

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 3 September 2007 in Yacht Club, Swansea Marina

Present: Don Ashman (DA), Martin Brain (MB), Nick Guy (NG), David Naylor (DN), John Roach (JR), Lynda Shuker (LS), Rob Wachowski (RW)

Apologies: David Croxall (DC), Rhian Evans (RE), Eifion & Jill Francis (JF,EF), Des Radford (DR), Geoff Wood (GW), Veronica Wood (VW).

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising from the 25 June meeting and not on agenda.

Item 4. Campaigning. Further to the reference to consultation in the last paragraph DN advised that work was going ahead on the Metro Phase 2 with inadequate provision for cyclists and that the promised consultation had not taken place. He had met with David Judd on 30 August and they had identified what needed to be done to rectify matters. Since then DN had drafted a letter to Geoff Sheel with six proposals backed up by photographs. These were discussed and agreement reached on the content. This letter has now been sent (and will be distributed with these notes).

2. European Mobility Week (16-24 Sept.)

Saturday, 15th ride. This is a mass ride to publicise the week. It will leave Blackpill car park at 11.00 whence the peloton of cyclists led by RW will follow the Mumbles and Oystermouth roads to Castle Square and the Sail Bridge, returning via the foreshore path. Participants should assemble from 10.00 at the car park where they will have A4 size yellow placards, emblazoned with "European Mobility Week 16-24 September" pinned on their backs so that passing motorists can get the message. They will also be provided with handouts of the week's programme.

Publicity. RW agreed to look after the production of the placards and handouts. He will also arrange publicity with the County Hall Press sub-group. In addition members are requested to publicise the event as best they can. (We had an excellent turn out of around 40 at the first of these rides in 2005, but only about half as many last year.) *Wheelrights* members are requested to join the ride if they can, and bring safety pins. **(Action: RW)**

Friday, 21st Sept. Wind St. is to be closed from 8.00am to 6.00pm on this day and a number of events organised between 10.00am and 4.00pm. There are plans for various cycling related events. Sustrans are providing a stand and it is proposed that *Wheelrights* flyers (and Newsletters?) should be available in addition to the Sustrans hand-outs. Help would be appreciated from anyone who can spare an hour or two during this time either to man a stand or in other ways help with the cycling events.

Saturday 22nd Sept. This is *In Town Without My Car Day* and we decided to go ahead with an *Adult Beginners Class (aka Cycle Training)* on this day. It would be at the usual time and place, ie 9.30 – 11.30 in the County Hall E. car park. RW, NG, LS, DR and hopefully DA, EF & Tony Fletcher should be able to help with the instruction. VW while not available on the day has offered to receive applications beforehand. A number are in the pipeline.

3. Reena Owen meeting

We are targeting Monday, 22 October for this meeting; time: 7.30pm; place: Environment Centre. (I have made a provisional booking). We confirmed that this would be an informal meeting restricted to *Wheelrights* members. It would take the form of a question and answer session, chaired by NG. He will be pleased to receive suggestions to form a framework for this. He will check the availability of Reena. **(Action NG)**

We agreed to use the meeting also as an election for *Wheelrights'* officers. DN when notifying members of the meeting would invite nominations for any contenders for Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer; if any received there would be a vote at the meeting. (These should be sent to the Secretary, DN, except that any for his post should be sent to the Chairman.) **(Action DN)**

4. Newsletter

JR volunteered to be the *Issue editor* for our second newsletter. A copy deadline of 2 November was given in the first with a view to the second coming out in that month. This would be in time to promote *Connect2* before the 8/9 December TV phone in. DN suggested that apart from the header on the front page there should be some flexibility over format so that issue editors have scope to do their own thing (within reason!). How to fund production was also discussed – see next item.

5. Wheelrights flyer

We will need more copies of the flyer for the Mobility Week events and thereafter. DN had enquired of Staples who would charge 58p per colour-copy (29p/side). They have a folding machine but it was not clear if there would be an additional charge for folding. Pending a better arrangement RW offered to produce another batch of flyers which we can fold in the Railway Inn (as we did on 22 May). **(Action RW)**

Funding. As our income from the membership will not cover the printing costs of flyers and the Newsletter we need an additional source of funds. Two possible sources are: *Kellogs Active Living Fund* and *The Sports Council for Wales Community Fund*. DN had information about the former and RW the latter; both agreed to look into these. **(Action DN, RW)**.

6. SA1

Deferred for lack of time.

7. Insurance

Deferred for lack of time.

8. AOB

None.

9. Next meeting

7.30pm on Mon. 12 November in the Yacht Club. (To be confirmed.)

Notes prepared by David Naylor (*Wheelrights'* Secretary)