Crescent.</p> <p>2.2 Each of the bids therefore contain works for the improvement of cycle infrastructure. Whilst funding pots are generally being reduced, the Council is working to ensure that investment in walking and cycling initiatives are maintained as best as possible.</p> <p>2.3 [Post Meeting Note: The Council was successful in securing funding for each of these schemes from the Welsh Government].</p>	
<p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>City Centre Cycle Network</p> <p>BG provided an update to the group in respect of the City Centre Cycle Network. The Princess Way works have been completed and is open for use by cyclists. The works to Pleasant Street have also been completed, albeit that further works will be required in future years to complete the link with Kings Lane and Kings Street.</p> <p>A number of those present raised questions pertaining to the long term future of the Kingsway and its layout. BG responded to say that the Council was considering a wide range of options, which would need to address a variety of pressures and demands. The needs of cyclists was recognised by the Transportation Group and this would be considered as appropriate.</p> <p>BG advised that further phases of the City Centre Cycle Network would follow in future years once the plans for City Centre regeneration were consolidated.</p>	
<p>4.</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p>Pontarddulais Link</p> <p>NG informed the group that Wheelrights and Sustrans were jointly working with Pontarddulais Town Council and local interest groups to realise an extension of the existing route from Grovesend to link with Pontarddulais. Wheelrights had held further meetings with Gorseinon and Pontarddulais Town Councils.</p> <p>Wheelrights were also exploring alternative routes for consideration, in order to consider the most cost effective means of crossing the M4 and railway line.</p> <p>NG also reported that Jane Harris had voiced her support for this scheme.</p> <p>BG commented that he would continue to press for the construction of the Kingsbridge Cycle Link which would greatly improve the business case for the Pontarddulais Link.</p> <p>It was agreed that NG would write to the Council's Planning Department to ensure that the link was recognised in the emerging Local Development Plan.</p> <p>In order to build and maintain local support for the scheme, Sustrans and Jason Hier (a local resident and campaigner), are preparing a questionnaire in order to canvass local opinion.</p>	<p>NG</p> <p>LC</p>
<p>5.</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>Active Travel Act</p> <p>BG reported to the group that the Welsh Local Government Association had recently visited to provide training on the Active Travel (Wales) Act and its requirements. Local Authority Officers had been very surprised by the level of work required and the short timescales within which it was to be provided. There is a serious concern</p>	

<p>that Local Authorities do not have the necessary staff resource to meet these requirements.</p> <p>5.2 The City & County of Swansea had discussed these implications and ultimately had determined that this additional workload would be picked up by BG. The Council would therefore work to realise the delivery of the Existing Route Map in time for the Welsh Government deadline of 24th September 2015.</p>	
<p>6. New Routes</p> <p>6.1 NG highlighted a number of areas where signage for cyclists is missing or deficient. NG asked whether it was possible to meet with the Officers who have responsibility for signage to discuss these matters with them. BG agreed to make enquiries.</p> <p>6.2 NG also reported to those present that the Wheelrights Routes Group had drawn up a list of six priority routes for delivery. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gorseinon to Pontarddulais Link • Kingsbridge Cycle Link • North Gower Trail • City Centre Cycle Network • Morfa Distributor Road • Bonymaen Link (following the former Swansea Vale Railway Line) <p>6.3 BG commented that a number of these links were well advanced and close to delivery.</p>	
<p>7. Cycling Conference 2016</p> <p>7.1. NG announced that Wheelrights are keen to organise a Cycling Conference for 2016. The conference would provide an opportunity for public sector officials as well as cycling groups to come together to discuss a range of issues including, the continued promotion of cycling, infrastructure provision and forward planning of routes.</p> <p>7.2. Wheelrights had held a preliminary planning meeting with key officers from the Council to begin forming up this event and further meetings are planned.</p>	BG
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>11.1 NG reminded the group that the Gower Cycling Festival will be held on 8 – 15 August 2015 and asked those present to promote the event.</p>	