

Wheelrights Meeting

Notes of committee meeting

26 September 2026 in the Environment Centre.

Present: David Judd (DJ), Brenda Lillicrap (BL), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: John Britton (JB), Allyson Evans (AE), Jai Fear (JF), Joe Muldoon (JM), David Naylor (DN), Patrick Tribe (PT).

1. Matters arising from meeting held on 7 August 2026.
 - 1.1 CyclingUK monthly (online) meetings have restarted with Gwenda Owen.
 - 1.2 Chris Roberts has stepped down as secretary of the Cross Party Active Travel group.
 - 1.3 Swansea Bay Sustainable Travel Group is now run by Jo Jones, and is modifying its terms of reference; meeting this week. [DR]
 - 1.4 JS has met TfW – now advising the CJC's; appears sidelined with respect to Active Travel, apart from reviewing updated ATNMs before they go the Welsh Gov.
 - 1.5 PT has set up Instagram for WR; he now needs material.
 - 1.6 No news yet of Cllr Chris Evans's proposed question re' Swansea transport strategy.
 - 1.7 Critical Mass rides are fading out. DR reports Jai Fear's disappointment with WR support.
2. Active Travel Network Map consultation. (Closes 19 Oct.)
 - 2.1 BL (lead on response) circulated summary of proposed email response and talked through it. Headline is that the legally required update is an opportunity for taking a strategic approach to planning for primary, secondary and local routes. The context has changed since the 2022 map (20mph, Highway Code changes, social safety, evidence from other cities using highest design standards). Response will include:
 - List of sites where mapped Existing Routes differ from reality. [JS]
 - List of non-conforming barriers as already supplied, with route numbers. [CW, JS]CW will submit WR's final response by email. [BL, CW]
 - 2.2 JS will seek Cllr Louise Gibbard's views on presenting WR response to councillors. [JS]
3. The Environment Centre is holding a Sustainable Transport day on Saturday 24 October which will include stalls (eg Better Transport Swansea, U3A on ATNM), bike workshop by Jai Fear. WR will offer a stand. [JS]
DR to notify members by email when Environment Centre publishes details. [DR]
4. Glowrides taking place nationally on 22 October, supported by CyclingUK. Swansea ride proposed by Jai Fear, BL will draft email to members. [BL]
5. AGM will be held in early December. Early ideas for speakers, seasoned campaigners from other cities, compare and contrast? [DJ]
6. No response to letter sent to new Welsh minister responsible for active travel regarding manifesto statements, resend with request for response. [DR]
7. DJ is to liaise with the group working for the Rhondda tunnel cycle route
8. DR passed on from PT that GAP is still awaiting a funding bid for the next financial year and that he is chasing the council for appropriate signs (including for drivers) for the NCN4 Dunvant to Gowerton closure.
9. DN is to standing down as newsletter editor after the next issue (Winter 2026). There seems to be general low-key agreement of benefits to providing news and member connection through blog-type website postings – but the question of how to find a suitably skilled volunteer remains open.
10. Next meeting: AGM.

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