

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 1 September 2008 in Yacht Club, Swansea Marina

Present: Rhian Evans (RE), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Lynda Shuker (LS), Rob Wachowski (RW), Geoff Wood (GW), Veronica Wood (VW).
(Apologies: Martin Brain, Helen Davies)

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising from 9 June meeting and not on agenda.

Item 2: Explorer rides. ML will replace Dave C. as the reserve leader for the 11 Sept. ride.

Item 6: Publicity. DN noted that we had got nowhere with the *Evening Post*. It was agreed that we should have a *Publicity Coordinator* and that this should be an informal position which could be changed to suit availability and would not require a formal process as is the case with our *Officers*. NG had approached Claudine who had agreed to take this on. All approved.

Item 9(b): President. VW had approached David Judd, and NG had followed this up with a letter of invitation. We await a reply.

2. European Mobility Week (16-22 September)

(a) Promotional ride on Sat. 13 September.

DN & RW had prepared a poster to advertise this ride (leaving Blackpill at 11.00 for City Centre). Copies were distributed to those present who were asked to post them in public places: corner shops. POs, etc. DN had done this in the Pennard area and also put one up at the Blackpill crossing where the ride will start RE agreed to deliver one to Verdi's.

[Action: All]

DN would e-mail the poster to WR members, the local CTC and to Elisabeth May for distribution to the SBAT Forum (ie the two Universities, Swansea College and the Swansea hospitals). [Action: DN]

RW to check that CCS include this ride in an *Evening Post* press release. [Action: RW]

(b) Commuter Challenge.

This would compare bike, bus, car and possibly train as a means of commuting. It was not intended to be a race and we debated the alternatives of separate people using the respective modes leaving from one place simultaneously, leaving them at different times but recording the time taken or one person (ideally a reporter) using the different modes on different days. We did not reach a conclusion. We would leave this to CCS.

But we did agree to find a volunteer cyclist. CTC are also trying to find somebody. We are proposing Claudine if she is willing and available. NG would contact her.¹ [Action: NG]

Alternatives for the route were to Castle Square from either Mumbles or Gowerton. We were divided on this but favoured Mumbles if Claudine is involved as this would be more convenient for her. The day (or days) for the challenge has yet to be fixed but will be between 16 and 19 Sept..

(c) Events on Friday, 19 Sept. If there are other cycling events on this day we agreed that *Wheelrights* would help if they could. One possibility is to share a stand with Sustrans.

(d) Cycle Training (on 20 Sept.). RE would be available, but will be returning from holiday only a day or two before, VW and GW unsure but should be able to receive prior bookings. RW will be unavailable but will check that security have keys to allow access to bike compound. VW agreed to provide the *Evening Post* with a press release. [Action: RW, VW]

(e) City Centre Ride (on 22 Sept.). DN had prepared a route map with 9 stop off points marked to hand out to Reena Owen and her colleagues. RW would distribute this at a pre-ride briefing meeting. NG would lead the ride accompanied by one or two others from *Wheelrights*. [Action: RW]

¹ Commuter challenge volunteers are asked to contact either Ben George (phone: 01792 636343, email: Ben.George@swansea.gov.uk) or Rob W. (phone: 01792 636353, email: Rob.Wachowski@swansea.gov.uk)

3. RTP Consultation Workshop

Stakeholders, of whom *Wheelrights* are one, are invited to attend one of three 75 min. sessions in Swansea's Guildhall on 8 September. VW agreed to be our rep. DN had prepared some notes on the 78 page draft RTP which he passed to her. He would e-mail the RTP draft itself to her (via GW). VW would contact Helen Davies/Ryland Jones of Sustrans to see if they could all attend the same Session. DN would also send the notes to these two. **[Action: DN, VW]**

4. Swansea Cycling Map

It was agreed that the theme to follow the formal business at our agm, now booked for 10 Nov. in the Environment Centre, would be a discussion of this proposed map. This would centre on identifying roads suitable for cyclists. NG has ideas about how this might be organised. **[Action: NG]**

5. Bob Burn memorial seat.

Details of the ride on 4 October from Blackpill to the site to consecrate the seat are given in the Autumn Newsletter. It is hoped that there will be a good *Wheelrights* turnout. DN gave VW a copy of the Newsletter to give to Bob's widow, Jan.

6. AOB

(a) Membership and Finance. GW noted that we have two new members. Further to his report in the Autumn Newsletter he advised that our CTC group membership entitles up to 15 new CTC individual members free of charge for their first year (thereafter at the reduced rate of £12/year). Anybody wishing to take advantage of this offer should contact GW by 8 September.

(b) Outstanding actions. Following discussion of a problem raised by LS in which a car had blocked NCN 43 at White Rock, it was resolved that we should keep a record of matters which required action (usually by CCS) and that this should be printed in the Newsletter. (Post meeting note: and the website?) **[Action DN]**

7. Next meeting

7.00pm, Mon. 10 November: agm in the *Environment Centre*.

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