

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 7th December 2019 in the Environment Centre Green room, Swansea

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

Apologies: Patrick Tribe (PT), John Sayce (JS).

1. **Matters arising** from 5 October meeting (and not on agenda).

None.

2. **Routes on which to focus,**

DN thought that Ben George was up to the eyes arranging to spend the nearly £3 million allocated for 2019/20 by the deadline of next spring. We therefore need to be careful not to distract him from this. We went through the six projects identified as those to be constructed with this money and decided to respond (in *italics*) as follows:

- (a) Swansea Central Bridge (ie to link to the St David's arena.) [£1,200k.] *Ask for plan.*
- (b) Gors Ave. (Cockett end) to Broadway. [£700k.] *See ride (overleaf) and note below.*
- (c) Morriston Hospital, A48 to J47 (Penllergaer). [£770k.] *No action at present.*
- (d) Mayals (GAP to Mumbles Rd link.) Why two Toucans? [£115k.] *Seek clarification.*
- (e) Loughor Bridge (Widening and E. link.) [£205k.] *Ask for plan.*
- (f) Gors Avenue (E. link to Carmarthen Rd.) [£250k.] *No action at present.*

DN would draft a request for the plans for (a) & (e) and clarification of (d) which he would email to JS who can then decide how best to handle this, eg by email to Ben or raise with him at a meeting. **[Action: DN]**

Since this meeting JS has provided more information on (b) in his 8 Dec. email:

In this he notes the unsuitability of Sketty Avenue – too steep, too many parked cars and would need another crossing of Broadway. It would not help students access the Tycoch campus from the south. He comments in detail on a possible alternative to the west of Sketty Ave. on minor roads and alongside Vivian Road. He also advises that the Council have ruled out cycle lanes on Cockett Road thus requiring cyclists accessing Tycoch college from the north or NE to make difficult crossings of the proposed new Broadway junction.

To this I would add that a two-way shared-use path on the west side of Cockett Road linking to the college via the short cul-de-sac on the west side of the junction (also called Vivian Road) would solve the problem, at least for cyclists from Cockett. There being space (See Appendix to 5 Oct. Routes Group notes.) should we not push the Council on this?

3. **Signing audit**

NG reported that an application has been made to *Placemark* for *Wheelrights* personnel to be trained on how to audit signage and that a budget of £350/day is proposed to pay them for doing it. An estimated 50 km of NCN routes and 70 km of other routes is involved. *Placemark* would produce the signs and CCS install them. We need to decide which routes need auditing and by whom. Agenda for next Routes Gp meeting? NG to progress. **[Action: NG]**

ML noted that there was a need for standardisation of signs between CCS and Sustrans.

4. **Bay Campus:** an accident and a proposed bus service.

BG informed us that an accident on the cycle route from the Bay Campus had been reported to the Bay Campus user group. The accident resulted in injury to a cyclist.

He also noted that it has been confirmed (to Jayne Cornelius when she raise the above incident with the council) that the proposed new bus route to the Campus will have cycle provision. DN noted that a south-of-Fabian Way cycle route has for a long time been an aspiration of *Wheelrights*. Perhaps BG could keep us informed? **[Action: BG]**

5. **Next meeting**

10.00 am on Saturday, 4 January. Either Ripples Café or Environment Centre. (Tbc)

See over for ride report:

Routes group ride on 7 Dec. 2019.

NG, DN and CW cycled up through Singleton Park, across Sketty Road and then up Sketty Ave. to the Glanmor Road-Broadway junction. We returned down Park Wern Road and then had a look at the footbridge over Sketty Road which links Eversley and De-la-Bech Roads.

The purpose was to find suitable north-south cycle links. Our findings are as follows:

There is adequate width for a short shared use path on the west side of Broadway to link Glanmor Road to Tychoch Road (Lower right photo.). Crossings of both roads would be required. The northerly crossing (Upper photo.) would ideally link with a path between Cockett and Tychoch on the west side of Cockett Road.

As JS has already noted Sketty Ave. is too steep to be a recommended cycle route. Park Wern Road appears suitable.

We thought that replacement of the Sketty Road footbridge by a bridge suitable for cyclists would provide a useful crossing (Lower left photo.) A ramp to connect the north end of the bridge to Eversley Road would be nearly horizontal. A longer one would be required on the south side.



Looking N. from Broadway to Tychoch Road.



Looking N. from De-la-Bech Road.



Looking N. across Glanmor Road to Broadway from Sketty Ave.

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