

CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

Meeting Minutes – 28th January 2019

Present:

Councillor Nick Davies (Chair)	(Cllr. ND)	Swansea Council
Ben George	(BG)	Swansea Council
Chloe Lewis	(CL)	Swansea Council
Elena Bianchi	(EB)	Sustrans
David Naylor	(DN)	Cycling UK
Nick Guy	(NG)	Wheelrights

Apologies:

Councillor Mark Thomas	(Cllr. MT)	Swansea Council
Ryland Jones	(RJ)	Sustrans
John Sayce	(JS)	Wheelrights
Mike Cherry	(MC)	Bikeability

- **Matters Arising**
- DN raised point 2.2 from the previous meeting and wished to express Cycling UK's appreciation for the good work that has been undertaken on the Sketty Lane Widening scheme.
- Cllr. ND raised lighting / safety concerns on this route and Singleton Park as a student and commuter route.
- NG suggested that the lighting of the promenade route could be linked to tourism in making the route attractive for use at night.
- DN again raised point 2.3 from the previous meeting, to look at the possibility of making improvements to the crossing at the Mond in Clydach. BG to respond.
- EB advised that point 1.1 from the previous meeting, regarding the EOI bid submitted for Pontarddulais Link was not successful. Sustrans have submitted another bid for funding; response end of Feb / Mar.
- **Active Travel Fund 2018/19 Projects**
- BG presented the routes that were bid for in this financial year; successful in securing funding for the majority of schemes with the concentration focused on providing new links to in the NCN network.

- Work is ongoing; Swansea Vale Link Road starting, Ynystawe almost complete.
- Cllr. ND questioned whether people will commute in the winter months along Blackpill and Oystermouth Road with no lighting. BG advised that the lighting of routes is a corporate issue with lack of revenue to fund. Cllr. ND expressed the importance of making cycling an all year round option to all levels of cyclists.
- BG advised that Llansamlet, Trallwn Link and new route onto Upper Bank are in progress. Since completing Sketty Lane, workforce have now moved on to Singleton Park and Cwm Level.
- **Active Travel Fund 2019/20 Projects**
- NG suggested that new routes should have an official opening. Cllr. ND agreed and suggested that social media channels be used to promote.
- BG gave a summary of the bids that were submitted for FY 2019/20.
- Invitation to bid was announced at the start of December 2018; £20 million is available from the Active Travel Fund for the whole of Wales. This was £10 million last year of which Swansea Council was successful in receiving over £2 million.
- BG explained the guidance for submitting bids and that three options were offered to Cllr. MT to be reduced to two for submission. It was agreed that the focus of the routes should move to another area and for this reason, the routes in the East of Swansea (Llansamlet area) were not taken forward for next year given the funding this area has received in the past year for Active Travel.
- The bid for FY 2019/20 contained two strategic and two local schemes, in accordance with the criteria issued by WG.
- The first strategic scheme, Northern Strategic Route, picks up the route from Morriston Hospital linking to the A48 route for shared use provision from the DVLA to J47. Development of Kingsbridge Link and a route from Penllergaer to Gorseinon is included within this bid.
- The second strategic route, Clyne Valley Links, concentrates on widening and improving the whole length of Clyne Valley to bring this in line with current design standards. Swansea Central Bridge is included in this bid which will allow cycling across the bridge. Development of Grovesend to Pontarddulais has been included in this bid for land purchase and option appraisal for the bridge.

- The first local scheme, Loughor Estuary Links, includes North Gower Trail, Grovesend and Penyrheol. Funding for design and development of permitted cycling across Loughor Bridge is contained within this bid.
- The second local scheme, City Centre Links focuses on creating a network of routes that connects the communities surrounding the City Centre into the City Centre and onwards to the NCN.
- The bids were submitted on the 18th of January; awaiting feedback from WG.
- BG advised that the bid in its entirety would double the length of off-road routes. The total bid submitted by Swansea Council for the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund totals £9.8 million.
- **Pontarddulais Link**
- EB provided an update on a bid that has been submitted by Sustans for £900k to look at the link between Grovesend and Pontarddulais. This funding would cover delivery, construction, nature, community engagement and social prescribing. Outcome of funding submission expected at the end of Feb / Mar 2019.
- BG advised that an options appraisal is starting this year with Arcadis. Network Rail have been open and helpful to progress this to date.
- **Kingsbridge Link**
- BG advised that the land agreements are in place through estate to the river and adjacent to Welsh Water. Final section is pending agreement. Legal will shortly be submitting to the Planning Inspectorate to permit bicycles over the common.
- **Walter Road**
- Consultation leaflet circulated to all properties on Walter Road on 21st of January.
- NG commended the wording of the document on behalf of Wheelrights.
- Clarity was sought on the minimum standards for width of the two cycle lanes proposed. BG agreed to provide clarification on this issue by email.
- BG advised that there have been a number of collisions at the west end of Walter Road, adjacent to Bryn Y Mor Road; scheme is significant in

improving cycle provision to this busy road.

- **Any Other Business**
- ND to discuss Oystermouth Road bus shelter issue with BG.
- **Date of Next Meeting**
- To be arranged.