

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 21st January 2014 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: John Cardy (JC), Chris Connick (ChC), Lindsey Curtis (LC), Helen Davies (HD), Paul Elliott (PE), Alun Evans (AE), Eifion Francis (EF), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Hamish Osborn (HO), Rob Wachowski (RW).

Apologies: Don Ashman (DA), Mike Cherry (MC), Claudine Conway (CIC), Alan Cram (AC), David Judd (DJ), Colin Fielder (CF), Alice Saville (AS), Alan Watson (AW).

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising from 3 September 2013 meeting and not on agenda.

Links to Fabian Way campus.

DN summarised the situation: a link from Swansea using NCR 4 to the Swansea/NPT border and then going under Baldwin bridge should be constructed soon. RW noted that Network Rail are agreeable to the route being taken across the railway lines north of Fabian Way, failing this the existing route on the north footway will be upgraded.

A direct route through the docks was aspirational as was a route south of Fabian Way from the east. JC noted that the latter had been taken up with NPT's Geoff Marquis (who had accepted it as an aspirational route) about a year ago and felt that we should pursue this. It was agreed that we should seek another meeting with Geoff. **[Action JC, DN]**

2. Workshop on cycle routes

We divided into three groups as follows:

Group A: EF, HD, ML, DN, HO; Group B: JC, ChC, PJ, RW; Group C: LC, PE, AE, NG.

The following table lists the routes proposed with, in the middle column, the groups who proposed them. They are listed approx. clockwise round Swansea.

Route	Group	Comments
1. Clyne Common: along B4436 and/or via Reigit Lane.	A, B	
2. Gower circular (S. Gower – Knelston – N. Gower).	A	Long term aspiration.
3. Gowerton – Gorseinon across Stafford Common.	B, C	In pipeline.
4. Extension of 3. from Grovesend to Pontardulais.	B, C	
5. Gowerton – Fforestfach – Penllergaer (via woods).	A, B, C	Possible alternative to path through woods.
6. Gorseinon – Penllergaer – Llangyfelach.	A, B	J'n 47 r'b't a problem.
7. Fforestfach – City C. via Carmarthen Rd/Middle Rd.	B/C	Middle Rd: big hill.
8. Llangyfelach – Morryston – NCR 43 – Enterprise Zone.	A, B, C	On A48; significant hill.
9. Morryston Hospital - Ynystawe	A, B	On road.
10. Castle Square – NCR 43	C	
11. W. side of river (Tawe Bridges – Liberty Stadium)	C	Incl. NCR 43 link.
12. Tirpenry – Ynystawe – Clydach. (incl. link to 8.)	A	New M4 underpass?
13. NCR 43 – Bonymaen – Trallwyn – Clydach/Glais.	A, C	On old rly line N. of M4.
14. Pontardawe – Godrecreig. (Town route via towpath.)	A	
15. NCR 4 – Coed Darcy (along canal) – M4 (J'n 43)	A	
16. City Centre links	C	

3. AOB

- (a) Carmarthenshire Cycle Group. NG reported that Phil Snaith was setting up this group. We decided to write to him to offer *Wheelrights'* support. **[Action DN]**
- (b) WeCycle. RW reported that WeCycle were moving from Swansea to Margam Park.
- (c) Urban Cyclery. NG reported that Urban Cyclery were moving to Kingsbridge.
- (d) Dylan Thomas Centenary ride. DN reported that this ride from Laugharne to Swansea would take place on 6 July. starting at 10.00am.
- (e) Nigel Jenkins is very ill so will not be available for the GCF *Dylan Thomas Trail* ride.
- (f) NCR 43. Completion of the diversion has been delayed by the wet weather. RW noted however that the shared use path alongside Beaufort Road is now complete.
- (g) High Street Station. RW reported that 40 more Sheffield stands were to be added on Platforms 1 and 4.
- (h) Liberty Stadium. PE reported that cycle stands were to be added here.
- (i) Sail Bridge. DN reported that the hoops on the Sail Bridge east barrier were to be removed. RW noted that work which was about to start on removing these had been stopped by the Welsh Government.
- (j) Metro style maps. RW explained that a website is planned together with a video to promote the routes portrayed.

4. Date of next meeting

7.00 pm, 18 February, in the Environment Centre.

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