

# **Wheelrights**

## **Notes of meeting on 21 April 2008 in Yacht Club, Swansea Marina**

Present: Martin Brain (MB), David Croxall (DC), Rhian Evans (RE), Eifion Francis (EF), Jan Garvey (JG), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), John Roach (JR), Lynda Shuker (LS), Rob Wachowski (RW), Geoff Wood (GW), Veronica Wood (VW).

The meeting was chaired by NG.

### **1. Matters arising** from 18 February meeting and not on agenda.

- (a) Item 2: On the Trail Fun day. This event, planned for 23 Feb. but postponed because of the weather, may be held in May. If so we agreed as before to be marshals.
- (b) Item 4: Gordon Gibson. VW suggested he be invited to join *Wheelrights*. DN agreed to contact him, and noted that he (DN) had prepared a one page summary of GG's 20 March talk for the next Newsletter. **[Action: DN]**
- (c) Item 6: Newsletter. No. 3 having been issued on 15 March the copy deadline for issue 4 is 2 June. Articles are sought and should be sent to JR. **[Action: All]**
- (d) Item 8: Publicity. VW advised that Sian Greeney would be the person for DN to contact about getting a series of articles published in the *Evening Post* and also about publicity for the Explorer rides. VW would provide DN with contact info. **[Action: VW, DN]**

### **2. 9 April Cycle Forum feedback**

EF, VW (in DN's absence) and RW had attended this meeting and reported on it. The matters raised in *Wheelrights* letter of 3 April to the CF chair had been addressed. Key issues were the inadequacies of cycle access to the new Civic Centre (*Wheelrights* 12 March letter to Rob David, to which no reply has been received, refers), the safety concern where NCN 4 crosses the bus lane near the Sidings Bridge and our proposal for a path across Clyne Common. DN had received a letter from David Whitehead dated 14 April replying to ours of 3 April and which covers the above points.

How we might respond to the Civic Centre access issue is covered in 3. below. A site visit is planned for 24 April to consider the bus lane crossing. Julian Atkins has agreed to raise the matter of a cycle path across Clyne Common at the Access Forum.

Work is being carried out on the construction of a small bridge to link the section of new path between Gowerton and Penclawdd, constructed in 2006, to Penclawdd.

### **3. Campaigning**

To make progress on the Civic Centre issue the following ideas were put forward; that:

- a *corporate complaint* about the lack of a reply to our 12 March letter to Rob David (which raised the cycling access issues) be lodged. RW to advise DN how. **[Action: RW, DN];**
- a petition be raised; (How we would do this was left open.)
- we organise a critical mass ride. (Again, this was left open.)

RE noted the lack of cycle stands in the City Centre. A lack of cycle markings on the Kingsway (two-way) metro route was also noted. It was resolved that we e-mail RW about these issues to enable him to get the stands/cycle markings installed. **[Action: All]**

DN proposed that we distribute fliers (revised version, see 6. below) to those taking part in the 6 July BHF Gower ride. He suggested 1000 be produced and that they be distributed along with CTC fliers advertising their rides. (The CTC plan to distribute no more than 500 as they are concerned that they might be overwhelmed by the response!). Options were to give the fliers to the ride organisers for inclusion in the 'goodies bag' participants receive or to hand them out to finishers.

There was however disagreement on the desirability of producing so many fliers, it being suggested that they are not cost effective. DN did not therefore have a mandate to pursue this idea. (Post meeting note: review this at the next meeting?) He will however get the fliers ready for reproduction and seek funding to produce them. (See 6. below.)

#### 4. Explorer Rides

A draft flier was tabled and it became apparent that some amendments were needed. It was agreed that when these were made DC would e-mail it to all and individuals are asked to make and distribute copies as effectively as they can. eg DN would e-mail them to the membership. They should also be sent to beginner's class 'graduates' where possible. **[Action: All]**

NG has already arranged for the first few rides to be included in *What's On* and will arrange for the later rides to be included in the appropriate edition. **[Action: NG]**

#### 5. Cycle training

14 June was confirmed for the next Adult Beginners Class, followed by classes on 12 July and 23 August. We deferred a decision on whether to hold a class at the end of *European mobility week* (27 September) pending plans for that week. It was agreed that classes should start at 9.00 rather than 9.30. The dates are all Saturdays and the venue the E. car park as usual.

#### 6. Wheelrights fliers

DN had modified the flier to incorporate a map on the back showing arterial cycle routes – new and proposed – around Swansea. He will circulate this to members and invite comments. (In addition to comments about the content he would appreciate views on how many copies should be produced. See 3. above.)

With the thought that it would be appropriate to produce 1000 DN had in mind Sports Council of Wales Community Fund funding to finance the estimated £215 printing cost (in colour and including folding). This includes £47.50 + VAT to cover royalties for the use of an OS background to the map. (This would license 4,750 copies!) RW would advise DN who to contact to find out if making this application would be worthwhile. **[Action: RW]**

#### 7. Shared path code

RW and DN had now produced a shared path code. (See Item 5. of the notes of the 18 Feb. meeting.) It took the form of a two sided A5 sheet and used the theme of the bell boy on the erstwhile Mumbles steam train to draw a parallel with bicycle bells and get across the message that cyclists need to be considerate of pedestrians and vice-versa. Copies were circulated.

RW noted that it had been produced at short notice to be ready for the postponed On the Trail event. Now that the pressure is off he will consider how it can be improved. (But don't guild the lily Rob!). DN would circulate it for comment together with the revised flier. **[Action: DN]**

#### 8. Finance and membership

GW advised there was a little over £200 in the kitty. This included approx. £50 from the cycle training on 19 April. He noted that one significant expense was our CTC affiliation. This involved a front end charge of £25 in addition to a £50 annual fee. This provides both insurance for our activities and a CTC membership discount for *Wheelrights* members.

We noted that the £5 cycle training fee includes a year's *Wheelrights* membership. It was agreed that participants who wanted to be members would make a normal application but with no fee indicated. GW and VW would endeavour to contact those who had not received a membership application form or a flier (which includes an app. form). **[Action: GW,RW]**

#### 9. AOB

None

#### 10. Next meeting

7.00pm, Mon., 9 June in the Yacht Club. (Note earlier time.)