

MASSBUG
Minutes 7 April 2004

Attendance: Greg, Emma, Chris, Ian, Fiona, Brenda, Paul, Jonathon

1. Greg introduced himself, he is an overseas student working on a project for five weeks and is available to help out with MASSBUG activities while he is here.

2. Local Issues

McCauley and Bridge Rd, right turn needs a 'bicycle excepted' as path requires dismounting and crossing at the pedestrian crossing.

3. Traffic Committees

Marrickville – papers were provided before the meeting and relevant members contacted about specific streets. Comments were forwarded to the committee but there was no acknowledgement. Next minutes will be checked to see if they were tabled at relevant items.

South Sydney – no longer operational. Waiting for City of Sydney to follow through with appointment of representative as promised in C.Moore's platform.

4. Evaluation of HCAT

Alan Woodward from Twyford Consulting attended as part of the evaluation of the Hawthorn Canal Project.

A comment from a local resident and member was tabled of her positive experiences. Positive results of the project were noted including:

- creation and printing of maps
- incorporation of path into local rides
- encouraging local residents to consider cycling
- forming relationships with local councils
- expanding capacity of MASSBUG

5. Other Council Issues

Management Plans – due in the next month, extra meeting will be set up to consider contents.

Marrickville Bike Plan – Neil Strickland has agreed to meet to discuss meetings, bike plan and general relationship. Personnel and Council changes may be an opportunity to improve response of council to cycle concerns.

South Sydney Bike Plan approved by administrators prior to election.
Sydney Plan also approve with additional improvements.

New Mayor committed to plan plus a commitment to fill gap for areas such as Glebe which fell outside of boundaries.

Recommendations to city council – bimonthly planning meeting, review of sections of the plan, immediate appointment of bike planner.

Action: Fiona to follow up

6. CARES

CARES open day was a success.

Road Safety Officer is considering MASSBUG request to use center. Also willing to consider using center as a base for parents to sell, exchange or give away used bikes.

Action: Greg to consider options.

6. Local Council Elections

Activity increased presence of MASSBUG and resulted in meeting with candidate – Shane Mallard who supports 40km speed limits in the city.

Action: Chris to draft letter to successful candidates congratulating them and requesting ongoing dialogue with them.

7. Botany Council

Several inquiries from members complaining about lack of maintenance on Alexandra Canal pathway. Council contacted several times without acknowledgement or action.

Action: Fiona to write and advise that if path is not cleaned up by a specified date, MASSBUG will undertake the work and invoice them for costs.

8. Inner West Bike Forum

A good turn out on the day.

9. Greenway

Short list of applications for the Environment Trust (\$3m) delayed. No new information.

10. Partnerships

Members wish to renew relationship with Sydney University and the Sydney Uni bike Co-op.

Action: Brenda to contact Janet Brody to set up meeting to discuss possible joint ventures such as leisure courses, confidence building rides and bike bus trials.

11. Rides

Members who wish to invite members to a weekend ride, using the email list should also notify BNSW of the ride so that the ride leaders (or organizers) are covered by indemnity insurance. Note that those riding who are members of BNSW are covered by third party insurance, if not a member – not covered.

Action: Chris to write up his idea about ‘confidence’ rides for BNSW.

12. Children and young people

Wilkins School project is proceeding and group meeting monthly to develop proposal.

13. Hazard Report

Jonathon presented the work he has done on the interactive web based alert report. This can be used by members to notify hazards such as pot holes. The contents will be collated by an 'administrator' who will keep track of Council responses.

The report needs a header and footer and to be made accessible through the website. Many thanks to Jonathon for his great work.