

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 15th June 2024

Present: John Britton (JB), David Judd (DJ), David Naylor (DN), John Sayce (JS),

Apologies: Caroline Carter (CC), Joe Muldoon (JM), Nick Guy (NG), Dareyoush Rassi (DR).

JB chaired the meeting.

1. **Matters arising** from 11 May meeting and not on agenda:
Pier Street Party (Item 8.) This took place on 8 June and was considered a success. The rides from Uplands and Penclawdd went ahead as planned; those from Bishopston and Ripples Café did not for lack of demand.
2. **Ironman on 14 July.**
We were concerned at the lack of alternatives to the closed roads for cyclists. DJ would take this up with the Council. [Post meeting: he did (on 16 June), but awaits a reply.] **[Action DJ]**
3. **Sustainable website.**
JS reported that this had not yet been created but that NG was working on it. A meeting to progress this is planned for 12 July. **[Action NG]**
4. **Swansea Local Development Plan: 2023-2038** (LDP2).
JS has responded on behalf of Wheelrights to the Consultation on this. (See Campaigns page.) He has highlighted the need to develop brown-field sites rather than green-field and, at the meeting, noted that it lacked consideration of the effect of demographic (ie population) changes. We had previously noted the difficulty in responding due to a lack of specifics.
5. **Tawe Riverside Corridor.**
We await further information. We have asked Caroline to look out for this. **[Action CC]**
6. **Penclawdd-Gowerton Missing Link.**
We await developments.
7. **GAP.**
JS understands that the Commoners have now agreed to the revised plan.
8. **AOB.**
 - (a) Kingsbridge – Gorseinon SUP. DN reported that this path, upgraded last year, was fine. He also noted that the Council had repaired root damage on its northerly continuation. JS advised that works to provide a further extension to Pontardullais had reached Coed Bach Park in the town.
 - (b) Walter Road. JS advised that the work is to be in three stages. He is conducting a traffic survey to assess the 'before and after' effects of the work.
 - (c) Wheelrights general meeting. This would be in the late summer or autumn. Jack Thurston has not taken up our invitation to be the speaker. Suggested candidates are Torsten Bell (CEO of the Resolution Foundation and Labour candidate for Swansea West.), James Price (CEO of Transport for Wales.) and Alan Kreppell. [Post meeting: DJ has contacted Alan and he has declined. A further candidate suggested by JB is Tom Wharf who leads TfW's active travel team.] **[Action JS]**
 - (d) JB informed the group that NG is compiling a list of missing sections on Swansea bike routes to pass to Chris W, to put on Google maps and for use in our campaigning work; he will share this within the next month. We noted that the construction of Swansea cycle network had been based on what was easy rather than purposefully designed, and as a result excluded large parts of northwest and east Swansea, where there is significant travel poverty.
9. **Next Routes Group meeting.**
10.00am on Saturday, 27 July, in Ripples Café.

Notes prepared by
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