

**MASSBUG
MINUTES
05 JULY 2006**

Present: Fiona
Paul S
Daniel
Mark
Ian P
Robert
Brenda
Jonathon
Geoff
Gilbert
John C

Apologies: Paul B

Chair: John C
Minutes: Gilbert

AGENDA Minutes
Correspondence
Local Issues
Marrickville Council News
CoS Council News
Administration
Rides and Events
Other items

MINUTES

1/ Minutes

Brief discussion on format and circulation:

Use of last names to be avoided;
Minutes to be circulated to attendees - per list - two weeks after meeting;
Revisions made and a final version published to web site, before next meeting with notification.

2/ Items for agenda

T Shirts
Marrickville Festival
Meeting and correspondence with Carmel Tebbutt
Bruce re: Transport Corridor along railway easement from White Bay to Dulwich Hill.

LOCAL ISSUES

NEW ITEMS

3/ Trench in Wilson St – Daniel

Trench in Wilson Street is hazardous.

Action: Daniel to contact CoS (url available massbug website)

4/ Alexandra Cycle Way - Geoff

Opposite link road (lights) a witches hat with timber stick is protruding from ground at manhole cover to electricals.

Action: Geoff to contact RTA hotline 131 7000 (url available massbug website)

5/ Motorbikes and scooters in cycle lanes - Daniel

Increasing numbers of motorbikes and scooters using cycle lanes to avoid traffic. Dangerous and illegal.

Action: Daniel to notify City Central Police 9265 6499 and request "enforcement". Obtain "incident number" for follow up.

6/ New logo on road outside Herb Greedy Hall – Ian

New logo is large and well placed in centre of roadway.

Action: Ian to write letter thanking MC or responsible authority.

FOLLOW UP FROM LAST MEETING

7/ Contra-flow in Wilson St – Fiona

Dick Van Den Dool, (consultant) was contacted and his recommendation - circulated to list – was that any raised pavement markers could be hazardous and that an unbroken white line with appropriate signage would be best option for short term. Especially considering legality of use at present. Other options could be considered in future including raised contraflow path. The green paint will be renewed.

Contact was made with person in charge of project two days ago who has not (yet) returned calls.

Action: Fiona to follow up relentlessly.

8/ Thefts Broadway – Jonathon

Jonathon is yet to draft and send letter to Broadway Centre Management re: theft of items from his and other bikes located in bike racks in Bay St.

Action: Jonathon to draft and send asap.

9/ Liberty St root damage to path – Alan

Action: Fiona to refer to Traffic Committee

10/ Illawarra Rd rrpms a hazard and non compliant - Ian

Action: Fiona to refer to Traffic Committee

11/ Alice St raised traffic markers a hazard to be removed - John

Action: Fiona to refer to Traffic Committee

12/ Geoff requested available information on Qantas Drive / Alexandra Canal Path.

Fiona explained the "30 year plan" proposed by CoS.

Three stages 1: Maddox St to Campbell St; 2: Campbell St to Canal Rd; 3: Canal Rd to Airport.

Stage 3 is complete except from Coward St to Canal Road. Stage 1 is awaiting DA approval – the longest assessment in CoS history. Stage 2 reliant on sale or redevelopment of woolstores. Is impacted by State Planning as is part of the blue sky stardust and fairy lights technology precinct arc from Cooks Cove to Chatswood via Green Square.

Geoff remarked that the Sustainability Officer at his workplace, nearby project, had taken an interest in the roll-out and requested forwarding of information.

CORRESPONDENCE

13/ John Watkins – Lawson St Bridge - John

Letter to John Watkins sent, copies to be forwarded to Clover Moore and ...

Action: John to forward and advise of recipients.

14/ Marrickville Festival - John

A letter received from... at M.C. advising the stall will be provided by M.C.

15/ Marrickville Council Bike Plan - John

John has drafted letter of thanks to MC re: plan.

Action: to cc Massbug with copies and forward final letter to MC engineer.

16/ Carmel Tebbutt - Fiona

CC copy of letter to Carmel Tebbutt's office.

Discussion on whether the promise and its implications were genuine. It was agreed Local Govt (MC) had made positive contribution to cycling whilst State Govt was yet to perform if not actively pulling back on all previous commitments.

Discussion on Cross modal transport – Ian stated Warren had mentioned State Govt does not want more usage of rail during peak hour.

Meeting with Carmel Tebbutt to be arranged. Approach Linda Burney as well.

Actions: Same Massbug members (Item 14, June minutes) to approach Local (State) Members to arrange meeting to convey disappointment over Williams St and broader implications. Boulevard of Broken Dreams – Dodds and Campbell as source material. [Link to Williams St Updates on Massbug home page]

RIDES

17/ Glass Rides – Brenda

No follow up as yet.

Action: to be advised.

Correction: Glass rides to be removed from agenda until further notice.

Seek follow up of Casey de Pereira's (M.C. Manager Engineering) response to Gilbert's letter.

24 April 2006 "...I confirm that instructions have also been issued for the sweeping crews to undertake regular cleaning of the cycleway network..." - Casey de Pereira

18/ City Circuit Ride

16th July. Will depart 10am Newtown. Riders wanting to join the Backpedalling on Williams St II ride will break away with Gilbert. Probably at a cafe/rest stop near Pymont.

Action: notice on massbug site. And with reminder email.

19/ Critical Mass – Williams St

C-Mass is scheduling a training ride Friday 07 July from Archibald Fountain with another to follow in a weeks time as a media event.

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL NEWS

20/ Marrickville Matters (Newsletter) – correction: in response to Letter to Residents.

Announcement NSW Govt promise of \$100,000 to be devoted to bike infrastructure.

Action: Brenda to draft response on behalf of Massbug. John to be signatory.

21/ Elections – Fiona

Elections are 9 months off. Not enough time for the government to reverse the works on Williams St and for the public to forget the inconvenience.

Attended meeting last night (Tues) in which the NRMA representative was crowing about the gains made by motorists with little or no regard for pedestrians, cyclists or environment.

There is a good chance the govt will ignore the needs of cyclists in favour of the motorist and developer lobbies.

Needs to be some thought into the benefits to developers and motorists to promote cycle lanes and paths.

Carmel is also acknowledged as being ambitious to be Premier – hence the good news story.

Ian - Suggest sending letter to all candidates for response.

Fiona – Bike NSW has been talking to the Liberal member for Balmain who is also a professional Environmental Consultant about developing Liberal Party Cycling Policy. The Nat MP (?) is onsite.

Gilbert- Marrickville Urban Strategy Key Consultation Messages Tempe/Sydneyham received from Marrickville Council, postively endorsing cycling and cycling facilities. General opinion that the Urban Policy will be a positive and sincere attempt to address needs and wants of residence across the Marrickville LGA.

22/ Marrickville Festival - John

17th September. Have to ensure stock and rosters. MC to cover cost of stall.

ADMINISTRATION

23/ Shirts - Brenda

No quotes have been received from printer. Natalie stated yearly budget are balanced, all funds received from membership and donations are spent. Some thought needs to be put into funding next shirts.

Current shirt featured in PushOn with accreditation to designer.

Action: await quote.

OTHER ITEMS

24/ Tail lights – Gilbert

As a result of preparations for the MidWinter Ride Craig purchased 5 bulb LED tail lights from TEKs at Marrickville Metro for \$2 a piece. These could be purchased in bulk and given away at a media event such as the completion of the Wilson St contra-flow lane.

Discussion as to suitability for Marrickville (and other) Festivals, and whether Kendall could be approached to purchase some out of Cycle Budget.

Visibility was featured in Australian Cyclist – flashing lights are good for long distance recognition but motorists do not recognise cycles unless there is brightly illuminated vests and pedal reflectors/ankle straps which make the motion of the legs visible.

Action: Ian to purchase 10 units from Ashfield TEK.

25/ Lilyfiled to Dulwich Hill Rail corridor - Bruce (per Fiona)

Bruce is seeking volunteers for the creation of a committee to push for cycling to be allowed into the rail corridor. (Not clear if this is under the Greenway aegis).

Discussion followed as to the need for a regional body or “secretariat” composed of reps of the

adjoining BUGS etc., to target regional issues. Questions were raised as to whether this is BNSW role and/if they are capable of carrying it out at present.

Fiona stated that Matt Perdeck has a brief for community development and advocacy.

Action: Geoff will contact Bruce by phone for further details.

26/ PushOn – Brenda

Deadline for next hardcopy issue of PushOn is 26 August. It has been publicized in this issue that PushOn is going electronic with hardcopy only available on request.

PushOn also publishes interest stories from the BUGs – massbug needs to develop stock of stories (with photos) for inclusion to maintain presence.

Action: Robert to forward email to BNSW stating that Massbug should remain available in hard copy and distributed as is. Gilbert to put notice as to this effect on Massbug site.

27/ Bike parking - Gilbert

Emails were sent to Offices of Sydney Writers Week and Sydney Biennale 2006 requesting information as to the availability and location of secure bike parking for their events.

Both replied via email. The writers week staff (there are only 4) said someone might get back to me... The biennale staff response was more adamant that all biennale venues had secure bike parking.

I have photos of the Writers Festival showing where people could have parked but the reality was that bikes were clustered around the entrance of Pier 4/5 either to sign posts or handrails. In view of the smart poles and u-rails. There is a cora type rack on pier 2/3 but also a bikes prohibited sign.

As for the biennale as I attend venues I get photo documentation of the lack of parking facilities in general. It is most certainly not accurate that each venue has secure parking.

Yet the City of Sydney logo as a sponser appear on the documentation.

Similarly – the film festival handbook had information on rail access and nearest undercover parking for motor vehicles, but nothing else. Another event sponsored by CoS.

It should be a matter of course that cycle parking should feature in available documentation. Adults cycle to these venues and it is policy of most councils to support cycling and provide relevant information – not to mention the greenhouse and other health issues. “Culture” is not exclusive of cyclists.

Actions: Gilbert to forward letter to Alan Cadogan(sp?) of CoS for mention in Social Planning. Approach Kennards and Shoreco re: transportable bike parking facilities. Put link or map of Smart Pole locations on Massbug site. Brenda to approach Kendal as to whether this could be an item for council to keep as a store of equipment.