

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 13th April 2024

Present: John Britton (JB), David Judd (DJ), Joe Muldoon (JM), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Caroline Carter (CC), Nick Guy (NG).

JB chaired the meeting.

1. Matters arising from 19 February meeting and not on agenda:

None.

2. Tawe Riverside Corridor.

We discussed the Council's recent plan to provide a SUP on the west side of the Tawe linking the existing path north of the Tawe Bridges to the Cross Valley Link (A4067). There are proposals out for consultation with a deadline of 6th May. It is Route TW on the SE Swansea map (on the 'Routes' page of our website). JS commented that it was not an active travel route, there being two such routes to the west of it; others noted that it provided access to a lovely area and for that reason should be supported. (Post meeting: DN recalls that prior to the northerly extension of Morfa Road there were plans for a housing development between it and the river. If this were implemented the proposed route would be used for active travel as well as for recreation.) It was agreed that the Wheelrights Committee would form a position on these proposals in the coming weeks by e-mail, following additional liaison with relevant parties and scrutiny of the proposals.

3. Countryside Access Plan (CAP). (Item 6 in the notes of the 19th Feb. RG meeting.)

The LAF met on 3 April when DN had a chance to make the case that better access for cyclists, principally in the form of the cycle network proposed at our workshops in 2018 and 2022 was needed. There was no response to his presentation. (Post meeting: DN has received an email from Paul Mellor thanking him for his CAP report, which DN has now put on the 'Campaigns' page of our website.)

4. A48 (Morriston) plans.

JS and DN had responded to the consultation invitation on behalf of respectively Wheelrights and Cycling UK. Their reports are on the 'Campaigns' page. Both support the Section 1 plan to locate the path on the south side of Clasemont Road, and also the Section 3 link from the south end of Pentrepoeth Road to the Tirpenry SUP. DN's recommends that the large radius of the bell-mouths at junctions on Clasemont Road be reduced as recommended in the Active Travel guidelines. This was supported at our meeting. JS's supports the Section 2 plan to locate the path on the east side of Pentrepoeth Road. DN's, while accepting the reasons JS gives for it being on the east side, suggests that these are outweighed by the benefits of it being on the west, the main one being that it would provided a left side off-road option for ascending cyclists. His report lists the pros and cons and asks the Council to review their decision. Both recommend separate paths for cyclists and pedestrians rather than a SUP.

5. Penclawdd-Gowerton Missing Link.

JM is still waiting for a response to the 2 Feb. Weltag workshop. JS suggested that he email Luke Tizzard of Mott MacDonald (the meeting convener) and ask for an update. **[Action JM]**

6. GAP.

PT expects CCS to revise the plans with the path now located on the south side of the fence. We confirmed our agreement to this.

7. Cycle Parking

The council are inviting views on cycle parking provision in Swansea. JS noted that we need to know their criteria. CW highlighted that the Welsh Government Active Travel Guidance contains detailed advice on cycle parking provision. (Post meeting: JB has emailed CCS's Active travel team drawing their attention to the section in the AT Guidance which covers this.)

8. Next Routes Group meeting.

10.00am on Saturday, 11 May, in Ripples Café. 'In person' only, as there was no take up of the online option at this meeting.

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