

## **MASSBUG – Draft Minutes - Thursday, 2 October 2003**

Doors opened at 7.15 - a chat, tea and biscuits for a 7.30 start.

**Present:** Brenda Bailey (Chair), Ian, Chris Rissel, Chloe (Minutes), & Matt

**Apologies:** Gabrielle Kuiper, Fiona Campbell

### **1. Marrickville Council news**

Marrickville Festival -- still busy all-day, many inquiries from maps, information about other bicycle user groups and refresher cycling proficiency training.

### **2. HCAT & Greenway News**

Chris apologises for his no-show at the recent audit of bicycle use (moving house & other things distracted him).

HCAT map is very popular.

### **3. City of Sydney Draft Bike Plan**

Discussion about where is it up to & when will it appear.

**ACTION:** Chloe undertook to contact the City & ask.

### **4. Submissions**

**Due 10<sup>th</sup> October -**

Minister for Transport Services issued the interim report on the Ministerial Inquiry into sustainable transport in NSW. Options for the Future.

Despite the title, the terms of reference and the interim report have not addressed the 'transport system' and have omitted walking, cycling and car use. The term 'sustainable', as used here, is in the sense of enduring (like concrete) rather than in the sense used by the OECD etc, ie environmentally sustainable transport. Nonetheless, it is essential that the interrelationships between cycling and public transport (& other omissions) be presented to this Inquiry, at least so that other transport authorities (DIPNR & RTA & the Feds) can see the economic picture.

South Sydney have three draft documents on public exhibition:

- draft PAMP
- draft bike plan
- draft land use-transport DCP (replacing DCP 11, the leading sustainable transport DCP in New South Wales)

House of Reps Urban policy inquiry into sustainable cities

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Environment and Heritage will inquire into and report on issues and policies related to the development of sustainable cities to the year 2025, particularly:

- The environmental and social impacts of sprawling urban development;
- The major determinants of urban settlement patterns and desirable patterns of development for the growth of Australian cities;
- A 'blueprint' for ecologically sustainable patterns of settlement, with particular reference to eco-efficiency and equity in the provision of services and infrastructure;

- Measures to reduce the environmental, social and economic costs of continuing urban expansion; and
- Mechanisms for the Commonwealth to bring about urban development reform and promote ecologically sustainable patterns of settlement.

#### National Road Safety

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Transport and Regional Services is to inquire into national road safety. The terms of reference are to:

1. Review the strategic objectives, priority areas and proposed measures in the National Road Safety Strategy 2001 - 2010, and the National Road Safety Action Plans for 2001 and 2002 and for 2003 and 2004 and consider whether these remain appropriate.
2. Identify any additional measures or approaches that could or should be adopted by the Commonwealth, States and Territories, local government and non-government agencies and bodies (including industry) to reduce road trauma.
3. Identify factors that may be impeding progress in reducing road trauma, and suggest how these could be addressed.

Comment - the objectives for the Action Plan in 2001-02 included encouraging other walking, cycling and public transport and oddly, this objective (reducing exposure to risk) was dropped inexplicably for 03-04. So, here's an opportunity to get it re-instated and re-frame the vision of road safety!

**ACTIONS:** (1) Everyone, please let Chloe know if you're interested in contributing to one or more submissions and (2) invitation to participate in a submission-writing workshop on Sunday 12 October (date OK?) (include other local BUGs).

#### **5. Map for cycling & walking catchment of Royal Prince Alfred Hospital Complex & University of Sydney**

Chris reported on draft map, produced by Bruce, showing 10 min bike ride and 10 min walk. Everyone agreed a great step (pedal). Discussed issue of evaluation & obtaining baseline number of people cycling to these 2 major sites/trip generators.

#### **6. Newtown Festival - Sunday 16 November**

Everyone agreed that MASSBUG should participate despite the huge cost.

Everyone agreed with the proposal to arrange a ride for about a fortnight post-Festival for novices so that we can advertise it at the Festival - possibly down to Brighton-Le-Sands & have a picnic. Everyone appreciated the calendars prepared by Gabrielle. Also agreed to have a puncture repair demo (courtesy Ian) & need for pre-Festival advertising (in The Glebe?) so that people bring their bikes for attention.

**ACTIONS:**

(1) Chloe to ask Gabrielle to apply for stall for MASSBUG & produce a new calendar.

#### **7. Tempe Reserve launch**

Much discussion about launch and operation of Reserve post-launch and parlous state of Holbeach Ave; conclusion:

**ACTION:** Fiona to advise us whether MASSBUG made any commitments.

## **8. MASSBUG brochure & new 'how to get involved' info for new members**

We all wondered 'where is the draft brochure?'

**ACTION:** Gabrielle & Fiona or anyone knowing where it is to advise Brenda asap.

Brenda put forward the idea of MASSBUG having a sheet for visitors/new members, to encourage them to join in our activities - How to get MASSBUG to work for you/What you can do for MASSBUG... Enthusiasm for both this sheet and the introductory brochure. We benefited from Matt's comments as a visitor, and prospective member.

**ACTION:** Brenda to commence drafting sheet with Matt as 'buddy'.

## **9. Fundraising**

Discussion of overdue membership renewals, revenue-raising and forthcoming expenses - payment for the stall & the exorbitant Festival fee. Appreciation of Natalie's work as Treasurer and Philip on correspondence.

Decision made that membership fees will be levied on 1<sup>st</sup> October, the new date for levying annual membership. Decided that MASSBUG needs a form for membership fees & donations, although not tax deductible to MASSBUG maybe tax deductible to BicycleNSW.

**ACTION:** Ian to contact Natalie & Philip re membership list, a financial report and continuing role as treasurer; Brenda to prepare a form (as part of MASSBUG's materials - see 7 above); Chloe to check out tax deductible donations to MASSBUG through BicycleNSW (& also enquire how to get our rides included in the Push On calendar).

## **November meeting:**

**Upcoming rides and events (Ride Leader Guide & Sign-on sheet - BicycleNSW web) - and to be listed on ActiveSydney.**

**Preparations for Newtown Festival - Sunday 16 November**

**Reports about submissions, Councils**

**Review of progress against strategic plan**

