

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting/ride on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017

in the Environment Centre Café, Swansea.

Present: Chris Connick (CC), Nick Guy (NG), David Naylor (DN), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Mike Lewis (ML), Patrick Tribe (PT), John Sayce (JS), Max Stokes (MS).

### 1. **Matters arising** from 4 March meeting.

(a) Kingsway (Item 2). The various actions involving NG, DN and JS had been taken. The completed Wheelrights and Cycling UK Consultation forms are now on the website 'Campaigns' page.

In an exchange of views we highlighted the importance of cyclists and pedestrians being given priority at the various crossings of the shared use path.

(b) Westway (Item 3). The completed Westway report is now on the 'Infrastructure' page. (Under "Swansea Bay cycle routes".)

(c) Tube Map. (Item 5a). This is pending. **[Action: CW]**

(d) Gowerton-Kingsbridge link. (Item 5c) NG advised that a successful bid had been made for the short section of path between Gowerton Station and Fairwood Terrace. Legal clearance to take the path across Stafford Common has been obtained.

Sustrans have funds for a Pontarddulais feasibility study.

### 2. **City and Rural routes.**

NG had made contact with a John Davies who was promoting sustainable transport in Gower. NG hoped to arrange a meeting with him (and DN). This could lead to funding for rural routes in Gower under the Rural Development Plan. NG advised that Capita has the contract for both RDP and INM routes. **[Action: NG]**

#### Clyne Common path.

There was an exchange on the relative priority of this and other routes. DN felt that a pragmatic approach was needed whereby we would push for a recommended route as opportunity arose. In support of this CW suggested that we should not use the word "priority" but simply have our list of recommended routes. CC and DN supported this suggestion. This list would include the Clyne Common path, North Gower (at the moment on the 'back burner'), Gowerton-Pontarddulais, Tyrpenry and the DVLA route(s).

DN advised that PT was now (or is about to be) a Bishopston Community Councillor. He also noted that Adam Gilbert who was a Labour County Councillor candidate for Bishopston is now (according to the Evening Post) a Community Councillor in a Mumbles ward (Oystermouth?). He (DN) also noted that we need to find appropriate councillors in Mumbles and Bishopston to contact to progress the path. CC offered to contact Lynda James (Independent, Pennard) and DN Adam Gilbert. CC also offered to see if Wheelrights could have a stall at the Pennard Carnival on 7-9 July. Further Petition signatures could be sought there (635 to date.) as well as support for other Wheelrights activities (esp. GCF). **[Action: CC, DN]**

### 3. **AOB.**

NG and JS have arranged to meet the Council Leader on 24 July to consider "Making Swansea a cycling city".

### 4. **Next meeting.**

10.00am Saturday, 15 July, in the Environment Centre Café.

#### The ride

We did not go for one as it was raining.

Notes prepared by David Naylor