

# Wheelrights

## Notes of Meeting on 12th February 2018 in the Environment Centre, SA1 1RY

Present: Dawn Aplin (DA), Simon Bailey (SB), Chris Connick (ChC), Claudine Conway (CIC), Peter Clark (PC), Nick Guy (NG), David Judd (DJ), Mike Lewis (ML), Phil McDonald (PM), David Naylor (DN), Hamish Osborn (HO), Phil Brophy (PH), Chris Walsh (CW), and 2 reps from Cycle Solutions.

Apologies: Gordon Gibson (GG), Alan Kreppel (AK), Alice Saville (AS), John Sayce (JS).

The meeting was chaired by Claudine.

### 1. Speaker: Sam Richards of Welsh Cycling

Sam gave a presentation about *Welsh Cycling*'s move to promote social cycling. He presented statistics showing that a large number of new cyclists would feel safer cycling with led groups on organised rides. *Welsh Cycling* have set up a website [www.letsride.co.uk](http://www.letsride.co.uk) which enables the following 3 types of rides to be promoted for anyone to join free:

- Welsh Cycling approved Rides – must be led by a *Welsh Cycling* approved ride leader.
- Breeze Rides – these are women only rides, and again must be led by a woman cyclist approved as ride leader by *Welsh Cycling*.
- Open rides – these are open to any group/organisation to lead and post on the website.

Sam also described a mass ride *Welsh Cycling* are organising in Cardiff this summer, and raised the possibility of organising a big ride in Swansea in 2019?

There followed a Q & A session which largely revolved around issues of who could lead the Let's Ride rides, insurance cover, risk assessments etc [Action: Sam agreed to check if Ride Leaders approved by Cycling UK could be classified as Ride Leaders by *Welsh Cycling* too.]

Following a tea break we had reports from the following Working Groups:

### 2. Gower Cycling Festival.

DN reported on plans for this year's Gower Cycling Festival on 18-25<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The Launch will again be held at Blackpill. Due to the City and County of Swansea's reservations about us taking rides through Green Cwm via Llethrid because of a legal technicality DN reluctantly agreed to use alternative routes for the two rides affected. We are therefore hopeful of support from CCS this year. DN updated meeting in regard to his campaign to enable legal riding through Llethrid. There will be camping again at Duvant Rugby Club. This year the buffet for the Festival Social on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August can be booked in advance for the reduced price of £5 along with the £5 Festival Registration fee. Visit [www.gowercyclingfestival.org](http://www.gowercyclingfestival.org) for how to do this and other details.

### 3. Campaign Group.

NG gave an update about attempts to help CCS implement their Cycling Manifesto. They have detailed plans for Kingsway (including a new two way cycle route to the Railway Station), and are progressing the Gowerton – Kingsbridge route. WR is prioritising new routes to Morriston Hospital, Bonymaen and DVLA. We are also exploring routes on Gower and Swansea Rural Development Board has commissioned a study into Sustainable Transport on Gower, on which NG and DN commented. HO suggested we circulate this Study to all members for individuals to comment. [Action NG] A crucial issue is the low spend on cycling and WR is taking this up at Welsh Gov. level, with creation of a new All Wales Forum of Cycling campaign groups [Action: NG and JS]

### 4. Routes Group.

DN reported on-going work evaluating existing and potential routes. The Group had on behalf of WR submitted a set of INM routes by last year's consultation deadline (See the 'Campaigns' page of our website.). This is shown on the *indexed map* (on the 'Infrastructure' page). It includes the Council's INM routes as well as WR's. The Group is in the process of assessing these routes, and would welcome input from others.

DN also gave an update on the GAP (Gower Access Path) campaign for a shared-use path across Clyne Common. Funding has been obtained for a feasibility study, now underway.

Nick Guy (*Wheelrights* secretary)