

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 11th June 2012 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: Don Ashman (DA), Mike Cherry (MC), Claudine Conway (CC), Paul Elliott (PE), Colin Fielder (CF), Ceri Griffin (CG), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), David Naylor (DN), Rob Proctor (RB), Rob Wachowski (RW)

Apologies: John Cardy (JC), Eifion Frances (EF), Gordon Gibson (GG), David Judd (DJ), Kerry Rogers (KR), Geoff Wood (GW), Vee Wood (VW)

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Swansea Cycle Challenge (2-22 July)

This was the main purpose of the meeting. It commenced with a presentation by CG.

He noted that to date 33 organisations had registered and just over 100 individuals. This compares with 72 organisations in Cardiff and 17 in Gwynedd. Potential additions include cycle shops, the Evening Post and Radio Wales. A Facebook page and Twitter account have been set up.

In response to a question from NG CG advised that the logging of rides (for the competition) would start on 2 July.

DN wondered why experienced cyclists should register; was not this Challenge for those new to cycling? The response from both CG and others was that this was necessary as by recording non-recreational trips by regular cyclists who use a bicycle for transportation precedents are set and the attractiveness of this mode of transport demonstrated. The more *who* register the more *will* register. Another reason noted by RW was that to provide for cyclists the Council needed evidence of cycle usage. (DN has since registered.)

PJ wondered if friends and relatives who live outside the area could register. CG indicated there was some flexibility and that the answer was 'Yes' provided they had a plausible link to the Swansea area.

CG and NG urged all members to register with the Challenge as soon as possible on www.swanseacyclechallenge.org.uk

2. Events

We reviewed events before and during the SCC. DN noted that they were on the 'Events' page of Wheelrights website. Our review is summarised as follows:

Saturday, 16 June: **Adult Beginners Class.** DN last Friday asked the Evening Post to publish a note about it. It has not (as of 12 June) appeared. He will chase if necessary.

Wednesday, 20 June: **Everyday Cycling for Everyone.** WR have a stall for this event in the Liberty Stadium. It takes place from 9.00 – 17.30. It is being organised by SWITCH. CG will collaborate with them to provide bikes. PE, CF, NG, DN and Derek James have offered to man the stall. DN to arrange a schedule. **[Action DN]** NG and Derek James are planning a WR team to raise money for BikeAbility. **[Action NG]**

Thursday, 21 June. **Wheelrights Summer Solstice ride.** 18.00 from Duvant car park. DJ to lead it.

Thursday, 28 June. **Cyclorama.** 14.00-16.30 at Waterfront Museum. WR will have a stall. CC, NG and Derek James have offered to man it. NG to coordinate. **[Action NG]**

Tuesdays and Thursdays between 2 and 22 July. **Ride-a-Bike and Dr Bike sessions.**

These would take place during lunch time on the premises of registered organisations. CG would advise those who need to know time and place; he would arrange the Dr Bike sessions. It would be up to Cycle Champions to disseminate this info' within their organisations. RP would look into the provision of bikes. (He needs to confirm the availability of bikes and trailer with Steve Lancey of the Council.) If necessary WR could help out with their bikes and/or with transportation. **[Action CG, RP]**

Wednesdays between 2 and 22 July. Easy CTC lunchtime rides had been suggested (See notes of 14 May meeting.) It was agreed however that this would not be followed up unless a demand for them arose. **[Action JC if necessary.]**

Friday, 6 July. **Friday Night Ride to the Coast.** Midnight from Cardiff Castle. Link to the website for registering is on the 'Events' page of WR's website. Contact CC for more info.

Thursday, 12 July **Wheelrights evening ride.** 17.45 Caffe Americano. DA to lead.

3. Gower Cycling Festival

NG circulated copies of an A4 poster and the A3 flyer, 4000 of which had recently been printed. NG to coordinate distribution of these DN had recently emailed the web link to approx. 80 past attendees, ie all for whom he had email addresses. He still had to send the link to other contacts across the UK and would appreciate suggestions for more. CG noted that the event could be promoted via the SCC website using their email facility.

[Action NG, DN]

4. Active Travel Bill: consultation.

NG had suggested that we ask for an Open Day in Swansea for a presentation on this white paper. This was agreed. We need to email victora.marshall-jones@wales.gsi.gov.uk. NG agreed to do this on behalf of WR. Others are also asked to email her. **[Action NG]**

5. AOB

RP announced that he will be finishing his present job at the end of July; that would not however affect his involvement in the Challenge..

NG thanked RP for his help, advice and for making the initial contact with the Challenge people, which resulted in the Swansea Cycle Challenge!

6. Date of next meeting

Gower Cycle Festival meeting: 5.30 pm in the Railway Inn on Mon. 16 July.

Notes prepared by
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