

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 6th July 2015 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: John Cardy (JC), Colin Fielder (CF), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), Kerry Rogers (KR), John Sayce (JS), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Dawn Aplin (DA), Allyson Evans (AE), Gordon Gibson (GG), Dale Hall (DH), Mike Lewis (ML), Hamish Osborn (HO), Fran Rolf (FR)

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising from 13 April meeting.

- (a) City Centre. (Item 1c) There has been feedback about the Council's new Kingsway proposals. DN had written to the Evening Post. (Published: 18 April.) KR had responded to the consultation offer on behalf of WR.
- (b) Bike Maintenance. (Item 2) 5 - 9 people attended the 4 classes provided by Schmoos in April and May.
- (c) Bike Week. (Item 3) The Adult Beginners Class on 13 June was abandoned because no one turned up. The C2C Clydach – Swansea ride took place on 14 June. 9 attended our Summer Solstice ride on 21 June.
- (d) Regional Cycle Conference. (Item 4) The second meeting took place on 10 June. A possible agenda and date (June 2016) for it was agreed. We hope to work with CTC. Next meeting on 9 September. NG to arrange. **[Action NG]**

2. Routes Group.

- (a) Active Travel Act. CW reported that the ATA audits were limited to NCRs 4 & 43. Members felt this was insufficient, as it excluded other cycle routes designated by the Council. A meeting with Ben George is to be arranged to establish our role. (Post meeting: This took place on 10 July.)
- (b) Planning applications. Sustrans' Lindsey Curtis has suggested that WR should have prior notice of major applications. This was welcomed. NG had emailed a Tom Evans about this, but had not had a reply. He would follow this up. **[Action NG]**
A proposal for 1.2m cycle lanes on Carmarthen Rd. together with a 30mph speed limit was cited. We did not accept this width as ATA guidelines require the lanes to be at least 1.5m. This could be accommodated by reducing traffic lane widths.

3. Adult Beginners Classes

Due to poor attendance it was agreed to invite BikeAbility (Wales) to take this over, plus the bikes. KR was keen to retain the £5 charge but we accepted that they may need to charge more, if pos. less than £15. NG to liaise with Mike Cherry. **[Action NG]**

4. Gower Cycling Festival

DN had received 43 registrations so far, over half from England. Only 1 of 3 sponsors has paid up. Dunvant RFC is to be used as a base for tents and camper vans.

Some details of the programme were discussed. These are reported in the notes of the GCF meetings, the next of which is on 3 August. This being the final meeting all involved are invited.

5. Party-on-the-path

This Sustrans event has been postponed from 13 June to 19 July. BikeAbility to be asked to display Gower Cycle Festival flyers as we will not have a stall.

6. AOB

- (a) Lapsed members. DN advised only 47 have paid this year's sub. with 21 lapsed members. He and CF would chase this up. **[Action DN & CF]**
- (b) Officers. Nick Guy has changed his mind and would be happy to stay on as Chair. DN confirmed that he will be standing down as Secretary at our AGM. How his role is to be filled will be considered at our next meeting.

7. Next meeting

7.00 pm on 21 September in the Environment Centre. (Note: Downstairs.)

Notes prepared by John Sayce and David Naylor (*Wheelrights* secretary)