

MASSBUG Meeting, Wed 1st June 2005

Present: Matt C, Brenda, Ian, Fiona, Liz, Emma, Warren

Apologies: Kendall, Paul B, Robert

1. Roles

Ian Phillips volunteered to chair, Fiona to take the minutes.

2. Local Issues

- Miller Lane road closure at Frazer St (on bike route L10) discussed further, problem is gap at first concrete structure is too narrow and is too tight a turn. Also no parking restrictions to stop cars parking in front of gap. **Liz** to arrange site meeting with Council.
- Buckland St Alexandria (City of Sydney) has no provision for bikes during current maintenance works (Matt). **Fiona** to follow up.
- Booth Street in Annandale needs work to improve the safety of cyclists. **Emma** to follow up with Leichhardt Council as they are about to develop their new bike plan too.

3. Media/Promotion

- The Glebe is doing an article about the development of the Marrickville Bike Plan, photo shoot with Belinda Keir at Dulwich Hill Public School earlier this afternoon.
- We need to collect a portfolio of *suitable* photos. Brenda has researched sports photography. Can we convince a professional news photographer to help? Initially see what can be done by MASSBUG members and friends on forthcoming rides.
- Members encouraged to distribute more calendars. **Emma** to do Valhalla and **Fiona** to check with Adora Chocolates.
- Marrickville Matters: article about MASSBUG calendar doesn't give our website or number, **Fiona** to follow up and also to ask Kendall for article about bike plan in next issue.

4. Marrickville Bike Plan – route assessment

Warren Salomon of Sustainable Transport Consultants attended the meeting to talk about the bike plan development and to discuss technical assessment training for MASSBUG members.

The first stage of the bike plan is to bring the existing routes up to NSW standards. The second stage is to improve the network with more connections and a finer grain network.

There was enthusiasm among members for being trained in technical assessment. It will enable us to give feedback on routes in a consistent and useable way. We decided on two practical training sessions (massbuggers can attend either or both) on Saturdays 11th and 18th from 2-4pm. The meeting places are Enmore Park and Johnson Park respectively.

5. Rides and Events

- 🚲 Market ride this Saturday, 8:45am Stanmore Station
- 🚲 Technical assessment training, Saturdays 11th and 18th, Enmore & Johnson Park.
- 🚲 Tuesday 14th Bicycle NSW BUGs & Advocacy meeting at 6pm
- 🚲 Sunday 26th Olympic Park ride from Tempe station at 9am
- 🚲 Autumn Fiesta at Marrickville Park a couple of weeks ago was focused on promoting sport, with stalls to sign up to soccer, tennis & croquet. Good opportunity for MASSBUG for next year. We could display, with photos, some good local family rides. **Fiona** to ask Council for stall or to share Council stall next year. **Fiona** to note on strategic plan for 2006.
- 🚲 Dulwich Hill Festival on 3rd December – **Fiona** to ask Council about stall/shared stall.
- 🚲 Newtown Festival on 13th November. Discussion about type of stall: MASSBUG trailer not safe and full covered stall is least work on the day. Form completed for **Ian** to pass to **Natalie** for signature, insurance certificate and cheque.

6. Marrickville Council Management Plan and Budget

MASSBUG meeting to draft response was attended by Ian, Bruce, Gilbert, Paul B and Fiona. **Fiona** to write up draft and circulate. Deadline for comments is 16th June.

7. Marrickville Bike Plan 2: social programs & event(s)

Draft report of workshop outcomes by Kendall was circulated. Discussion about events concluded that the choice of event must reflect the aims of the bicycle strategy for the Council. Report to be circulated via email for comment – **Brenda** to collate comments.

Meeting closed