

2 April 2007, Meeting Report

Sustrans presentation

Many thanks to Vinny Mott of Sustrans for an interesting and informative talk on their activities in South East Wales. The talk included the historical background to Sustrans and the National Cycle Network, and details of plans for further developments, including the Penarth Headland link, a Vale of Glamorgan route to Bridgend, developments near Church Village and many more. The most imminent project relates to the Ely Bridge which will be partly determined by a public vote in a TV competition later in the year. **Please pledge your support to this project.** Details of how to do this can be found by following this link:

http://www.sustransconnect2.org.uk/projects/project_detail.php?id=20

Ely Bridge Demo

You can also support the bridge by participating in the demo organized by Marc Buehner of Friends of the Earth on 22 April. This starts from Cogan Railway Station car park at 11 a.m. If you'd like to ride there with Cycle Cardiff, meet at the Millenium Bridge Bute Park at 10 a.m. See our website (www.cyclecardiff.org.uk) for more details and to download a poster/flyer.

Bike Week update

Pedal Power sponsored ride and barbecue (Saturday 16 June)

Some Cycle Cardiff participants have already volunteered to take part in this event. It's possible to get involved either as a helper or rider. Contact Sybil Williams on 07794 277605.

Bike Film Festival, Chapter Arts

Film planning is currently underway – more news on this shortly.

For the Saturday reception, we already have some commitments from sponsors who will also have displays at the event. Contact Paul Barrett (paulpontcanna@hotmail.co.uk).

Cycle Cardiff information stands

The Fete of the Earth stand (9 June) is now confirmed. We are awaiting confirmation of 16 June in The Hayes, but this looks certain to go ahead. The Riverside Food Market was suggested by Andrew Burns. We will investigate the possibility of this. Thanks to the several volunteers (Eva, Marion, Paul, Andrew, Nigel, Alastair, John) who have offered to help.

Cycle Cardiff Sunday Ride and Bicycle Brunch (Sunday 17 June)

Breakfast is planned to begin at 10 a.m. at Kemi's next to Craft in the Bay. A leisurely ride will

begin at 11 a.m. Basic bike checks might be available here. Contact Alastair Rayment (alastairrayment@f2s.com).

Cycle Cardiff Longest Day Ride (Thursday 21 June)

More details still to come. It is likely to involve a lateish start around 8 p.m., possibly beginning from Chapter Arts after the early festival showing. We'll still have two and a half hours of daylight then. Contact Andrew Burns (andrew.burns@nphs.wales.nhs.uk).

Cancer Research Wales Family Ride (Sunday 24 June)

Cancer Research may require help with this event. More details to follow shortly.

Bike Week listings

The above events will be listed on the national Bike Week website.

Other news

Bike Maintenance Group

Plans are afoot to start a regular maintenance group. Location yet to be confirmed, but it will be somewhere people can come with their bikes. While this will not be a class as such, there will be a them to each session. Advice will be on hand to learn and carry out your own repairs.

CSEN Membership & CTC Affiliation

Cycle Cardiff has applied for membership of CSEN which might offer access to information and open up opportunities for other projects. Also, as affiliates of CTC, our events are effectively now insured, although it does mean that the Ride Group membership needs to be listed. There will be small annual fee of £2 (riders only) to cover the cost of this. This will require a small amount of administrative work. If anybody would be willing to take this on, please contact Nick Canham (ndcanham@yahoo.co.uk).

Cycle Training

This is available from the council's Road Safety group. There are places available on forthcoming courses. Do pass on the word to anyone who might be interested: posters available here. Please contact Germaine Walsh (gwalsh@cardiff.gov.uk) for more details.

Articles

Unless you haven't already stumbled across them, there are now articles on our site. Go to <http://www.cyclecardiff.org.uk/articles/> to find them.

Next meeting

Tuesday 8th May.