

# ***Wheelrights***

## **Notes of AGM on 28th November 2018 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY**

**Present:** Simon Bailey (SB), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Chris Walsh (CW), John Sayce (JS), Mike Cherry (MC), Alan Kreppel (AK), Alice Saville (AS), Ian Davies (ID), Don Ashman (DA), Hamish Osborn (HO), Fran, Fez Simmons (FS), David Judd (DJ) Chris Connick (CC)

**plus non members:** Eddie Hall (Mumbles Transport Group), Ian Williams (Recycle), Dennis Dwyer (Ripples), Jane Tonks (Uplands Vision)

**Apologies:** Claudine Conway, Alyson Evans, Dawn Aplin, Pat Hansard

**Speaker: Ryland Jones (Head of Built Environment with Sustrans Cymru)** spoke about “Quiet Streets” and Sustrans recent review of their NCN. This review had come up with aims to improve, expand and fund the National Cycle Network (NCN). The Action Plan identifies 9 strategic priorities in Wales. Ryland showed the Bath Tube map as a way of highlighting the need for improvements esp promoting these with Councillors.

Ryland then discussed how an Area Planning approach could work in Uplands. This could lead to a better sense of community, and increase levels of connectivity, but depends on the “political will”. Ryland outlined 6 stages for successful community engagement:

A, Begin the conversation – explore themes

B, Co-design – agreeing main themes

C, Promotion of co-design (eg Newsletters)

D, Workshop – present design options

E, Co-design plans

F, Street trial/ Street Kit eg using hula hoops, temp signing etc

Ryland gave examples of good practice eg using thermal plastic transfers, light touch build outs, planters etc. A good example was on Taff Trail in Grangetown, Cardiff. There is also a useful Healthy Streets tool. Much is on Sustrans website.

Ryland then looked at Penlan Cres in detail and posed 5 questions, followed by Q & A:

HO suggested we contact new Wellbeing chair Andrew Davies -- Action: Ryland agreed to.

Discussion about E-bikes having an important role in Swansea (due to hills).

### **AGM Formal Business (followed tea break):**

**Minutes of 2017 were accepted as correct.**

**JS introduced a new draft constitution.** This was amended (16 changed to “campaign to secure”). Then Proposed HO, seconded DN and the new Constitution was agreed.

**Officers` Reports:** Provided by Chris Walsh, Nick Guy and John Sayce. (In appendices.)

**Elections:** CW, NG, JS and all re-elected as treasurer, secretary, chair. NG reported that CC standing down as vice-chair and one nomination received for Allyson Evans who was duly elected as Vice Chair.

**Presentation:** WR President David Judd thanked David Naylor for all his hard work as lead organiser of our Gower Cycling Festival for 9 years. DJ presented DN with a clock made from bicycle parts by Bikeability to wide acclaim and applause!

**Motion:** NG proposed a motion handing over the Gower Cycling Festival to Andrew Jones (of White Rock events) and Richard Smith, as David Naylor standing down as lead organiser. This would also free up WR members to concentrate on our core tasks of campaigning for improved provision for cycling in Swansea Bay area. AK asked that WR continue to be involved with future Festivals, JS replied saying we would offer this, but it

would be up to the new organisers how much we would be involved. Following discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

### **AOB**

Dawn Aplin has organised Xmas Dinner at Mumbai on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Next Campaign Group: Wed 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm at Brunswick Pub, off Walter Rd.

Next Routes Group: First Saturday in January 10am at Civic Centre.

Suggestions for future: Improve online presence; Continue with Speakers with suggestions of Lee Walters AM, Rhondda Tunnel Society, and Living Streets.

Also to have the AGM after the Green Fayre (as this year, which helped boost attendance)

Nick Guy (*Wheelrights* secretary)

## Appendix A

### **Wheelrights Chair's report 2018.**

First of all:

- My thanks to the other officers without whom this organisation could not run. To Nick , Claudine, Chris as officers and David as a stalwart!
- We have heard what a successful year it has been with new monies and new routes the culmination of much effort by many people.
- Next year we need to keep pushing forward the group's 3 aims, the first of which is:  
Encourage more people to cycle every day. We know that men predominate in terms of numbers of people doing ATA journeys. We have been doing our bit to remedy this with our more support and publicity – possibly by getting the Local Authority Cappuccino rides led and organised by Allyson and Reena. Let's hope we can give them or University to come on board as a partner to encourage sustainable transport for their own staff members. And with the Santander bikes now situated at the Civic centre, the lack of a bike is no excuse for not cycling more!.

So, could you turn to your neighbour and think of one way we could take forward this aim next year.

Secondly:

- We will continue to campaign for improved cycle provision in the Swansea Bay area. After our success last year, with funding for the Eastside routes and the cycle lanes on Walter Rd. ( fingers crossed), 2019 will see campaigning focusing on the North West of Swansea, that vast area of Swansea bounded by route 4 up to Gowerton and Route 43 up the Swansea Valley. An area containing about half of Swansea's population, but with not a single off-road track. The Routes Group and Campaign Group meets regularly to take this work forward . So, if you want to make a difference please join one of these groups.
- Explain what the groups do and then give dates for next meetings.

Thirdly:

- in terms of campaigning, we have had considerable success at a national level last year by joining other campaign groups in all-Wales approach to government. This has meant meeting and lobbying AMs and Welsh Govt ministers. With the new monies coming forward in the next 2 years it is vital we keep the pressure on the Government. There is undoubted strength in working with other organisations like FoE and we need to build on these joint efforts.

Lastly: we aim to support events, that further our aims. In the past, we have supported events like the Green Fayre and Clean Air Swansea which means we have a physical presence, but nowadays so much more is done online. This is one area where we definitely need to have a bigger footprint . Remember Cardiff Cycle City were able to mobilise at least a hundred cyclists for their recent event Cycle on the Senedd.

So to finish off: I would like one half of the room to chat together about improving our online presence, whilst the other half talks about possible events. You have ten minutes to come up with just ONE idea that is doable and then feed back to the others!

Thank you for listening

John Sayce (Wheelrights Chair)

## Appendix B

### **Wheelrights Secretary's report 2018.**

#### **NEW MONEY and NEW ROUTES coming!**

2018 was an extremely positive year for Wheelrights.

Swansea Council was extremely successful in obtaining £2m (out of the total of £10m from Welsh Govt) to create new cycle routes. This success was in part due to the work of Wheelrights in providing cost effective ideas for new routes using brownfield and greenfield sites already owned by the Council. The challenge for the Council is to spend this money by April 2019!

Our 3 Sub Groups have continued to work well:

- The Routes Group has explored new routes and given the Council detailed plans for these, (see maps at meeting).
- The Campaign Group has made positive links with a range of Councillors, discussing potential routes in their wards. In particular we have campaigned for new cycle lanes along Walter Rd, and are floating the idea of creating a "Quiet Street" along Penlan Crescent/Terrace Road. We also campaigned for the new Kingsway bikepath to have priority over minor road crossings, without success.
- Our representation on the Swansea Rural Development Board, helped to highlight new routes incl a round Gower Cycle route, as well as raising ideas around speed limits and a future "congestion charge".
- We have actively supported local campaigns for specific rural routes including: Gowerton – Pontarddulais (with Sustrans; first section now built!) and South Gower (with GAP). We are not letting completion of the North Gower route be forgotten.
- Our ninth Gower Cycling Festival was a great success, building deeper links with Bikeability and the Dunvant Rugby Club.

The "Capuccino Rides" has built on its success, and filled a gap for people seeking short accessible rides.

- We have raised our public profile by having stalls at a series of events including at the DVLA, Green Fayre, Uplands Market. Plus our networking with other organisations (eg Morrision Hospital, Swansea University) has produced results
- We helped form an "All Wales Cycle campaign Forum" which organised a Cycle Lobby of the Senedd in September where 200 cyclists lobbied for an increase of spending on cycling in Wales to £20 per person pa (from current £3)

#### **CONCLUSIONS**

- There is a real culture change within the officers in Swansea Council, several of whom are now regular cyclists, which is having a positive effect on their attitude towards our ideas.
  - We are also talking with more Councillors and AMs (of all parties and Independents),
- 3. Gaining new members.** With the above three working groups taking on the main business tasks of Wheelrights, it is hoped that the Wheelrights meetings could focus more on discussions. We only had 2 Public meetings in 2017, so this is an area of improvement in 2018. We need new ideas about how to be more successful in drawing in new and younger members. It may be time for rebranding Wheelrights to reach younger and new cyclists?

#### **Gower Cycling Festival AGM Motion:**

"This AGM of Wheelrights (28/11/18) agrees to transfer the name, website and full responsibility for the future organisation of the Gower Cycling Festival to Andrew Jones (White Rock events) and Richard Smith (Sarn Helen events). We believe that this transfer will ensure the future of our successful Festival"

Nick Guy (*Wheelrights Secretary*)

## Appendix C

### Wheelrights Treasurer's report 2018.

**Table 1: 2017/18 Financial Report - Year End 31 Oct 2018**

Opening Balance £768.41.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	£		£
Memberships	255.00	Donation to Santander	250.00
Fundraiser (Ripples/S'ander Bikes)	250.00	Environment Centre room hire	93.80
Gower Cycling Festival 2018	215.25	Wheelrights Newsletters	80.00
	<u>720.25</u>	Subscription to Cycling UK	75.00
		Expenses	47.85
		Green Fayre stall hire	35.00
		Subscription for web hosting	<u>19.32</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>720.25</u></b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>600.97</u></b>

Income less expenditure      £119.28

Closing balance                      £887.69

**Table 2: 2018 Gower Cycling Festival Financial Report**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	£		£
Registrations	550.00	A4 flyers	180.00
Festival Party surplus	36.00	Around Town advert	90.00
Sponsorship & donations	12.00	Uplands Market	46.00
		CCS for Blackpill hire/use	35.00
		A4 posters	<u>31.75</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>598.00</u></b>	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b><u>382.75</u></b>

**Surplus   £215.25**

**Table 3: 2018 Gower Cycling Festival Party Report**

(Held: 25 Aug. 2018)

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Amount</b>
	£		£
Buffet receipts	263.00	Buffet food: Duvant Cricket Club.	280.00
Raffle	110.00	Band travelling expenses.	30.00
		Band drinks.	21.00
		Raffle book	<u>6.00</u>
<b>Sub total</b>	<b><u>373.00</u></b>	<b>Sub total</b>	<b><u>337.00</u></b>

**Surplus   £36.00**

Chris Walsh (*Wheelrights* Treasurer)