

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting/ride on 2nd September 2017

in the Environment Centre Café, Swansea.

Present: Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Chris Connick (CC), Nick Guy (NG), John Sayce (JS), Max Stokes (MS),
Patrick Tribe (PT).

1. Matters arising from 5 August meeting.

None.

2. INM.

CW had received an overlay for a Google maps base comprising the Capita routes from Ben George. CW has our LDP routes (from our submission last Autumn) in the form of an overlay to add to this base. He would pass this to DN so that between them they could update the LDP routes. As noted previously these routes need to be assessed to come up with our recommendations for the INM. We noted that some routes had been highlighted by JS at a meeting he had had with Ben on 30 August (See JS's 30 August email to the Group.).

[Action: DN, CW]

3. Clyne Common Path.

DN reported on recent developments. A small working group with the title "Gower Access Path" (GAP) has been set up to get this path implemented. Its members comprise Patrick Tribe (Chair), Barry Cooper (Secretary), Adam Gilbert, Susan Rodaway and DN. Adam and Susan are Community Councillors of respectively Mumbles (Oystermouth Ward) and Pennard. So far a high level meeting with appropriate Council departments (from Transportation, Highways and Planning.) is being sought. Advice is being sought from John Grimshaw (WR's Patron) and Roger Dutton (Sustrans Safe routes to Schools officer).

4. AOB.

None

5. Next meeting.

10.00am Saturday, 7 October, in the Environment Centre Café.

The ride

We deferred a proposed ride to check the proposed link between the N. end of the Tirpenry route and Morriston Hospital until NG and/or JS are available.

DN diverted his ride home to check a route in the Sketty area. (Drawn to his attention by JS in a 31 Aug. email.) This was a route north from the foreshore up Sketty Lane, Sketty Park Road and Carnglas Road. This would link with the west-east route from Gower Road (via Pen-yr-Heol Drive) to Tycoch. He noted that the footway on the west side of Sketty Lane was suitable for upgrading to shared-use, but that, due to driveway crossings, making Sketty Park Road cycle friendly was not so straightforward. Carnglas Road, being one-way south, would require a cycle counterflow. This would need parking to be restricted to the east side of the road – a tall order!

He then continued along Hendrefoilan Road, finding this lightly trafficked and pleasant. However at its west end, where it curves south to end on Duvant Road, there is a sharp climb followed by an even steeper descent. He wondered if this could be avoided by a NE-SW link, possibly along Hendrefoilan Drive to Duvant Road past Hendrefoilan Primary School. This would 'cut the corner'. He left exploring this alternative for another ride.

Notes prepared by David Naylor