WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A directional lock, comprising:

a housing defining an interior space, a first opening and a second opening, wherein each of the first and second openings communicates with the interior space;

a sleeve movably coupled to the housing, the sleeve including a catch element, the sleeve being displaceable between a first displacement position and a second displacement position; and

at least one lock element disposed within the housing, the lock element having a first aperture configured to receive a core element and a second aperture to cooperate with the catch element;

wherein the lock element is movable between a first position, in which the first aperture is aligned with the first opening and the second opening, and a second position, in which the first aperture is not aligned with the first opening and the second opening, and

wherein displacement of the sleeve from the first displacement position to the second displacement position causes the catch element to at least assist or initiate movement of the lock element from the first position toward the second position at least to an intermediate position.

2. The directional lock according to claim 1, wherein the lock element is pivotally coupled to the housing for rotation about a fixed pivot axis, wherein preferably, a pivot axis of the lock element is movable relative to the housing.

3. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve is disposed within the housing.

4. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve comprises a conduit portion through which the core can pass.

5. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the catch element comprises a catch arm and a catch end, and wherein the catch end is configured to catch or engage the lock element when the sleeve is displaced from the first displacement position to the second displacement position, preferably wherein the catch arm is narrower in width than the second aperture of the lock element and/or the catch end is wider in width than the second aperture of the lock element.

6. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve includes at least one stop-guide, preferably wherein the stop-guide is configured to engage the housing so as to stop displacement of the sleeve at the second displacement position and/or wherein the stop-guide is configured to engage the housing so as to stop displacement.

7. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the sleeve is displaceable from the second displacement position to the first displacement position.

8. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the housing includes a displacement slot, preferably wherein the displacement slot is an elongate slot, preferably wherein the displacement slot includes at least a first stop end and a second stop end.

9. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein a distance between the first displacement position and the second displacement position is a linear distance.

10. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the difference between the first position and the second position of the lock element is an angular distance or rotation.

11. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein linear displacement of the sleeve translates to angular movement of the lock element.

12. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the lock element does not contact the catch element in the second position.

13. The direction lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the catch element comprises a catch arm and a catch end and the catch end catches or pulls the lock element into activation with the core element.

14. The directional lock according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the catch element comprises a catch arm and a catch end and the catch end catches or pushes the lock element into activation with the core element.

15. The directional lock according to claim 10 or any one of claims 11-14 when dependent on claim 10, wherein a ratio of second difference to first difference is one of: 1 to 5:1, 2 to 5:1, 3 to 5:1, 2 to 4:1, 1 to 4:1, 1 to 3:1.