

Location: Newtown Town Hall.

Time of meeting: 7.30pm

Attending: Brenda, Robert, Christina, - Companion (Many Thanks), Fiona, Gilbert, Ian, John (chairing), Paul (minutes) John.

Agenda Items:

1. LOCAL ISSUES
2. GREENWAY
3. BUG CONFERENCE/MASSBUG WORKSHOPS
4. MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL. BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

1. LOCAL ISSUES

Bicycle Film Festival

The attendance record provided by Dendy at Opera Quays Cinema seemed lower than anecdotal evidence.

Action? Next Bicycle Film Festival, a click meter and/or better door security may be suggested.

For the next film festival:

- Increasing attendance may be possible with targeted marketing including: schools, tafes, colleges, universities. Marketing strategies to be discussed.
- A longer Bicycle Film Festival could make it more accessible, and
- To integrate the Bicycle Film Festival with workshops.
- Options for having access to the film after their screening, dvd/internet.

Wilson Street

There are concerns about the repair work being too rough for cycling, the problem being that it has been finished without consideration for cyclists.

Wilson Street Action?

Council to be approached by massbug to have the surface made bicycle friendly/ smooth.

Wilson Street Lights

Traffic lights, tenders have been called.

Pyrmont and Murray Street

Intersection lights are going to be sequenced to allow pedestrians/cyclists unimpeded crossing while heavy vehicular traffic is stopped.

Kent Street was chosen over Clarence Street by planners as the north south link through the CBD. Hooray.

L.G.A 'quiet streets'

A 'quiet streets' network is being created. Further liaising with Deputy Mayor: Peter Olive, and Mayor : Morris Hanna required.

Gibbons Lane There is a trench that requires council attention.

Road repair excellence: There was agreement about the smooth/safe job that some road repair teams can achieve.

GREENWAY

The recent newspaper article inaccurately reported Bruce's opinion about Greenway, and also wrongly implied that Bruce was representing MASSBUG in his views. Apparently in the interview, Bruce commented on both the great community opportunity and that, 'more needed to be done to improved communications between different layers of government, and changes were taking too long.' However, the tone of the printed article focused on the negative (constructive) criticisms and whom Bruce represented.

A retraction is planned for a subsequent issue, and this will clarify Bruce's views. The retraction opportunity will add further positive publicity for Greenway progress.

CONFERENCE PROPOSAL/MASSBUG WORKSHOPS

In summary, the choice was to: continue, defer, or abandon the Conference Proposal.

Rather than abandon the idea, a decision was reached to use the excellent research we have garnered about the state level of bug interest, and merge a selection of the workshops issues with the conference Issues for an event next year.

Additionally, MASSBUG intend to electronically record these for statewide bug distribution, and to incorporate bug chat. More I.T. / etc work necessary, but something to look forward to.

We reasoned that focusing on the primary conference and workshop issues and recording/chat rooming the distilled ideas will give us invaluable experience to meet an existing need, and build understanding so that a more substantial conference may well be possible the following year.

5. MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Kendall Banfield/ Transport Planner, Marrickville Council has written to Fiona thanking her for the time and effort in creating a detailed itemization following Bruce's November email to discuss ideas for the coming budget:

- Marrickville South Trellis/ Social Capital/ Environmental Project. (Massbug may be looking into getting a grant for part of this project.)
- Bike Plan implementation review and ongoing monitoring.

- Bicycle Social Network aspects (non-engineering) monitoring.
- Sustainability transport officer.
- Locality self-guided tour maps (akin to those implemented elsewhere in Sydney)
- Road hazard/ amenity management

- Increase Local Area Traffic Management budget.
- Bike Plan Implementation, a ray of hope, that the RTA may increase the availability of matched funding for Councils.

NEXT MEETING 09 JANUARY 2008

Proposed at the Courthouse Hotel

For all massbug members, especially the tireless...not that doesn't sound right for a cyclist...arduous tenacious...Fiona, Brenda, Gilbert including meeting regulars... and cycling regulars...

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VERY SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMASS.