

MASSBUG meeting 5th January 2005

Befitting the holiday season, the January meeting was held in the less formal environs of the Courthouse Hotel beer garden.

Present: Brenda, Ian, Paul B, Kendall, Chris, Bernie, Paul C, Fiona
Apologies: Gabrielle, Bruce

Local Issues

- Pothole on Cleveland St near entrance to Prince Alfred Park (Brenda, action: Fiona)
- Stanmore station area bike route – abandoned bicycle creating hazard and no directional signage from Gordon Crescent end (Gilbert, via email, action: Fiona & Gilbert)
- Tempe rail underpass needs warning and alternate route signage for when flooded (Noel, via email, action: Fiona)
- Alice Street result – no change to parking restrictions at squeeze points.

Marrickville Bike Plan

Kendall presented a paper outlining the process and issues for the bike plan. Most significant is the decision to split into two project briefs – one for the engineering side to be managed by KC and Neil. The other covers planning, promotional and rest-of-council portions which will be managed by Kendall. Kendall has had discussions with Giles Micheaux to learn from his experiences with the South Sydney Bike Plan. Key points included: importance of getting down to design drawings so that works are ready to go and correctly constructed; using staff resources so that the time consuming detail work doesn't quickly eat away the budget. The intention is to use the funds for the engineering part of the bike plan to fund an extra (junior) person to carry out the detail work, instead of being given to consultants. That person would be working in co-operation with MASSBUG. As with the South Sydney Bike Plan, a workshop with stakeholders will be used to develop the route network. Kendall will finalise both briefs at the end of this month and both projects will be carried out over this calendar year, with the 2005/06 budget to include allocation for implementation to begin. Very, very exciting!

Upcoming Rides and Events

- Sat 8th BikeSydney meeting
- Sun 16th Mascot to Bondi ride (Matt)
- **Sat 5th Feb** MASSBUG lunch & strategic planning workshop 12:30/1:30-4pm @ Fiona's
- Wed 2nd Feb next massbug meeting
- Sat 12th Feb next BikeSydney meeting
- Tue 15th Feb City Twilight Ride 6pm Town Hall (Matt, BikeSydney)
- Sun 20th Feb RPA Commuter Discovery Ride II, 9am RPA entrance (Chris/Matt)
- Sun 27th Feb Inner City Canals Ride, 9am Stanmore Station (Matt)

Other business

- Marrickville Council has funding to do a feasibility study on a western-side **Alexandra Canal** route (linking Tempe Reserve nearly to Sydney Park). Site visit needed to look at the area and decide whether to proceed with feasibility study or spend money elsewhere. Agreed to propose 4-6pm on either Wed/Thu 12/13th January to Council.
- **Review of the National Cycling Strategy** is underway and comments can be made until 2nd February, see http://www.abc.dotars.gov.au/renewal_australian_cycling.htm.
- Chris explained the criteria for appropriate **study sites** for a research proposal he is preparing. We discussed new/future routes that might be good candidates.
- Kendall gave an update on the **Car Share** dedicated parking issue.
- There was support for Chris to write a proposal for a regular **cycling segment on ABC radio**

Meeting closed.