

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 13th April 2015 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: Dawn Aplin (DA), Allyson Evans (AE), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), Alice Saville (AS), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Don Ashman (DA), Chris Connick (CC), Alun Evans (AuE), Rhian Evans (RE), Colin Fielder (CF), Gordon Gibson (GG), Dale Hall (DH), Mike Lewis (ML), Kerry Rogers (KR), John Sayce (JS).

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising from 25 February meeting.

- (a) Flyer stands. (Item 2a) DN had designed a stand to hold flyers. He circulated one. Printing the card to make 6 had cost £5.40. He would produce a further 6. **[Action: DN]**
- (b) Sustrans app. (Item 6a) NG reported that Sustrans proposed app.s for the Foreshore path and the Afan Valley, and sought *Wheelrights* support. He said that a meeting involving their Angela Spiteri and our Campaigns Group was planned for May. **[Action: NG]**
- (c) City Centre Strategic Framework Consultation. KR was working on this and DN had emailed an extract from KR's draft to the membership (on 12 April). DN tabled this and it was briefly discussed. Our general feeling was that he was hitting the right notes: striking a balance between appreciation of some excellent aspirations in the document and a clear identification of its shortcomings, namely a weakness in how the needs of cyclists were to be met. Regarding KR's specific requests for advice we felt that he was not being too critical and that he should be selective on how much of the detail (eg in Section 4) he should comment on. We suggested individuals email him directly with any further advice. We also discussed the Kingsway, reported under **8(a)** below. **[Action: KR]**

2. Bike maintenance classes

Following our decision at the last meeting PJ has arranged for Julian of Schmoos to give four classes from 7.00 to 8.30pm in the Environment Centre on 23 & 30 April and 14 & 21 May. There will be no charge and attendees are encouraged to bring their own bikes. All are welcome; DN will inform the local CTC (They ran such classes in 2012.) and we are asking RE (by these notes) to inform past beginners' classes attendees. PJ would provide a groundsheet for floor protection. **[Action: RE, PJ, DN]**

3. Bike Week (13-20 June)

The following events are scheduled: (Post meeting: now on website.)

- Sat. 13th: Adult Beginners Class.
- Sun. 14th: 43-2-C ride starting from the Clydach Heritage Centre at 11.00. See also **8(b)** below.
- Mid week: (NG to advise when.) a Sustrans ride up NCR 43. **[Action: NG]**
- Sun. 21st: *Wheelrights* Summer Solstice evening ride. DN would get it on the Bike Week website. **[Action: DN]**

4. Regional Cycling Conference (in 2016).

NG reported on a meeting held on 17 March, attended by key people including Tanya Nash and Sue Miles. While useful views were expressed at this meeting (We await NG's notes.) it failed to come up with a clear statement of the conference's objectives. *Wheelrights* were asked to provide this. A discussion ensued which indicated *inter alia* that the conference should be for senior people in education and the service industry. DN suggested that we produce a draft for a flyer which would state the conference aims, its scope and target audience. This would need to take into account who might give keynote presentations. It was agreed to attempt this. NG would start the ball rolling. Key people from cycling organisations, including Sustrans and the CTC, will need to be involved in preparing this draft. **[Action: NG]**

5. Routes

CW summarised what had been achieved on the last two Routes' rides, namely an inspection of the "tube map" Cross Valley route on 7 March and on 4 April a review of proposed ASLs in the City Centre. DN had prepared a report on the former which he has put on the 'Infrastructure' page of the website and updated the ASL drawing on the same page. He has informed Ben George.

CW then identified some matters for consideration at the forthcoming CAP meeting on 21 April (which he hopes to attend). Specifically: clarification of how *Wheelrights* can work with the Council. Are what we are doing now with our Routes rides, namely identifying what is needed to bring the routes up to Active Travel Act (ATA) standards, what they want? Also who should we contact on matters of detail?

He noted that on our next Routes ride, on 2 May, the plan is to inspect the proposed Liberty Stadium – Bonymaen route.

6. Shared path code

NG wondered if the leaflet prepared by DN and Rob Wachowski for the Foreshore path and included on p.11 of the recent Spring Newsletter could be used to improve the behaviour of cyclists and pedestrians on shared-use paths. We decided to consider this at a later meeting.

7. Gower Cycling Festival

DN advised that 5000 flyers had been produced. Arrangements for their distribution were in hand. He distributed some at the meeting. DJ offered to distribute them in Aberdare on 24 April where he is attending the play: *Gladiator*. (As are some from the CTC) **[Action: DJ]**
Referring to the social on 12 August DJ has arrangements in hand to provide music.

8. AOB

(a) Kingsway. Deploring the erection of barriers along the central reservation by the Council in response to the recent fatality we considered what action we should take and what our views should be about a long term solution. We agreed that:

- the Kingsway should not be a through route for cars;
- a two way through route for cyclists should be provided.

DN would write to the Evening Post on behalf of *Wheelrights* to make these points.
[Action: DN]

(b) Clydach Community Award. DJ announced that the *Cwmtawe Cycling Club* have been given this award in particular for their efforts organising the annual 43-2-C ride (Item 3. above) but also for their support for the local community.

(c) 16 May activities. NG noted that on this day there was the Council's "Skate and Street" event in Castle Square and in the afternoon Sustrans Active Travel Act training session. (To which all are invited but by prior arrangement only – see website, 'Events' page.) *Wheelrights* are planning a stall at the former (Shared with Sustrans?) so those manning the stall in the afternoon would not be able to attend the ATA session. DN would draw up a schedule for managing the stall. **[Action: DN]**

(d) Wheelrights Chair and Secretary. NG announced that he would be standing down as Chair this year for personal reasons. Also DN confirmed his earlier announcement (at our last AGM) that he is standing down as Secretary, only staying on until a replacement is found. Nominations for both posts are needed for confirmation at our AGM. **[Action: All]**

9. Date of next meeting

To be decided.

Notes prepared by David Naylor
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