

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 25th July 2011 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: Nick Bacon (NB), John Cardy (JC), Claudine Conway (CC), Colin Fielder (CF), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), David Judd (DJ), Alan Kreppel (AK), Brian Leadbetter (BL), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), John Roach (JR), Kerry Rogers (KR), John Sayce (JS)

Apologies: Judith Cole (JC), Eifion Francis (EF), Geoff Wood (GW), Vee Wood (VW).

The meeting was chaired by NG. This was an open meeting its main feature being Alan Kreppel's talk. The other items on the Agenda were therefore kept short.

1. Matters arising (from 16 June 2011 meeting and not on agenda).

None.

2. Key developments

NG summarised the recent meetings he and DN had attended with Chris Vinestock on 30th June and cllr John Hague that morning (ie 25th July). These meetings addressed *Wheelrights* various concerns relating in particular to the Boulevard, the Tawe Bridges and the links to them. Arrangements for closer future collaboration are planned. These will include a quarterly meeting with Chris Vinestock, the next to be on 30th September. The Seminar by Alasdair Massie is planned for this autumn. It will be attended by Council Officers and Members.

CF reported that he had purchased three new folding bikes at £150 each, paid for out of the Coop grant. He had brought one to the meeting. These will be tried out at the next Beginner's Class, scheduled now for 6th August, when guidance on what bikes to purchase with the rest of the grant can be obtained. A Coop rep. will be invited to attend.

3. Next meeting

7.00pm, Wednesday, 7th September in Environment Centre.

4. Alan Kreppels' talk

Alan gave an informative and authoritative presentation on *Switching from the car – how Traveline can help*. He chairs this organisation. He outlined what it does: how it provides comprehensive travel information ranging from local buses to trains (and even to airlines) covering the whole of Wales and beyond. The website is www.traveline-cymru.info.

The talk produced a lively discussion from which it emerged that this service is run by only about a dozen people and that it costs the tax payer a modest £1¼ million/year. Considering that it provides integrated travel information from, we were told, 34,233 bus stops and 5,983 railway stations in Wales this is impressive. While not yet telling you how to cycle to your station (It can tell you how to drive there.) this is a possibility for the future.

DJ proposed a vote of thanks, which was passed with acclaim..

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