

CYCLE ACTION PROGRESS MEETING

Sept. 27th 2017

1. **Present** Cllr. Mark Thomas; Ben George (C & C of S); David Naylor (Cycling UK); Nick Guy and John Sayce (Wheelrights)
2. **Apologies** Cllrs. Mark Child & Nick Davies; Lindsey Brown (Sustrans Cymru); Mike Cherry (Bikeability); Stuart Davies (C&C of S)
3. **Matters arising from Last Meeting**
 - A. Morfa Rd.- B.G. has given some information to the communications section and is awaiting any publicity about the opening. He also spoke about the difficulties at the Neath Rd interchange at the Normandy roundabout, saying that there is the possibility of opening a tunnel under the railway line and also the proposed link around the Liberty stadium to Cwm Level Rd. would help.
 - B. Signage - N.G spoke about the possibility of signs in mileage and times between the rail station and the Liberty Stadium. **Action – B.G. to investigate.**
 - C. Sustrans toolkit – **Action – L.B. to circulate their Sustrans toolkit.**
4. **Kingsway/City Centre regeneration**
 - A. Singleton St./ Union St. Cycleway has proved to be popular. **Action- B.G. to look at Singleton St./Plymouth St. white line confusion.**
 - B. Kingsway reconstruction – N.G. spoke about the need for temporary signs to avoid confusion and gave B.G. a map of potential locations.
 - C. Proposed access across junctions on North side of Kingsway. M.T. reported on a site meeting and said there would be raised platforms rather than cyclists' right of way. These platforms will start 2 mtrs. from the junction and extend for 4 mtrs.
 - D. Swansea central proposal. M.T. said that the plan does include ramps as well as steps down from the bridge on the South side of Oystermouth Rd., enabling cyclists to continue cycling across the bridge as it is likely to be at least 4 mtrs. wide.
5. **Council's policy commitments to cycling**
 - A. Following on from the last C.A.P. meeting, B.G. met with J.S. and N.D. and had a very productive meeting that has led to a series of routes being proposed. Highways engineers are currently looking at feasibility and rough costings of routes. **Action B.G./S.D. to seek approval from councillors for this preliminary work.**
 - B. L.D.P. & S106 monies – B.G. reported that the planners are now aware of the I.N.M routes, which should mean that new developments such as those in the North of Swansea might be able to fund new cycling routes (e.g. Kingsbridge link) though section 106 monies. This opportunity was not possible for the Hendrefoilan scheme.
 - C. Walter Rd. cycle lanes - B.G. said that such a scheme would be cheap to implement as it would be mainly repainting. There were however likely to be some objections. **Action J.S. to organise a meeting between Cllr. Nick Davies and the Castle councillors.**
 - D. Meeting with the Leader - J.S said that Wheelrights are seeking to have a rearranged meeting with the leader of the council in November. They would like to present an implementation plan.

6. Funding –

A. Local Transport Fund – J.S. explained the contents of a letter that he had received from the minister Ken Skates. He also reported on the lobbying campaign that Wheelrights are conducting with the local AMs. **Action M.T. to raise this issue the next meeting of the W.G.L.A. after B.G. has forwarded him a copy of the Minister’s letter.**

B. Housing Quality Standards – B.G. said that this is a £9 million pot of money to improve the environment around social housing in Swansea over 3 years. The boundaries for spending seem loose, so B.G. is hoping to become involved. **Action B.G. to report back at the next C.A.P. meeting.**

C. Other funding – J.S. spoke about WREN funding opportunity. **Action B.G. to look at a possible application.** M.T. stated that the Council is keen to give out licences or leases for NGOs to apply for funding.

7. I.N.M. consultation- B.G stated that he has had 115 responses and there is a tight deadline for the submission date in November. He is awaiting advice about the internal approval process. In answer to a query from D.N. he stated that there will probably be an annual review.

8. Kingsbridge Link - B.G. told the meeting that the planning application for the entire route has now been submitted. N.G. remarked that the involvement of the local community and keeping an open mind on potential routes were key messages from the Pontarddulais work.

9. A.O.B. -

A. Propensity to cycle map – Local Authorities have been circulated and asked for their opinion by the Assembly.

B. Riverside West cycle route. The C & C of S have now requested that S106 monies from the redevelopment of the Unigate site be used on this route.

10. Next Meeting – To be arranged in December.