

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 7th September 2011 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: Nick Bacon (NB), Claudine Conway (CC), Paul Elliott (PE), Allyson Evans (AE), Colin Fielder (CF), Eifion Francis (EF), Nick Guy (NG), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), John Roach (JR), Kerry Rogers (KR), Rob Wachowski (RW)

Apologies: Judith Cole (JC), Rhian Evans (RE), Phil Jones (PJ), John Sayce (JS), Geoff Wood (GW), Vee Wood (VW).

The meeting was chaired by NG

1. Matters arising (from 25 July 2011 meeting and not on agenda).

None.

2. Gower Cycling Festival

Bookings

Numbers of advance bookings judged OK (8 Sept.: 18 Passes, 10 T-shirts & 8 Party tickets) but only one from outside Wales.

Rides

DN had prepared a 'helpers' sheet listing leaders, stewards, back markers and marshals. We slightly revised and added to this list at the meeting. DN (on 8 Sept.) emailed this to those involved. He circulated and went through the Leaders and Stewards notes.

DN suggested leaders and marshals wear something to identify them such as yellow armbands. RW demonstrated a suitable band. (Hopefully he can bring some.) **[Action RW?]**

Launch

Those who can should turn up at 9.00am on Saturday to prepare for the 10.30 launch. RW agreed to provide a gazebo and a table (and chairs?), and also to bring the banner from the Railway Inn. NG would bring wind breaks. He would also bring red tape and scissors. **[Action NG, RW]**

Martin Caton would need notes for his speech. NG agreed to prepare these and DN would email them to MC. **[Action NG, DN]**

Urban Cycles would provide a 'Dr Bike' service at the launch and *Schmoos* one at the Heritage Centre on the Sunday.

Party

NG advised Circus Eruptions could provide two people at £25 each for the party and Patrick Ellis music (but not a photo service) for £50. We agreed to this. It was decided not to hold an auction but that we would have a raffle. NG would provide raffle tickets and those who can items to raffle. Proceeds to WR. **[Action NG, all]**

We decided to ask the Heritage Centre to cover the entertainment costs (ie the £100 above plus anything else they provide), accordingly we would pass all the party ticket money we receive to them.

Finances. CF advised we should cover our costs if number of attendees up to expectations.

3. AGM on 5 October

We discussed what should follow the formal business. Options included David Judd describing his French holiday experiences, others doing something similar, a suggestion from KR of a discussion on cycle helmets and a presentation from *Circus Eruptions* on a recent Uni-cycle ride. It was agreed that NG would approach *Circus Eruptions* about the last. **[Action NG]**

4. A Christmas social

We decided to go for a Christmas Dinner in the *Mumbai*, Blackpill. CC agreed to make a provisional booking (probably for 20) and to look into the provision of a set meal. **[Action CC]**

5. AOB

- (a) Adult Beginners Class. We confirmed this for 24 September. VW would be away but RE should be available. CF had 8 prospective attendees
- (b) Meeting venue. CF advised that *Urban Cycling* had a vault which could be used for our meetings for free. Following discussion we felt that we should continue to use the Env. C. despite the approx. £100pa it costs. DN noted that to book it on the days we want (a specific Monday in the month) we would need to book a year ahead. He suggested we consider alternatives should the Env. C not be available.
- (c) 1:10 Campaign. NG noted support from DVLA, Virgin and the Liberty Stadium, and that a launch in Bike Week next June in the Liberty Stadium is proposed. This could be associated with a charity cycle ride involving a circuit (or several) of the Enterprise Zone lake. PE suggested that a beginners class could also be held then.
- (d) Green Fayre. This was on the w/e 26/27 Nov. DN undertook to see if we could share a stall with Sustrans as we had done in previous years, but not last. **[Action DN]**

6. Next meeting

AGM at 7.00pm, Wednesday, 5th October in Environment Centre.

Notes prepared by David Naylor (*Wheelrights'* Secretary)