



## CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015

- Present: Cllr Nick Davies (CCS – Cycle Forum Designate), Chair  
Cllr Mark Thomas (CCS – Cabinet Member for Environment and Transportation)  
Cllr Mark Child (CCS – Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City)  
Ben George (CCS – Transport Strategy)  
Mike Cherry (Bikeability)  
Lindsey Curtis (Sustrans)  
Nick Guy (Wheelrights)  
David Naylor (Wheelrights)
- Apologies: Stuart Davies (CCS – Head of Service, Highways & Transportation)  
Helen Davies (Sustrans)

<b>1. Matters Arising</b>	
1.1 BG noted that he had not sent the plans for the Princess Way City Centre Cycle Network works to LC as agreed, and resolved to do this following the meeting.	BG
<b>2. City Centre Cycle Network</b>	
2.1 BG reported that the works to convert Princess Way to shared use would begin in w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2015. This will deliver a shared use path along Princess Way from the junction of Oystermouth Road to Kingsway Circle, complementing the recently completed shared use path on Oystermouth Road.	
2.2 NG queried whether a stronger form of segregation could be required adjacent to the Oxford Street McDonald's Restaurant. BG reiterated that a principle of 'soft segregation' had been applied in this area to balance the need for an element of segregation to cater for the large volumes of pedestrians and cyclists, whilst not giving too great a priority to through-movements for cycling which may result in higher speeds.	
2.3 BG reported that further phases of the City Centre Cycle Network will be unable to proceed any further until the implications of the City Centre Strategic Framework (CCSF) are known (published January 2015). The CCSF provides a policy context for redevelopment of the city centre, and its implications will be worked out over the coming months. It is therefore likely that the focus will move away from the city centre in the immediate future, albeit that the need for a city centre cycle network is still very much acknowledged.	
<b>3. Kingsway</b>	
3.1 Sustrans and Wheelrights presented their joint vision for the Kingsway. This street is one of the targets for regeneration and improvements as part of the City Centre Strategic Framework, which is currently out for consultation.	
3.2 The presentation proposed a number of broad principles which could be considered	

	<p>in any works to reconfigure the Kingsway and adjacent areas. The principles sought to reduce the impact and role for motorised traffic in these areas, with a greater emphasis placed upon public realm and its use by pedestrians and cyclists, although it was recognised that there was a need for some access by motorised vehicles.</p>	
3.3	<p>Cllr MT spoke in favour of the broad principles set out in the presentation and agreed that it was important that links for walking and cycling were properly integrated within the city centre to continue the work of the City Centre Cycle Network. The City Centre Strategic Framework seeks to bring more people to live and work within the city centre and it is therefore essential that it is a pleasant environment.</p>	LC
3.4	<p>Cllr MC spoke in favour of the broad aims that the presentation had touched on and added that it was important to provide green landscaping within the city centre wherever possible to improve its attractiveness to the people who live and work there. It was also mentioned that through-traffic needed to be diverted out of this area to alternative routes.</p>	
3.5	<p>LC encouraged the Council to determine and consider the key desire lines along and across the Kingsway in order to best cater for current and future demand.</p>	
3.6	<p>LC also presented a number of helpful exemplar case studies for consideration in the evolution and development of the City Centre. These examples included elements of shared space, road reallocation and measures which would reduce vehicle speed through urban design features.</p>	
3.7	<p>The discussion was welcomed by those present and will be fed into the emerging processes within the Council as appropriate.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Kingsbridge Cycle Link</b>	
4.1	<p>NG voiced support for the aspiration to realise the Kingsbridge Cycle Link in providing general connectivity to Kingsbridge, Gorseinon and Grovesend, as well as providing an important link in the 'Gower Way', (a long distance walking route).</p>	
4.2	<p>BG reported that the work to register and deregister the common land continued to progress well and the legal processes are expected to complete by May 2015. Once this is completed the Council will begin discussions with regards to the purchase of the required land.</p>	
4.3	<p>NG informed the group that Wheelrights and Sustrans were jointly working with Pontarddulais Town Council and local interest groups to realise an extension of the existing route from Grovesend to link with Pontarddulais. They had jointly walked the route and were considering options of how to cross the M4 and District Railway Line. The group was also considering whether to organise a bicycle ride to raise awareness.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Fabian Way</b>	
5.1	<p>BG reported that the design of the new Fabian Way route was now at an advanced stage and detailed cost estimates were being prepared. Once this work was completed, the Council would be able to formally approach Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to request that they release the required funds. It is expected that the works to deliver the route will commence in May 2015.</p>	

<b>6. North Gower Trail</b>	
6.1 NG requested discussion on this particular project because Wheelrights are keen to maintain the momentum to realise its delivery. NG queried whether a lesser scheme could be delivered to provide cycle warning signage for motorists.	
6.2 BG agreed to make enquiries with the Traffic team regarding this request.	<b>BG</b>
<b>7. AOB</b>	
7.1. Cllr ND requested whether an advanced stop line could be provided on Gwydr Square. BG agreed to look into this.	<b>BG</b>
7.2. Cllr MT asked that Council Officers use the emerging LDP to plan for and create a much improved cycle network.	<b>BG</b>
7.3. DN reported that the work to realise a right of way across Llethryd Cwm was proceeding well and is expected to take approximately 12 months to conclude.	
7.4. DN repeated the request from Wheelrights to establish a Technical Sub Group to discuss matters of detail for emerging schemes. BG responded that it was unlikely that he could devote the required time and attention to this in combination with current workloads.	
<b>11. Date of Next Meeting</b>	
11.1 The next Cycle Action Progress Meeting will be held on 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015 at 2:30pm in Civic Centre, Swansea.	

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