

# Wheelrights Routes Group

## Notes of meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Present: John Britton (JB), David Judd (DJ), Nick Guy (NG), .Joe Muldoon (JM), David Naylor (DN), Chris Walsh (CW).

Apologies: Caroline Carter (CC), Allyson Evans (AE), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Patrick Tribe (PT).

JB chaired the meeting.

- 1. Matters arising** from 13 April meeting and not on agenda:  
None.
- 2. Sustainable website:** an update.  
NG reported on this initiative (previously referred to as an “Active Travel Movement”). It has yet to be given a formal name. It aims to:
  - carry out surveys and research;
  - lobby;
  - promote bus use (as in the booklet “SW Wales without a car”);
  - create a website.
- 3. Swansea Local development Plan: 2023-2038.** (LDP)  
JB referred to the plans which were exhibited at the 7 May ‘Drop-in’ in the Civic Centre library. They can be seen graphically on: <https://swansealdp2.consultation.ai/#board-5>. We noted that they lacked specific information. We must therefore await specific proposals before we can usefully respond.
- 4. Tawe Riverside Corridor.**  
The Council’s plans had been on the agendas of both the 13 April Routes Group and the 23 April WR Committee meetings. (Notes for both on the ‘Notes’ page of our website.) We hope to have the opportunity to comment when detailed proposals are available and are asking Caroline (as our planning rep.) to keep a look out for these. **[Action CC]**
- 5. A48 (Morriston) plans.**  
As noted at our last meeting JS’s and DN’s reports on behalf of respectively Wheelrights and Cycling UK are on the ‘Campaigns’ page. DN noted that the two reports are for the most part complementary, the only significant difference being that DN’s favour off-road cycle provision on the uphill west side of Pentrepoeth Road whereas JS’s supported the Council’s plan to locate it on the east side. No views on this were expressed by those present.
- 6. Penclawdd-Gowerton Missing Link.**  
JM is still waiting for a response to the 2 Feb. Weltag workshop.
- 7. GAP.**  
The Council are awaiting a response to the Commoners’ latest proposal (to locate the path on the south side of the fence).
- 8. Pier Street Party on 8 June.** (10.00 – 14.00)  
We agreed that we should support this. We would do this in the form of four rides ending at the Environment Centre. (We did not take up the option of a stall in the Centre.) The ride starting points would be as follows: [ ] = ride coordinator.
  - Uplands [NG].
  - Penclawdd via Gowerton [JM].
  - Bishopston [PT].
  - Ripple’s Café [DJ]Ride coordinators are asked to confirm times and any other necessary information so that the rides can be publicised on facebook and on our website. **[Action DJ, JM, NG, PT]**

## 9. AOB.

- (a) Somerset Circle. DJ drew attention to this key route southwest of Bristol. He has attended several work camps involving the construction of sections of it. (See his reports in the last five Winter Newsletters.) That the Somerset LA enabled the disused Strawberry railway line to be used for it sets a useful precedent.
- (b) Kevin's ride. DJ informed us of a 1600 mile ride, currently underway, by a Kevin Bowen. He is riding to Mortagne-Sur-Gironde, in South West France where there is a monument to Owain Lawgoch, an important figure in Welsh history. Kevin hopes to raise funds for a Welsh monument and for Parkinson's UK. For further details and how to contribute visit <https://lawgoch.com/>. The ride has taken him through Yatton which is on the Strawberry line referred to above.
- (c) Local Access Forum (LAF). DN has decided that the time has come for him to stand down from this Forum. He being the only person there to represents cyclists (AE is a member but her focus has been on walking.) he is looking to someone from Wheelrights (or Cycling UK) to replace him. DJ indicated he would be willing to take this on. DN will contact Chris Dale (The LAF convener) and recommend DJ as his replacement. **[Action: DN]**

## 8. Next Routes Group meeting.

10.00am on Saturday, 15 June, in Ripples Café.

Notes prepared by  
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