

**MINUTES
MASSBUG
5 FEBRUARY 2003**

Attendance: Chris (Chair), Fiona, Gabrielle, Bruce, Ian, Vicki, Jocelyn, Rachel, Brenda

Apologies: Alan, Chloe

Guest speaker: Veronica from South Sydney Development Corporation

Progress Report from the Alexandra Canal Project, South Sydney Development Corporation

The representative from the Corporation advised that that the project was progressing and particular developments included:

- The development application for the bike path has been submitted
- The State Minister would be making a statement next week regarding the project
- The Corporation has found input from MASSBUG valuable in reaching this position and hopes that the group will continue to show support
- Public consultation on the project will occur as part of the development process
- A conservation plan is being developed by Sydney Water, of particular concern is the heritage value of the canal wall
- Brochures and the latest news about the project can be found on the website:
www.greensquare.com.au

INFORMATION STALLS

Madi Gras Fair Day, Sunday 16 February, Victoria Park 9.30 to 5.30

Roster

Fiona: set up til 12

Jocelyn and Vicki: 12-2

Gabi and Megan: 2-4 (Fiona to contact Megan)

Kate, Janet, Rachel: 4-6

RPA, Saturday 22 February, RPA Hospital, 10-4

Roster

Fiona and Chris set up: 10-12

Ian and Chris: 12-2

Robert: 11-12

Rachel and Chris: 2-4

Action: Post activity on Bicycle NSW site

Review Strategic Plan Activities

South Sydney Council Bike Plan Review

Noted:

- that South Sydney has also completed an audit of bike parking.
- A shared pedestrian-bike pathway has been developed on part of Bourke Street

Action: Fiona and Gabrielle will review plan. Copy available to anyone on request.

South Sydney Section 94 Review

Section 94 allows developers to be charged for public works in the area of the development. Current review is a minor review, a major review will be undertaken later in the year.

Action: Advice Council of items which should be reviewed including the need to increase funding for transport and related works.

Marrickville Council

Next meeting mid-February

Note:

- Council is to review their bike plan.
- Recommendation is that they employ a consultant to provide advice on its development.
- Current plan should be reviewed to assess degree of implementation
- Advice Council that matched RTA funding can be used for the development of bike plans
- There may be funds available from unallocated Roads to Recovery, possibly around \$100,000
- Future projects for matched funding should be included in Bike plan

Actions

- Contact Neil Strickland to encourage him to attend next meeting
- Write to RTA requesting matched funding to support engineering design study
- Email Marrickville Council to check progress of S94 review
- Request response on progress of repairing black spots, in particular Llewelyn S, green Lane
- Ian to prepare short note on history and outcome of changes to Unwins Bridge Road and submit to Council for review. Response should be minuted at next meeting with Council.

GROUP PROMOTION

Channel 31 Cooking Show

Kids ride on 16 March will be advertised on this program with advertisement for group. Vicki will follow up to ensure it goes ahead.

ABC Station ID

Cycle Families needed on 23 February at 7am at Bicentennial Park, Homebush to take part in station id for ABC TV. Email Bruce if interested. 12-15 people (family group not a rally) needed.

Banners and Stickers

Action: Ian to draft sticker promoting group which can be fixed to bike racks for next meeting.

Action: Ian to contact Anthony about progress of banner. Also to bring design to next meeting.

Action: Bruce to organise construction and payment for a display stand

Action: Kate to gather information about local newsletter and newspaper deadlines to advertise rides and local shops that can take posters.

Inner West Forum

Agreed that this will be organized for May 2004.

Further consideration of activities leading up to September Council elections to be listed for next meeting agenda.

GREENWAY

Volunteers needed for distributing brochures.

Volunteers needed to count users of pathway: Thursday morning 27 February and Sunday 2 March.

Comments on HCAT map needed by next week.

OTHER BUSINESS

Newtown Car Share Scheme is to borrow group's data projector.

Please distribute brochures for RTA Big Ride.

Advertising in SMH for volunteers to work on MASSBUG tasks within Bicycle NSW to be investigated.

Action: Rachel to write letter to Auslink to note that bikes are not included and justify inclusion.

Action: Chloe to write another letter on Footway parking

RTA Guidelines for designing cycle facilities out for comment until 22 February. Group agreed to encourage RTA to conduct a forum to explain guidelines. Members wishing to make a comment should note page 18 and page 14.

Action: a letter should be written to RTA requesting a forum.

Diary Dates

8 March: local ride with NSW Greens

9 March, ASHBUG would like support for a local audit.

5-6 April note diaries for ride leading workshop

3-4 May, Bicycle NSW, Nowra Workshop

Deadline for Push On: 1 April