



CYCLING ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

2ND JUNE 2016

Present: Cllr Nick Davies (CCS – Cycle Forum Designate), Chair
Ben George (CCS – Transport Strategy)
Lindsey Brown (Sustrans)
Nick Guy (Wheelrights)
David Naylor (Wheelrights)
John Sayce (Wheelrights)

Apologies: Cllr David Hopkins (CCS – Cabinet Member for Environment & Transportation)
Cllr Mark Child (CCS – Cabinet Member for Wellbeing & Healthy City)
Stuart Davies (CCS – Head of Service, Highways & Transportation)
Mike Cherry (Bikeability)
Chris Walsh (Wheelrights)

<p>1. Matters Arising</p> <p>1.1 BG commented that it was not yet possible to share the plans for the proposed improvement of Baldwins Bridge. The progress in developing the infrastructure improvement has been moderately delayed by the commencement of a business case which will deal with the wider infrastructure needs of the whole corridor; of which Baldwins Bridge is just one part.</p> <p>1.2 There was a short discussion regarding the short term safety needs that have presented themselves at Baldwins Bridge and how this might be addressed in light of the longer term need for a fundamentally changed junction. LB and the Wheelrights members offered to feed in 'blue sky' ideas to the emerging junction proposals.</p> <p>1.3 It was also agreed that LB would contact Officers from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to discuss the short term needs at the junction.</p>	<p>LB NG</p> <p>LB</p>
<p>2. Bike Week</p> <p>2.1 NG led a discussion with regards to Bike Week 2016 and a number of events which Wheelrights and Sustrans will hold during that week.</p> <p>2.2 <i>Sunday 12th June 2016:</i> Wheelrights are arranging a family fun ride, which will combine the annual 43 to Sea with a second supporting ride for a group travelling from Mumbles to the City Centre. These two groups will meet at Castle Square. Once at Castle Square Wheelrights and Sustrans are planning to hold an event in support of the Active Travel (Wales) Act Integrated Network Map and promote behavioural change.</p> <p>2.3 <i>Wednesday 15th June 2016:</i> Wheelrights and CTC will hold a bike ride from Blackpill to the Gower Heritage Centre, where a film will be screened.</p> <p>2.4 <i>Thursday 16th June 2016:</i> Wheelrights and Sustrans are working in partnership to organise a Cycle Conference for South West Wales. Wheelrights have invited a</p>	

<p>number of prominent public officials to speak at this event.</p> <p>2.5 <i>Friday 18th June 2016</i>: A mass bike ride around Swansea City Centre, which was planned for this day, has now been cancelled and replaced with a bike ride to Bury Port.</p>	
<p>3. City Centre Cycle Routes</p> <p>3.1 BG reported that the plans for a city centre cycle route along Union Street and Nelson Street was still under development. The plans are currently awaiting the outcomes of a Stage 1 Safety Audit before they can be implemented.</p> <p>3.2 Representatives of Wheelrights and Sustrans, along with Cllr ND voiced that they were frustrated by the length of time it was taking to deliver this route. BG acknowledged this frustration and advised that the only other course of action would be to write to Stuart Davies (Head of Service, Highways & Transportation). It was agreed that LB & NG would do this. Cllr ND would also write separately.</p> <p>3.3 A further query was raised in respect of William Street and whether the signage, priority and through-access for cycles could be improved. BG agreed to see what could be done.</p>	<p>LB NG SD</p> <p>BG</p>
<p>4. Active Travel (Wales) Act – Existing Route Map</p> <p>4.1 BG explained that the City & County of Swansea had been one of fourteen Local Authorities in Wales that has been asked to revise and resubmit its Existing Route Map. This request from the Welsh Government was in order to clarify two routes within the City & County of Swansea’s built up area which had been submitted as a ‘Fail with Statement’. These are routes which had ultimately failed the Welsh Government’s audit process, but were nevertheless included as they were deemed to be of merit to the provision of active travel routes.</p> <p>4.2 BG advised that one of the two routes had since been rectified with a route improvement and would therefore be corrected in the submission, whilst the other was likely to fail the audit process and would therefore be resubmitted as requiring improvement before it could meet the Active Travel standards. The ERM will be resubmitted to the Welsh Government by the deadline of 5th July 2016.</p> <p>4.3 NG took this opportunity to commend the creation of the new Upper Bank shared use path. BG welcomed this. ND queried when the signage would be installed and BG confirmed that this would be installed in the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>5. Active Travel (Wales) Act – Integrated Network Map</p> <p>5.1 BG reported that the Welsh Government would hold a regional course in Swansea on Monday 6th June 2016, for Local Government Officers to ensure that the requirements of the INM are properly understood. The training session will also act as a forum for discussion.</p> <p>5.2 BG advised that there is a serious lack of resource to undertake this work, not only within the City & County of Swansea, but also in Councils across South West Wales and beyond. It is therefore considered likely that the City & County of Swansea will seek consultancy support, with the small budget available to deliver the requirements of the INM. LB reminded those present that Roger Dutton (Sustrans) was able to offer some help in consulting with local schools to feed into the INM process.</p>	
<p>6. Local Development Plan</p>	

<p>6.1</p> <p>6.2</p> <p>6.3</p> <p>6.4</p>	<p>BG presented the plans for cycle infrastructure that have been developed in support of the emerging Local Development Plan. The LDP will set out the development aspirations for the next 20 years within the City & County of Swansea and it is therefore important to take this opportunity to strategically plan for access by pedestrians and bicycles. The plan will be used by developers to incorporate walking and cycling into their developments and also by Development Control Officers to ensure that appropriate off-site facilities are also provided.</p> <p>The tabled plan was welcomed by those present.</p> <p>BG advised that the LDP would be subject to public consultation in the coming weeks and the Cycle Action Progress group could therefore feed in any comments or additional routes at that stage.</p> <p>Wheelrights requested a copy of the plan in order to thoroughly consider the future infrastructure needs for Swansea. BG agreed to supply this.</p>	<p>NG BG</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1.</p> <p>7.2.</p> <p>7.3.</p>	<p>Kingsbridge</p> <p>BG reported that work continued with regards to Kingsbridge Link. A meeting with one of the largest affected land owners will be held in mid-June 2016 with a view to forming an agreement with them.</p> <p>LB queried whether the Local Transport Fund allocation would also stretch to investigative works for the Pontarddulais Link. BG confirmed that it would and that the Council are keen to work in partnership with Sustrans if possible.</p> <p>The Wheelrights Members present agreed to consider the potential alignments for the Pontarddulais Link and provide supporting comments.</p>	<p>NG</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p>A Morryston Route</p> <p>NG asked whether works could be done to improve the links on the periphery of Morryston, and particularly the route from Morfydd Street to Cwm Arian via Tirpenry Street. BG confirmed that some investigations had been undertaken in terms of land ownership for some very small areas which required improvement, but that further substantive work would require additional funding.</p> <p>NG agreed to write regarding this and also for a route to connect Chemical Road.</p> <p>ND agreed to speak with the Leader (who is also a Ward Member) about these matters.</p>	<p>NG ND</p>
<p>9.</p> <p>9.1</p> <p>9.2</p>	<p>Destination Signage</p> <p>NG requested whether improvements could be made to signage around major attractors and routes in Swansea to ensure that destinations are explicitly referenced. NG proposed a potential pilot project to improve signage around the Enterprise Park in the first instance.</p> <p>NG proposed three principles for undertaking this work. Destination signage is to be placed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start and end of distinct routes; • Route intersections; • Major roads (in order that passing traffic will be made aware of the potential alternative mode and route). 	

<p>9.3 It was agreed that NG would prepare a proposal for the Enterprise Park for BG to consider and secure the necessary funding.</p>	<p>NG</p>
<p>10. AOB</p> <p>10.1 DN queried when the Morfa Distributor Road would be open to bicycles. BG agreed to check and confirm this.</p> <p>10.2 It was agreed that Cllr ND and Cllr Mark Child would meet with the Police to discuss the potential Clyne Common route. BG also agreed to meet with the Education department to discuss the potential for this as an 'Available Walking Route to School'.</p> <p>10.3 LB asked whether it would be possible to consider the adoption of a 'Saturday Cycle Lane' in support of the Uplands Market and with a view to trialling cycle infrastructure which could be permanently introduced in the future. LB & NG agreed to meet with Cllr ND on this point.</p> <p>10.4 ND queried the Code of Conduct for Cycling and what progress had been made. BG confirmed that it would be included in the Swansea Bay Cycle Map which was due for publication later in the summer.</p>	<p>BG</p> <p>ND MC BG</p> <p>LB NG</p>
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>12.1 The next meeting will be held on: 4th October 2016 at 2pm in Civic Centre, Swansea</p>	