

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 1st February 2020

in the Environment Centre Green room, Swansea

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

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

1. **Matters arising** from 7 December meeting and 10 January ride (and not on agenda).
 - (a) Priority Routes for 2019/20 funding. (7 Dec. item 2.) JS had been in contact Ben and we trust that he has made Ben aware of the six routes (a,...,f) which we identified as priorities for this funding. We discussed the proposed new bridge across Oystermouth Road. (Route a.) We noted that Active Travel money was to be used to fund it on the basis that cyclists could use it. We would ask the Council for the plans. (An action from the last meeting which has not yet been taken.) **[Action: DN]**.
 - (b) Proposed Routes in Sketty area. (10 Jan.) DN's report on these routes was reviewed and supported by those present. We focused on the proposed westerly link to Olchfa School along Sketty Park Drive and supported the suggestion in the report that this should be integrated with a route along Rhyd-y-Defaid Drive which would continue east to join the A4118 and NCR 4 (near the Railway Inn). We felt this would be an important route.

2. Signing audit.

NG advised that auditing of the NCN routes was complete and that most of the other routes had been audited. The standard of the routes is assessed and one which was identified as sub-standard is the S-N route from Fendrod Lake, alongside Valley Way between the Fendrod Way and A48 roundabouts and parallel to but to the east of Upper Fforest Way. Another sub-standard route is the link from the Upper Bank Route to NCR 43 alongside Nantong Way.

CW explained that the auditing app enables the findings of the group to be recorded.

Responding to DN's concern that those without the app could not access these CW advised that they would be accessible, on eg a PC, from a URL which would be available to all.

DN noted the lack of any signs to direct people between the west end of the new route north of Frederick Place and the east end of the new Trallwn path. It appears that on-road signing is outside the remit of the auditing group. There being a clear need for "This way to" signs on public roads for links such as this perhaps the Audit Group should take this up with whoever (Council/Placemarque/Sustrans)? **[Action: Audit Gp.]**

3. NPT Routes.

John Cardy had represented Wheelrights at a meeting he had had with Laura Pack and others on 24 Jan. There were 8 items, 7 relating to routes and one about a plan to produce a new NPT cycling map. (See JC's 27 Jan. email.) DN noted that a potential path east from the Bay Campus and south of Fabian Way to join NCR 4 at the underpass had not been covered in the meeting but that JC hopes to raise it subsequently. This route had been proposed by DN in 2011 who prepared a report on it. It is the 'Southern route' under 'Fabian Way Corridor' near the bottom of the page: <https://www.wheelrights.org.uk/infrastr.htm>.

5. Next meeting

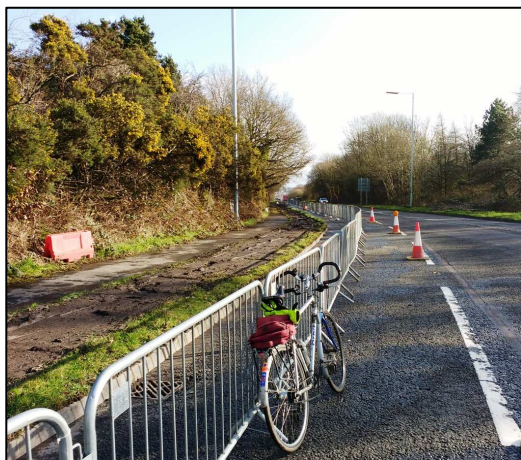
10.00 am on Saturday, 7 March in Ripples Café.

The ride

There being a sign auditing meeting following on from this one, which involved those present except DN, only he went on a ride. He reports overleaf.

DN's ride on 1 February. 2020.

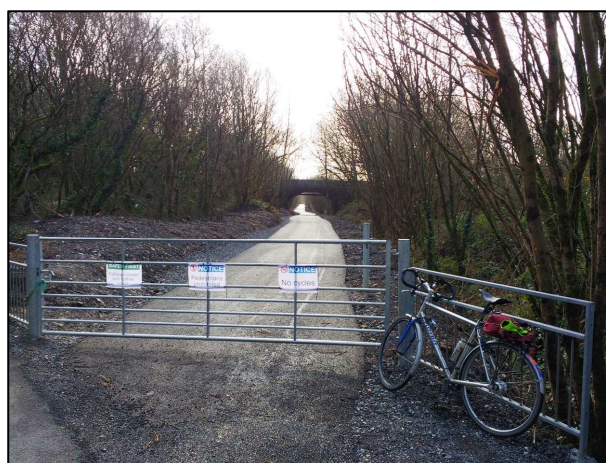
He made an anti-clockwise circuit via Llangyfelach, Penllergaer and Kingsbridge, on the way checking to see what new work was underway on the A48 and south of Kingsbridge. He took the following photos which show that work has started on the former and on the latter is complete south from Kingsbridge across Stafford Common as far as he could see. He also looked at the problem of how to cross the 483 on the south side of Junction 47.



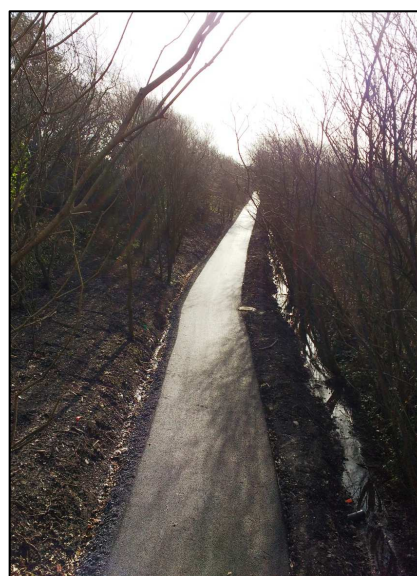
A48. Looking E. from first roundabout E. of Jct 47. Footway being widened.



Looking E. from cul-de-sac S. of Jct 47 showing where a tunnel under the A483 would exit.



Above: Looking S. towards B4620 underpass from where the new route joins existing path.
Right: From the B4620 the new path crosses Stafford Common as far as could be seen.



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