

# ***Wheelrights***

## **Notes of meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY**

Present: Don Ashman (DA), Lindsey Brown (LB), Nick Clark (NC), Pete Clarke (PL), Chris Connick (CC), Ian Davies (ID), Allyson Evans (AIE), Eifion Francis (EF), Gordon Gibson (GG), John Gray (JG), Nick Guy (NG), Steve Hancock (SH), Pat Hansard (PH), David Judd (DJ), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS).

Apologies: Dawn Aplin (DA), Colin Fielder (CF), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

The meeting was chaired by NG.

This being a 'non-business' public meeting the agenda comprised Lindsey Brown's presentation on the ***Integrated Network Map*** followed by questions and answers.

### **Lindsey's presentation.**

Having introduced herself as Sustrans Area Manager for Cities she outlined the provisions of the *Active Travel Act* (ATA), in particular the requirement that Local Authorities first submit an *Existing Routes Map* (ERM) followed by an *Integrated Network Map* (INM). She then explained why the ATA was needed, finally indicating how we can be involved.

The deadline for submission of the ERM was January of this year. Since then the Welsh Government (WG) has provided feedback. Swansea has relatively few routes compared with NPT. These maps should be made available to the public.

The deadline for the INM is September, 2017. Its purpose is to show improvements to existing routes, identify new ones and prioritise them. This includes plans to provide active travel links between schools, places of work and where people live.

She highlighted two reasons why the ATA is needed: to improve the level of physical activity in adults and to reduce the mortality rate for children killed in road traffic incidents.

She explained how Sustrans are helping with the INM, for example by involving the public at events to identify routes of less than 10 miles, such as they would use to go to work, which might be included in the INM. These are then marked on a map. We can help with this (as Wheelrights have already been doing, eg at the Uplands Market). A recent Sustrans' initiative in collaboration with Cycling UK (erstwhile CTC) is to provide on [www.cyclinguk.org](http://www.cyclinguk.org) a facility to register your interest. (Enter "Integrated Network Map", including the " ", in the search box.) You should then be consulted about planned routes in your area.

### **Discussion**

A purposeful question and answer session followed her presentation.

DJ, commenting that the 400 p. ATA Guidance document was excellent, enquired if LA's were legally bound to follow it. LB replied that it was only guidance. However failure of LAs to follow it could affect how their plans are assessed.

The work currently in progress on West Way was discussed. GG asked what measures have the Council taken to meet ATA guidelines. LB and others were not happy with what is being done, implying that the guidelines are not being met. She noted that cyclists, planners, engineers and architects need to find ways of working together more effectively. NG noted that, in the context of West Way and more widely, Wheelrights need to work with Regeneration and Planning as well as Transportation.

Finally, views were expressed on health and how to improve it.

### **Next meeting.**

A.G.M. at 7.00pm in the Environment Centre on 7 November.

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