

**Minutes
MASSBUG
4 OCTOBER 2007**

Attendance: Peter, Robert, Ian, Paul, Jeff, Fiona, Brenda, John

Apologies: Gilbert, Jonathon

LOCAL ISSUES

Members noted:

1. **Bedford Street** has been repaired
2. **Coward and Kent Street, Botany**, is a dangerous intersection for cyclists and the pavement is being damaged by large trucks. Local Council contacted but experiencing difficulty getting RTA attention. To follow up letter with RTA.
3. **Liberty and Trafalgar Street** needs to be widened and a pram ramp.
4. **Cooks River to Steel Park** Signage from needs to be done.
5. **Church St and Federation St, Camperdown**, exit to Camperdown memorial park – at need the same treatment as the Australia St exit to stop cars parking across ramp.
6. **Bike parking** in City of Sydney Council area is not adequate (non-existent at new developments) and possibly made worse by removal of poles.

Action re: audit list – update almost complete and agree that John will draft a media release in point form about the improvements Council has made, and how they have helped many people in the community, possibly quoting someone from the Council Access Committee (Paul C?). Members will provide comments to draft.

MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL - Discussion with Kendall

Members noted that:

7. **Route 7, Lewisham to Newtown** even though not complete should be reviewed and evaluated.
8. **Greenway** remains a priority with seed funding used for study regarding flooding of pathway under Parramatta road.
9. **Alexander Canal** Design studies for to be prepared.
10. **Cooks River Path** Funds are available for, which will be done in sections moving west – the pedestrian conflict at pebble creek having priority

Members agreed that Kendall will take to the next transport committee:

11. **Revised audit list**
12. **Mary Street** signage to explain temporary arrangements and for cyclists to dismount and cross at lights, also suggest flexible bollards
13. **? memorial park** Light required, possible use of solar powered cat eyes to mark path

14. **Bike parking web page** Work commence immediately on recommendation in bicycle strategy about setting up a web page where residents can nominate locations for bike parking.
15. **Bike parking** in shopping areas should take priority
16. **Path to Tempe Reserve** needs better signage for directions through Tempe.
17. **Frederick St and Crystal St** in urgent need of resurfacing, ad hoc repairs not satisfactory.

Marrickville to the Beach Ride – review

In the main positive feedback from participants about the ride received.

In relation to organization:

18. **Complaints** that ride did not start until an hour after nominated time
19. **Lunch** was not provided to riders as they returned, as entertainment was continuing.
20. **Activities** Range of was impressive, it also added to the complexity which was not necessary
21. **Advertising** The scope meant the numbers of people interested was around 120 people. If the weather had not kept numbers down, the number of people would have proved difficult to manage.
22. **Breakdowns** There were several broken bikes (spikes etc) which required marshals to leave the ride return with the riders.
23. **A 'sag wagon'**, would be useful next time – a ute or wagon to take
24. **Age limit** veto young riders and cycles that may not be able to keep up.
25. **Map** Cyclists wanting to do the route on their own would find a map useful. None of the maps currently available are adequate.

Actions:

***Advise Council the ride was worthwhile and should be done again.
Local members should attend ride (note that they were invited).
Follow up ways for stakeholders to produce map.***

CITY OF SYDNEY

Sydney Council Community Forum

26. **Wilson Street** Discussion with staff about Wilson Street intersection. Receiving further attention, hopefully will lead to work being completed next financial year.
27. **Green Corridor** Question in open discussion, re: the joining of green spaces along a corridor from Domain to O'Dea reserve was greeted with "It is a priority" to fit pedestrian and cycle routes along traffic free, greener corridors.

Sydney Park, St Peters BMX and Skate Board Submission

- 28. **Draft submission** lodged. Suggest contact Tony Pooley for advice.
- 29. **Petition** – to be provided to members and bikeshops.

EVENTS

- 30. **Leichhardt Big Ride this Sunday 7 October.** Starts Catherine and Moore St. Call 367 9281 if you can volunteer to help.
- 31. **Next MASSBUG Ride – 28 October** – check website.
- 32. **Bicycle Film Festival, Nov 30 and Dec 1.** Night of Critical Mass Harbour Bridge ride. Films will start when riders return.
 - 33. Volunteers needed for valet parking.
 - 34. Space still available for sponsors.
- 35. **Marrickville Recreation Advisory Volunteer needed** – Nominate for the Marrickville Recreation Advisory Committee.
- 36. **Bicycle NSW – AGM is on 3 November.** Please join. Nominations for Board positions close 26 October. A few vacancies likely to be available this year.
- 37. **NEWTOWN FESTIVAL**
 - 38. **Volunteers** needed for stall.
Suggestions:
 - 39. **Collection** of parts and cycle clothing in exchange for donations.
 - 40. **Map** to the city.
 - 41. **Form** to record questions (follow up) and feedback.
 - 42. **Second hand bikes** encourage people to provide information.
 - 43. **Cycling around Sydney** new edition will be available.