

Wheelrights Routes Group

Notes of meeting on 13 December 2025

Held in the Vivian Room, National Waterfront Museum

Present John Britton (JB), Allyson Evans (AE), Jai Fear (JF), Nick Guy (NG) (part), Eddie Hall (EH), Jon Hand (JH), David Judd (DJ), Brenda Lillicrap (BL), David Naylor (DN), Dareyoush Rassi (DR), John Sayce (JS), Jessika Venn (JV), Chris Walsh (CW)

1. The meeting focused on formulating the nature of Wheelrights' response to the current consultation on the review of the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM).

The online consultation map was displayed on the room's big screen.

- JS pointed out problems with routes claimed as 'existing' on the map, illustrating this with detailed examples and photos from routes in north Swansea (Clydach and Llansamlet).
- JS pointed out that most of the problems identified by Wheelrights at the previous consultation (2021) had not been addressed.
- JS told the meeting of discrepancies between the printed and online versions of the map and of the Council's lack of response to his attempts to get printed copies of the map for use by the meeting.
- JB had been unable to find printed copies at places where you would expect them to be available (Environment Centre, Waterfront Museum or Swansea Museum).
- The printed maps in any event were difficult to use because the background detail is too pale to be certain of where the overprinted routes actually are.
- Active Travel Act Guidance (ATAG) requires a 12-week consultation period for the ATNM review. WR was notified by email on 17 Nov, closing date is 4 Jan – seven weeks.

Discussion covered how Wheelrights could best use the consultation to draw attention to inaccuracies in the map, to the failures of routes labelled 'existing' to meet design guidance, and the need for an ATNM which would inform a strategic approach to the development of cycle infrastructure. The following actions were agreed:

- Everyone: Respond to the consultation for areas you know. **[Action: All]**
- Everyone: JS requested that members email him by Monday, 15 December, one key point as their contribution to a Wheelrights response. **[Action: All]**
- BL to formulate FOI request for the audit scores (required by ATAG) for existing routes. **[Action: BL]**
- JS to email Cycling UK and a Welsh Government contact seeking help with the lack of response from Swansea Council. **[Action: JS]**

2. **Notes of the meeting on 25 October and Matters Arising** deferred till next meeting

3. **Closure of Clyne Valley Route (NCR4)**

Information from JB that work to resurface the path between Dunvant and the Railway Inn will start 5th January for six months. The six month closure notice, which did not have any further detail on the nature of the closures, has caused concern amongst local residents. Sections are likely to be closed at and for unpredictable times. The diversion for the section between Dunvant and the rugby club is very unpleasant. It was noted that social media could be used to warn of closures. We will consider at the next Routes Group how we can provide advice to the Council on how to better manage such closures so as to minimise adverse impacts.

4. Kidical Mass

JF is organising the Kidical Mass rides; next one to be in the spring. A number of potential dates were discussed. A special St David's Day ride is envisaged, for which Welsh Government funding had been applied to support it. Wheelrights will be notified if the bid has been successful by 19th December and this will inform planning for next year's events. The core KM Team will progress this on WhatsApp. **[Action: KM team]**

5. Media studies student assistance offered

WR has been offered 50 hours assistance from a Swansea University Media Studies student, perhaps to boost social media use. Agreed to accept the offer. CW to liaise with the student. **[Action: CW]**

6. Maps

There was concern regarding the expenditure of funds that could be used to support cycling being channelled by Welsh Gov./Swansea Council to another map making exercise only a few short years after the last one. Members are also aware of a number of different maps in circulation (at least two that are overseen by the Council), Wheelrights' own maps, and publicly available tools such as Google Maps and Open Street Map. It was suggested that we discuss how we can simplify this landscape, minimising effort and maximising utility from mapping at a subsequent Routes Group. **[Action: JB to add to 17 Jan RG agenda.]**

7. Date of next meeting

Saturday 17 January, 10am in Ripples Café.

Notes prepared by BL