

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting/ride on 6th April 2019

in the Environment Centre, Pier St, SA1 1RY.

Present: Bill Gannon (BG), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Chris Connick (CC), John Sayce (JS)

1. **Matters arising** from 4 March meeting.

Stafford Common. (Item 2.) NG reported that the necessary agreements had been obtained and that work has started near the station.

2. **Gower Access Path and associated links.**

A long awaited meeting between Barry Cooper, DN & PT (of the GAP group) and Cllr Lyndon Jones (Bishopston Ward), Jeff Green & a.n.o. is now scheduled for 16 May. We expect to be updated on land ownership issues and learn when the path might be constructed.

Following our ride on 4 March we confirmed that Fairwood Road provides a cycle friendly link with the foreshore. Also consideration should be given to an uphill shared-use path on the Mayals Road between Blackpill and the top of Fairwood Road, where the GAP starts. We should raise this at the 16 April CAP meeting and also the need for a NCR 4 sign at Blackpill. ML had been unable to put a sign up there because the post was too wide. NG recommended that we include the N. Gower route when we raise this. **[Action: NG, DN, CW]**

3. **Map updates**

DN had prepared 4 base maps for the purpose of showing, in addition to existing cycle routes, routes currently under construction and planned for the first tranche (£2m) of WG money. These if printed A3 size would be at a scale slightly larger than 1:25,000. He circulated A4 copies. These maps would replace the existing 'Indexed map'. CW commented that they would be better on a greyscale base as the coloured routes would then be clearer. DN to look into this. He would email Ben George for more detailed route information. **[Action: DN]**

4. **Tube map**

PT tabled a 'tube map' showing Cycle routes in Derby. It was agreed that this provided a model for us. CW suggested that we meet to sort out which places need to be connected. We would devote our next meeting to this which PT kindly offered to host. (See below.)

5. **Next meeting.**

On Saturday, 11 May, (Not 3 May as this is a bank holiday w/e.) at 116 Bishopston Road, SA3 3EW (Patrick Tribe's home.)

The ride

NG, ML, DN, PT and CW checked progress on the new routes in NE Swansea. We first cycled up the Upper Bank Route to where it ends on the A4217. Here we found that a new off-road link to Trallwyn had been completed. It follows the A4217 to just south of the railway bridge, crosses the road and then runs east to Tyn-y-Cae Rd. We noted that the W. end at least of the branch from this route to the S. end of Trallwyn Rd is now complete. NG and DN had inspected the E. end of it when work had just started. (See notes of 2 February meeting.)

From Trallwyn we followed suburban roads past Llansamlet railway station to Gwernllwynchwyth Rd and there found a completed new path on the S. side of the road running west to Walters Rd. West of there work remains to be done to complete the route along Blawd Rd to the A4067 Junction. Work was in progress on part of this section (On the N. side of Blawd Rd.) We noted that work had started on providing a cycle crossing round the northern part of the A4067 roundabout, but not yet on the continuation west to Morrision Hospital.

We ended our inspection here cycling south along the intended route through Tirpenry. All the completed sections were asphalted and of satisfactory width. (Estimated at 2.5m.)

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