

Wheelrights

Notes of meeting on 14th May 2012 in the Environment Centre, Swansea

Present: Don Ashman (DA), Allyson Evans (AE), Eifion Frances (EF), Gordon Gibson (GG), Peter Greenwood (PG), Nick Guy (NG), Phil Jones (PJ), Mike Lewis (ML), David Naylor (DN), Kerry Rogers (KR), Rob Wachowski (RW)

Apologies: John Bastiani (JB), John Cardy (JC), Colin Fielder (CF), Geoff Wood (GW), Vee Wood (VW)

The meeting was chaired by NG.

1. Matters arising (from 26 March 2012 meeting and not on agenda).

Item 2 NG advised that Boulevard plans could be inspected on 24, 25 and 28 May at 'Drop in' sessions in the City Centre Management offices on Plymouth Street

Item 3 (Manifesto) VW offered to send the Manifesto to all the new Councillors. [Action: VW]

Item 6 (Adults Beginners Classes). The class originally scheduled for 28 July has been moved forward to 14 July to be within the Swansea Challenge period.

Item 8 (Sail Bridge Barrier). RW advised that this has now been 'adopted' by CCS. DN had been in touch with Ben George who indicated that measures were being taken to replace it with a more pervious barrier. (When was not clear.)

2. Swansea Cycle Challenge (2-22 July)

Notes of the 30 April SCC meeting summarising the actions to which we have committed are on the 'Campaigns' page of WR's website: <http://www.wheelrights.org.uk/SCCactions.pdf>.

NG explained that WR would have to take on more because we had not been able to raise the full £k43. Specifically we need to:

- Organise two sessions during lunch time on Tuesdays and Thursdays in each of the three weeks of the Challenge at work places (to be determined by *Challenge for Change*.) These would consist of 'Dr Bike' sessions and/or 'Ride a Bike' opportunities. To achieve this our bikes would need to be transported. EF, PJ, KR and NG volunteered to do this and we thought CF could also. *Schmoos*, *Action Bikes* and the *Urban Bikery* were candidates for Dr Bike sessions.
- Assist the CTC who have offered to lay on a lunch time (easy) ride on the three Wednesdays. (JC made this offer at the 30 April SCC meeting.)
- Provide an additional Thursday evening ride; 12 July was suggested. DA offered to lead it.

In connection with the last two points AL offered to contact women about easy rides and KR people in the Mumbles area. [Action: AL, KR]

To register or not? The view was expressed that it would *not* be appropriate to register as a WR group but that it would be for individuals, esp. to record shopping or commuting trips.

We would need a meeting with Ceri Griffin in June to further the plans. (See 6. below.)

3. Gower Cycling Festival

Martin Caton not being available NG would invite Reena Owen and Julie James AM to launch the Festival [Action: NG]

4000 copies of the Flyer should be ready soon. These need to be distributed. DN would email previous participants and would appreciate website/email contacts to whom he could send the website link. [Action: GCF working group]

4. Fabian Way Corridor

DN had attended a meeting with Geoff Marquis, two other NPT officers, Fraser Arnot and RW on 23 April about NPT's plans for cycle provision. DN and RW described NPT's plans for access to Coed Darcy, namely a cycle route along a new 'spine' road which would take buses between the Fabian Way Park and Ride and Coed Darcy. DN also noted that the 1999 Sustrans intended route 4 had been extended to Jersey Marine. This was cycleable, if bumpy. KR confirmed that a lot of cyclists are using it. RW noted that there was a cycle counter (on the pre-existing section).

5. AOB

- (a) Pennard Carnival. PJ advised that this was to be on Sat. 14 July. WR would have a stall. Help manning this and participation in the procession would be needed [**Action: PJ**]
- (b) Environment Centre Open Day. DN has booked a WR stall. It is to be held on 8 September (postponed from 26 May).

6. Date of next meeting

Swansea Cycle Challenge meeting: 7.00 pm in the Environment Centre on Mon. 11 June.

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