

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting/ride on 15th July 2017

in the Environment Centre Café, Swansea.

Present: Nick Guy (NG), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT),
Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Mike Lewis (ML).

1. **Matters arising** from 27 May meeting.

- (a) Kingsway (Item 1a). JS had recently met with cllr Mark Thomas (Now Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment.) and cllr Nick Davies. At this meeting JS's proposed that the Kingsway cycleway should be on the south side of the carriageway to avoid the numerous junctions. (Further pressure may however be needed to ensure that this change is implemented.) JS noted that this would provide continuity with the cycleway proposed for the east side of Orchard Street which would continue to the railway station.
- (b) City and Rural routes (Item 2). The meeting with John Davies has yet to be arranged. NG will try and get this set up soon. **[Action: NG]**
- (c) Meeting with Council Leader. (Item 3). This meeting, scheduled for 24 July, should be attended by NG, JS and Sustrans. At it NG & JS would promote Wheelrights manifesto and seek to have 10 Wards interconnected by cycle routes. Also they would make a case for increasing the annual cycling budget from the current inadequate £60k. This comes out of a £44m transport budget. Based on the recommended £10/head (Which some 'Cycling Cities' in England receive.) the cycling budget should be about £2.5m!

2. **INM routes.**

JS tabled print-outs of the 10 Capita INM maps plus their summary map. We were critical of the presentation: zig-zag lines to show the cycle routes; maps at different scales. Also it appears Capita had not checked out the routes on the ground. JS drew attention to the purple non zig-zag routes identified as 'short term'. He thought that there were no plans to construct the green 'aspirational' routes.

We discussed how best to present a recommended route short-list to the Council. CW noted that in deciding on these a plan showing potential desire lines, ie which populated areas should be linked, is needed. JS suggested we ask Ben George how he would like the routes presented. (At the next CAP meeting?) **[Action: CAP attendees.]**

To get things going DN proposed to scan the Swansea cycle map to produce A4 grey-scale copies on which we could mark up our preferred routes together with Capita's. He would circulate these. The marking of routes could be done either electronically or by hand on print-outs. We would focus on 'short term' routes. We agreed to divide the area between us, broadly as follows: Swansea West: DN & PT; City Centre & NW: NG; NE: JS; East: CW. There may well be overlap and this would be OK. (Second opinions welcome!) **[Action: All]**

3. **Troublemaker's Festival.**

This was currently underway. We could support it by hauling a cycle trailer with a large placard advertising the event. See 'Ride' below.

4. **Uplands market.** (29 July)

We decided to have a Wheelrights stall – cost £45. A prime purpose would be to advertise the GCF. NG is arranging its manning. **[Action: NG]**

5. **Next meeting.**

10.00am Saturday, 5 August, in the Environment Centre Café.

The ride

NG and DN cycled to High Street and NG towed the 'Troublemakers' trailer (See 3. above) round the 'box'. We went along Portland and Park Streets from NE to SW and noted that "Except cycles" had been added to the Park and Singleton Street 'No entry' signs. But there lacks a cycle contra-flow lane. NG or DN should raise this at the next CAP. **[Action: NG/DN]**

Notes prepared by David Naylor