

CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS GROUP

Meeting Notes – 24th October 2019

Present:

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| Councillor Nick Davies (Chair) | (Cllr. ND) | Swansea Council |
| Ben George | (BG) | Swansea Council |
| Chloe Lewis | (CL) | Swansea Council |
| David Naylor | (DN) | Cycling UK |
| John Sayce | (JS) | Wheelrights |
| Nick Guy | (NG) | Wheelrights |
| Chris Walsh | (MC) | Wheelrights |
| Ryland Jones | (RJ) | Sustrans |

- **Matters Arising**

- DN raised point 1.1 from the previous meeting, to look at the possibility of making improvements to the crossing at the Mond in Clydach. BG advised that Traffic team have advised that a consultation will take place on the design. Alan Ferris (AF) is leading the project, group encouraged to contact AF to discuss detail (Alan.Ferris@swansea.gov.uk).
- JS raised point 1.2 of the previous meeting regarding the widening of Wellington Street. BG advised that work is being undertaken on this and have included for shared use as part of the redevelopment. Discussions ongoing regarding gradient and segregation. BG advised that the design has not been seen, if able to view, will share with group.
- RJ raised point 2.10 querying progress with Network Rail on Pontarddulais Link. BG advised that this is ongoing.
- DN advised of an amendment to point 2.11; improvement needed to the north of Kingsbridge, not Gorseinon as stated. Minor works project suggested for 2020/21.

- **Routes for Active Travel Fund Bid (2020/21)**

- RJ advised that Sustrans are working with Welsh Government (WG) and Transport for Wales (TfW) to look at the way in which Active Travel Funding is awarded from the next financial year onwards. It is the intention of the project to move to a stage-gate process, a tiered system, where each scheme is evaluated with a series of objectives against each

stage, agreed by an awarding panel. Community engagement and monitoring will feature. Focus on improvements having an impact on baseline levels. Full process being designed; regional workshop to gain views and suggestions on the new process will be held in Carmarthen on 21st November. Tier 1 will be simple schemes such as dropped kerbs, design and feasibility; Tier 2 and 3 will be substantial schemes; Tier 4 will be multi-year, large scale programmes. WG have tasked TfW and Sustrans with this work. Funding provided by WG, delivery by TfW and support by Sustrans.

- RJ suggested that the Active Travel Fund schemes have no evidence of improvement currently and advised that monitoring strategies and training on how to achieve this are being looked into.
- **Active Travel Fund Projects 2018/19**
- BG advised signing and lining to be completed on Cwm Level, will be addressed.
- JS advised that the quality of the newly installed route on Neath Road adjacent to Rossi's is of poor quality and reported that cars are parking along the path. BG agreed to raise this with the Engineers.
- Cwm Level to surgery and car park is in hand.
- Tir Canol root issue resolved. Llanllienwen Close connection towards Morryston Hospital not yet completed; in hand.
- Cllr. ND advised that new routes are not appearing in the newspaper; suggested a comms issue.
- BG advised of a commission that is currently out to tender for Active Travel Promotion on Sell2Wales. Marketing and events companies have been invited to tender. Return mid-November; hoped that this will address awareness of routes.
- Kingsbridge Link work ongoing. Awaiting final land deal to cross Welsh Water road and farm land (Penllergaer Estates). NG expressed thanks to BG for continued perseverance.
- Walter Road – BG advised that he attended Cabinet two months ago, output was positive with good quality infrastructure and segregation from traffic wanted.
- **Active Travel Projects 2019/20**

- Gors Avenue designed and ready to go out to tender. Furnace Way end may not be included; Pobl not responding. Route may therefore terminate at Carmarthen Road.
- Townhill Northern Link experiencing issues; design had been prepared but ecologist and planners would not approve. New plan to be designed. Planning Officer has written a letter setting our planning position. The top section has been designated a SINC, leading to concerns for local ecology.
- Bid for in-year funding has been submitted, which includes A48 link, Gors Avenue to Broadway, signalised junction for Mayals SUP scheme (SUP planned for next year, subject to funding).
- Gower Access Path (Clyne Common) discussed, AF leading on this. AF requested to attend next CAP meeting to update.
- **Minor Works**
- DN discussed a list of priorities to be considered for minor works funding in the future:

Priority 1.

- (a) NCR 4: Loughor Bridge. Re-route western approach to the north side of Castle Road. Reopen issue of widening shared-use path on north side of bridge.
- (b) NCR 43 Mond crossing at Clydach. Below standard: parallel crossing suggested.
- (c) Kingsbridge to A4240 path upgrade. Upgrade and sign existing path.
- (d) Landore E-W link. Upgrade crossing of A4067 to a Toucan and the footpath between it and the Morfa Relief Rd to shared use.
- (e) Cross Valley link. Provide a Park and Bike facility at W. end, widen N. side path to improve access to NCR 43 and improve link to Morryston path across r'b't over A4067.
- (f) Railway Station. Signage and cycle access in immediate vicinity of station.

Priority 2.

- (a) NCR 4: Sterry Rd. Provide a dropped kerb to take NCR 4 directly across Sterry Rd.
- (b) Advance Stop Lines. List on the Infrastructure page of website now updated.
- (c) NCR 43 to N. Bank path link. Along E. side of Nantong Way. (Already in pipeline?)
- (d) Clydach Rd under M4. Add a path between Clydach Rd (B4603) and the A4067 to give cycle access under the M4. (If pos. upgrade the pedestrian bridge for cycle use)

- (e) Eaton Road. Upgrade existing cycle lane. (Key route north from station.)
 - (f) Gwydr Square to Singleton Park. Make link via Oakwood Rd and Gwydr Cr. cycle friendly.
 - (g) Terrace Rd. Make barriers at east end cycle friendly.
- Neath Rd – Morfa Relief Rd N-S link. A means for cyclists to cross the busy B4603.

- NG gave an update on the improvements to be made at Swansea Railway Station.
 - Additional bike parking – 14 spaces added
 - Community spaces to be developed
 - Stand for maps suggested to provide cycling information
 - Working with Swansea University to investigate adding a docking station outside the station for additional Santander bikes
- BG to circulate list of minor works schemes for 2019/20.
- **Signage**
- A review of cycle signage across the network and completion of identified associated works will shortly be put out to tender on Sell2Wales.
- **E-Bike Scheme (Townhill)**
- JS advised that Lee Waters AM is supportive of the scheme. JS and others looking at possible funding sources; Julie James AM to speak with WG, David Hopkins to speak with Paul Relf and Leanne Dowel to speak with Credit Union regarding repayment. Focus on areas experiencing transport poverty.
- **Network Quality Tube Map**
- CW gave a summary of the map produced showing the quality of cycle provision between destinations. The map includes schools, colleges and universities, plus elevation data.
- It is a changing map that is intended to be used to show network status and be used to illustrate to Councillors the quality of cycling connectivity in their area, and areas for improvement.
- **AOB**
- NG discussed the opening of Tir Canol, and that an event with a Councillors

bike had previously been discussed with the Leader of the Council, Rob Stewart; suggested for this route. Coordination with Bike Week in June next year also discussed.

- **Date of Next Meeting**
- The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 28th of January 2020 at 10:00am in Committee Room 4, Guildhall.