

CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

MEETING NOTES- 16TH OCTOBER 2018

PRESENT:

- Councillor Nick Davies (Chair)
- David Naylor (Wheelrights)
- Ryland Jones (Sustrans)
- Nick Guy (Wheelrights)
- John Sayce (Wheelrights)
- Mike Cherry (Bikeability)
- Ben George (Swansea Council)
- Chloe Lewis (Swansea Council)

1. MATTERS ARISING

- 1.1 RJ revises point 6.4 from previous meeting; funding bid for £700k submitted for Pontarddulais Link, EOI results next week, following this a full bid will be submitted.
- 1.2 NG advised that a cycle signage audit ride will be arranged shortly and that this will prioritise signs between the City Centre and the Liberty Stadium.
- 1.3 ND raises complaint of signage on Alexandra Road; reconfiguration should aid this being corrected. Inconsistent signage across the authority.
- 1.4 RJ- Review looking at signage across Wales; lobby WG to provide funding for improvements.
- 1.5 NG- Further to point 7 from previous meeting, discusses incidents on the Sail Bridge, suggests design of the pedestrian side investigated as this becomes slippery when wet. Suggests that the council website is amended from 'Reporting Problems with Roads and Pavements', to include cycle paths.

2. ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND 2018/19 PROJECTS

- 2.1 BG gives update; £2 million successfully awarded across a number of schemes which will be delivered by the end of the financial year.
- 2.2 DN raises Sketty Lane widening scheme; would an additional cycle lane be possible to the North of the tree line. BG scheme will be starting imminently and will be building through supervision, some trees will be taken away however some localised narrowing route will be achieved as planned. Not able to change the path line as this is not mandated. ND raises lighting on the route and possibility of solar. BG advises of revenue

budget going down, cycle routes are not lit, solar option will not provide enough gain throughout the day to provide light at night.

- 2.3 DN does not feel that the Ynystawe Link is necessary, BG advises that this is being built now and will give the community of Ynystawe a new link to NCN43. DN asks if a parallel crossing at the Mond is possible, BG to look into this.
- 2.4 DN discussed Tipenry area under the M4 and that a route along Clydach Road is preferable. BG advised that this was submitted in this year's bid but funding was not successful.
- 2.5 JS discussed the excellent amount of funding that has been achieved for Swansea.

3. ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND 2019/20 PROJECTS

- 3.1 DN makes reference to Gorseinon-Penllergaer route options. JS refers to the work that been completed for the East of Swansea and would now like to see more routes in the west of Swansea to complete a strategic route and provide local links.
- 3.2 Certain sections of land have ongoing negotiations. JS discussed three possible routes for consideration; Cwm Level to Morrision Hospital, Penlan to Manselton and Gowerton to Cwm Bach Road. ND advised that SA5 area is deprived of routes and would like to see improvements in these areas. BG new routes are being mapped and will need to be added to the INM following a 12 week consultation. DN advised that Wheelrights have produced reports, available on 'Infrastructure' page (Cross Valley Route).

4. WALTER ROAD CYCLE ROUTE

- 4.1 Two options currently available for consideration, both require loss of parking on the North side. Assessment of priority needed, political level of support needed for the scheme to go ahead. Cabinet support needed to move this forward. Two lane option preferable if this can be achieved with the dimensions available.
- 4.2 Meeting to be arranged with ND, Mary Sherwood, Councillors in the Castle Ward, engineers and BG. Issue of loss of parking needs to be communicated and agreed for the project to move forward.

5. KINGSBRIDGE LINK

- 5.1 BG advised that deal with Network Rail for their section of land has been signed; section to Fairwood Terrace can be completed. Section from Welsh Water to Kingsbridge Trust- signed licence to do works and allow

the route which now means that an application can be submitted to planning to vary the terms of the common agreement. Two sections remain that require agreements; Welsh Water to Fairwood and Traffle Farm. May be possible to build 2019/20.

- 5.2 NG discussed Rural Development Board's final report on sustainable transport; Gowerton Station an important hub and more routes in the area will be of great use.

6. PONTARDDULAIS LINK

- 6.1 Progress being made, worth of the land has been calculated. As advised in previous meeting, land owner willing to sell. Engineers moving forward with project. Network Rail deal to be finalised over the bridge.
- 6.2 JS enquired if in future discussions with Network Rail, the link at Morryston Rugby Club be included.

7. KEN SKATES MEETING – JOHN SAYCE

- 7.1 JS discussed a meeting that he had with Welsh Government's Minister for Economy and Infrastructure to discuss Active Travel possibly showing a small decline. Welsh Government see an improvement and accepted that funding should go up to £17 per head from £10 per head. Acknowledgments were made of the issue that exist with mental health and physical activity and the importance of walking and cycling relating to this.
- 7.2 Welsh Government Economic Contract discussed; if government money is given, this will need to be signed. This contract requires that decarbonisation and health considerations are included in order to achieve funding. This applies to business grants.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 NG presented all with a map and the suggestion of making Penlan Crescent to Terrance Road a 'Quiet Street' route.
- 8.2 MC advised of issues at Rosehill Quarry and that more people using this area may develop an element of self-policing.
- 8.3 RJ NCN review coming to a conclusion, a database has been developed and rated into categories with recommendations. This is being launched in the Senedd on the 4th of December for UK and Welsh report.