

Minutes
2 March 2004
MASSBUG

Attendance: Brenda, Ian, Fiona, Alan, Liz, Ann, Martin, Paul

Apologies: Matt, Chris

1. Local problems for cyclists

Grates and potholes

This is a continuing problem in local council areas for cyclists. It was noted that it is worth notifying the RTA or local Council of problems as they are obliged to consider the risk of the hazard if they are notified.

This raised the issue of the MASSBUG hazard report form. Jonathon has done the groundwork for this form. An administrator is now needed for the form to 'go live'. Martin and Paul will follow up with Jonathan on what this job entails.

2. Council boundary changes

Members discussed whether MASSBUG should extend its activities to take in Sydney CBD and/or the whole new council boundary. There was concern that taking in the whole area, which includes eastern Sydney and Glebe would stretch our resources too thinly.

It was agreed that for the present MASSBUG will take in the interests of Sydney CBD. Andrew will assist with this work.

In the long term, the preference is for strong local groups to work in areas such as Glebe and in the CBD.

There is also a need to coordinate with BUGS in bordering areas to assist with CBD, Glebe and East Sydney.

3. Promoting the Big Ride – BNSW

Gabrielle presented this item. BNSW need at least another 200 participants. Members are asked to promote this event wherever possible and to call Warren at BNSW if they can lend a hand at the office.

13 March Forum

Members are asked to attend this forum and distribute flyers if possible.

4. Council Elections

A letter was sent to candidates asking a number of questions about their position on cycling facilities. When responses arrive, the information will be forwarded to members in order to assist them in deciding how to vote at the Council elections. It was noted that this letter helps raise the profile of MASSBUG and inform members.

5. Hercules Reserve Sunday 14 March 1 to 5pm

Help needed with stall at this event. Please contact Rachel D [rachel_d33@hotmail.com] to be placed on the roster.

Remember its fun and easy to do, even for new members. A clipboard is used for people to write down any questions you can't answer. Someone will get back to the person later.

6. Membership and Promotions

As a result of the mail out to BNSW members last month, MASSBUG membership has increased by 25 percent.

A paper for discussion about what we mean by promotion, membership and volunteers was distributed, contact Brenda policy@cotansw.com.au if you want a copy. Hopefully this will help us move forward with actions on this matter.

7. Wilkins St School

The school is developing a plan for some unused land which may include cycling facilities. The plan is progressing well.

8. South East Area Health Volunteers

Ian volunteered to help with cycling training course but others also welcome to come along. Starts 24th March 5-7 pm. See previous emails.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Thank you everyone for attending.