

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018

in the Environment Centre Café, Swansea.

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

Apologies: Bill Gannon (BG), Alan Kreppell (AL), Mike Lewis (ML),

### 1. Matters arising from 4 August meeting.

- (a) Rural Routes Workshop. (Item 4) DN would inform Ben George that the map showing routes on the Gower is available on the 'Infrastructure' page of our website. **[Action: DN]**
- (b) Cardiff bike lobby 2 Oct. rally. (Item 5) JS has arranged to attend the planned meeting with Ken Skates which was postponed to 10 October. **[Action: JS]**

### 2. Route Assessment.

At the last meeting we considered how best to support CCS by assessing routes which would follow on from the ten already approved. These are listed as (a) to (j) in section 2 of the 4 Aug. notes. At that meeting 7 routes, (a) to (g) in Section 3, were suggested for assessment. We considered all these routes and then some new ones as follows:

- (a) 'Approved' routes. ([a], [b], ... are the sub-sections of Section 2 in the notes.)
  - i. Gowerton – Kingsbridge. (6a; MT0003). [a]. This is not one of the approved routes, but is going ahead anyway.
  - ii. Blackpill – Sketty Lane: NCR 4 widening. [b]. We felt that rather than widen the existing path it would be better to provide a separate cycle path north of the trees. \*
  - iii. Tircanol – Morriston. (23a,b; AS0053). [e]. CCS highway engineer Dave Smitham is preparing designs.
  - iv. Ynystawe Bridge – Clydach. [g]. We think this route unnecessary. \*
  - v. Heol Las link to AS0027 on Gwernllwynchwyth Rd. [i]. Not approved.
  - vi. A route through Winsh Wen and Trallwn N. of and parallel to Carmel Road is, we understand, an approved route.
- (b) Follow on routes. ([a], [b], ... are the sub-sections of Section 3 in the notes.)
  - i. Kingsbridge – Pontarddulais. (6b,c; AS0007). [a]. Assessment not needed as route already exists. (Upgrading of S. part and signing is needed.)
  - ii. Gorseinon – Penllergaer. (16a, AS0006). [b]. JS advised that rather than take this route along the A4240 Ben was interested in a parallel route to the south. Ben was also considering a bridge across the A483 on the S. side of Jcn 47. DN suggested that a tunnel rather than a bridge would be better because of the level differences. It would connect with a cul-de-sac on the W. side which was well below the level of the A483. Pipe jacking techniques to construct this tunnel without interrupting road traffic should be possible. We should ask CCS to look into this. \*
  - iii. Penllergaer – DVLA. (16b; AS0014). [c]. DN noted that the Routes Group had already assessed this route and provided a report on it on the Infrastructure page. \*
  - iv. Trallwyn Rd – Frederick Place. (E. part of 26). [g]. This is a logical continuation of the Winsh Wen – Trallwn route to Frederick Place.

### (c) New Routes

The Campaigns Group at their 8 Dec. meeting proposed three new routes. The first of these is covered in 2(b) ii above. We commented on the other two as follows:

- i. Llewitha Common to Cwmbwrla. This would go through Fforestfach via the Kingsway and Queensway to Station Road. From there it would comprise our previously proposed Route 9 (on Indexed map) to the Cwmbwrla roundabout. At the west end we propose a link to Gowerton using existing footpaths along the Afon Llan.
- ii. Penllergaer to the city centre via Penplas Rd and Penlan. The northern part comprises INM route AS0018 and our 15b, the southern 15a. We discussed the latter.

\* These points to be covered in an email DN would send to Ben George. **[Action DN]**

### 3. Next meeting.

10.00am Saturday, 3 November, in the Environment Centre Café.

Notes prepared by  
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