



CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

8TH MARCH 2016

Present: Cllr Nick Davies (CCS – Cycle Forum Designate), Chair
Ben George (CCS – Transport Strategy)
Lindsey Brown (Sustrans)
Roger Dutton (Sustrans)
Nick Guy (Wheelrights)
David Naylor (Wheelrights)
Chris Walsh (Wheelrights)

Apologies: Cllr Mark Child (CCS – Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City)
Stuart Davies (CCS – Head of Service, Highways & Transportation)
Mike Cherry (Bikeability)

1. Matters Arising

- 1.1 Cllr Mark Child had given his apologies for the meeting and it was not therefore known whether he had been able to make progress with regards to the issue of establishing a shared use path across Clyne Common and whether the Police had given a view on whether they would support this as a safe route to school. LB suggested that the Local Authority could use the Active Travel (Wales) Act Route Audit tools to determine the quality of route that might be required. BG agreed to follow up on the delivery of this scheme.
- 1.2 ND and NG raised the issue of a Code of Conduct for cyclists being needed in order to advocate for considerate use of shared use paths. BG advised that a Code of Conduct would be included on the Swansea Bay Cycle Map which would be published in the coming weeks. BG agreed to circulate the draft Code of Conduct. **BG**

2. Bike Week

- 2.1 NG led a discussion with regards to Bike Week 2016 and a number of events which Wheelrights and Sustrans will hold during that week.
- 2.2 *Sunday 12th June 2016:* Wheelrights are arranging a family fun ride, which will combine the annual 43 to Sea with a second supporting ride for a group travelling from Mumbles to the City Centre. These two groups will meet at Castle Square. Once at Castle Square Wheelrights and Sustrans are planning to hold an event in support of the Active Travel (Wales) Act Integrated Network Map and promote behavioural change.
- 2.3 *Wednesday 15th June 2016:* Wheelrights and CTC will hold a bike ride from the Sail Bridge to the Gower Heritage Centre, where a film will be screened.
- 2.4 *Thursday 16th June 2016:* Wheelrights and Sustrans are working in partnership to organise a Cycle Conference for South West Wales. Wheelrights have invited a number of prominent public officials to speak at this event. The conference will focussed upon and examine:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the Active Travel (Wales) Act can be delivered in innovative and cost-effective ways. • Active Travel Promotion. • Highway Design. • Network Planning. <p>2.5 <i>Friday 18th June 2016:</i> Wheelrights will hold a City Centre Bike Ride to highlight the need for improved infrastructure. This short bike ride will complete a circuit of the city centre using, Princess Way, Kingsway, West Way and Oystermouth Road. Wheelrights are seeking a speaker to attend this event. NG will write to BG & ND to seek Council representation.</p>	NG
<p>3. Active Travel Integrated Network Map</p> <p>3.1 NG stated that Wheelrights would like to be involved in the development of the INM. The INM is required to be submitted to the Welsh Government by September 2017 and will set out the routes which the Council intends to deliver over the next 15 years.</p> <p>3.2 BG reported that the City & County of Swansea was yet to devise exactly how it would develop and deliver its INM, but that it would be pleased to work with Wheelrights and any other interested parties to ensure the most is made of this opportunity.</p> <p>3.3 DN offered for Wheelrights to prepare new routes for consideration, and BG agreed that this would be helpful.</p> <p>3.4 LB commented that Sustrans could offer some support and would provide their view on how the INM process should be undertaken.</p>	DN LB
<p>4. City Centre</p> <p>4.1 NG stated that Wheelrights would be pleased to support the concept proposals for Kingsway that have been released to the media, which show a green plaza. NG further asked whether Orchard Street could be reopened to 2-way cycling in advance of any physical works to Kingsway. BG agreed to make enquiries and suggested that if funding could be found, this may be something which could be done, particularly in support of the development of student residential developments in the area.</p> <p>4.2 ND and NG asked what progress was being made to deliver the city centre cycle infrastructure on Union Street and Nelson Street. BG advised that Wheelrights, Sustrans and Cllr Davies may wish to write to Stuart Davies, Head of Service for Highways & Transportation to enquire as to the progress of this proposal.*</p> <p>4.3 * <i>Post Meeting Note:</i> Following an email from Cllr Nick Davies, Stuart Davies responded to state the despite some objection from local traders to the scheme being installed, the Council intends to allow cycling through this section of the pedestrianised zone, subject to a risk assessment.</p> <p>4.4 NG commented that the completion of Morfa Distributor Road is likely to reduce city centre traffic and this would be for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	
<p>5. Local Transport Fund 2016/17</p> <p>5.1 BG presented the Local Transport Fund bids that had been submitted to the Welsh Government for 2016/17. In total four bids were submitted. These are:</p>	

<p>5.2 <i>Morfa Distributor Road</i>: The Council is seeking funding to allow the completion of the scheme by the end of 2016/17. The scheme would deliver a shared use path along its length as part of the project.</p> <p>5.3 <i>Fabian Way Business Case</i>: This is a project which will develop the business case for the transport infrastructure which is planned for Fabian Way over the next 20 years.</p> <p>5.4 <i>Fabian Way Baldwins Bridge</i>: This project will deliver detailed design of Baldwins Bridge to deliver improved efficiency, capacity and accessibility to adjoining sites.</p> <p>5.5 <i>Kingsbridge Link</i>: This bid will provide funding to secure the land and undertake the design in order that the scheme might move closer to a state which would allow its delivery. A portion of the funding will also be used to examine route options for connecting the existing route, which terminates in Grovesend, to Pontarddulais. This part of the project may be undertaken in partnership with Sustrans.</p> <p>5.6 LB queried whether the outline plans for Baldwins Bridge could be brought for discussion to the next CAP. BG agreed.</p> <p>5.7 LB commented that Sustrans are seeking funding through the RDP to fund feasibility studies for routes that could link with existing NCN routes. Pontarddulais Link is one of the routes being considered.</p> <p>5.8 NG expressed concern that the planned LDP developments for Pontarddulais could do more to provide for new walking and cycling links. BG agreed to review the provisions.</p>	<p>BG</p> <p>BG</p>
<p>6. Small Infrastructure Needs</p> <p>6.1 NG led a discussion regarding small improvements to the shared use network. Wheelrights had agreed a list of infrastructure improvements which are small in scale, but would represent a significant improvement to the function of the route.</p> <p>6.2 Five needs were outlined in the meeting. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realignment of the road crossing from Station Road, Loughor to the Loughor River Bridge. • Sterry Road Crossing – a dropped kerb is required. • A number of advanced stop lines. • Morfa Distributor Road – ensuring that good continuity can be maintained on the route, particularly at road crossings. • Double-Roundabout Crossing, adjacent to Inco Vale Works, Clydach. <p>6.3 BG agreed to investigate these and resolve as many as possible.</p>	<p>BG</p>
<p>7. AOB</p> <p>7.1. BG reported that NCN43, adjacent to Liberty Stadium and the Swansea City Football Club Training Academy had now reopened. Some remedial works were still needed, and these had been agreed to be done in the near future.</p> <p>7.2. RD explained that he was working to sign up schools within the City & County of Swansea to the 'Big Pedal'. This event had been very successful in increasing the levels of cycling within schools in past years, and it is hoped that Swansea-based schools could also benefit. The Big Pedal will be held from 18th – 29th April 2016.</p>	

7.3. BG agreed to circulate a copy of the draft Swansea Bay Cycle Map for information and comment.	BG
12. Date of Next Meeting 12.1 The next meeting will be held on: 2nd June 2016 at 2pm in Civic Centre, Swansea	