

Notes from Wheelwrights Group Meeting

held Monday 14th July 2014 in the Railway Inn

Present:- Chris Walsh (CW), David Naylor (DN), Nick Guy (NG), John Sayce (JS), Rob Wachowski (RW), Mike Lewis (ML)

Apologies:- Chris Connick, Phil Jones

Meeting was chaired by CW.

1. Purpose & Aims of Group

1. Ensure existing Cycling Infrastructure is 'fit for purpose' identifying issues and discussing/prioritising with CC Swansea to resolve.
2. Identify & Prioritise new Cycling Routes liaising closely with CC Swansea and integrating with the Active Travel Act.

2. New Routes to be Prioritised

Eight routes were identified and a proposal from CW was discussed as one possible way to prioritise. 4 criterion were evaluated for each route and a score reached by consensus. Summing the 4 scores (in effect giving each criterion equal weighting) would hopefully identify a prioritised listing. Refer Table 1 below.

The criterion were:-

Volume likely to be using path 1-Low to 3-High

Cost of implementing 1-High to 3-Low

Level Of Difficulty to cycle along route 1-High (e.g includes Hills) to 3-Easy

Political will to develop 1-Low to 3-High, largely informed by JS

Results:-

The following 3 routes emerged as equal top scores and hence those that should be prioritised.

Gowerton - Pontardullais

City Centre - Liberty Stadium

Bonymaen - Liberty Stadium

JS offered to update a previous analysis to determine the Population percentage served by these new routes i.e those living within 1/2 mile of them (Action JS)

Table 1:- Evaluation of New Routes

Route from	to	Volume	Cost	Political Will	Level Of Difficulty	Score	
1	Gowerton	Pontardullais	2	3	3	3	11
2	City Centre	Liberty Stadium	3	3	2	3	11
3	Bonymaen	Liberty Stadium	3	3	3	2	11
4	New Campus	Sailbridge via Langdon Rd	3	2	1	3	9
5	City Centre	Uplands	2	2	3	2	9
6	City Centre	Cadle->Gowerton	2	2	2	1	7
7	Gowerton	Penclawdd	1	1	1	3	6
8	Clyne	Bishopston	1	2	1	1	5

This was clearly a subjective exercise and may well require further review but it did manage to produce some priorities in the time available.

3. Council Cycling Action Plan

DN & HG gave group some feedback from meeting attended earlier in day.

- Signage to be improved on Red & Purple routes (refer to Swansea Bay Cycle Route Tube map, link:- <http://www.cycleswanseabay.org.uk/>)
- Gowerton to Kingsbridge route in pipeline, 2-3 year timescale

4. Current Infrastructure Safety Issues was not discussed due to time constraints

- Safety Issues e.g B4603 Clydach
- Any others

5.AOB was not discussed due to time constraints

6. Next Meeting 5:45pm Monday 18th August at the Railway Inn