

MASSBUG MINUTES

07 MARCH 2007

Meeting opened 7:30pm

Present:

Brenda B, John C, Fiona C, Chris M, Phuong L, Jonathon , Paul B, Geoff P, Gilbert G, Robert Y.

Chair: John C

Minutes: Gilbert

LOCAL ISSUES

Item 1 – Little Eveleigh St Branches

Fiona - Request has been made to CoS to trim branches overhanging Little Eveleigh St road closure.

Item 2 – Redfern St Upgrade

Fiona – Reported that various alterations have been acceded to with regard Redfern St upgrade such as 40kph speed limit restrictions, etc.

Item 3 – Signage and Contra Flow lane Frederick St

Chris M – Reported that he had been verbally abused by a motorist whilst travelling contra flow along Frederick St which is a recognised cycle path. Signage might be inadequate.

Item 4 - Sydney Uni Car Park

John C – reported there is a cycle hazard in the car park between RPA and Sydney University. A black chain has been stretched between bollards which is virtually invisible after dark.

Item 5 – Wilson St repairs

Jonathon – asked if Wilson St will be resheeted following recent roadworks.

Item 6 – Wells St blister

Fiona – reported that spray paint markings have appeared on the roadway in Wells Street, Redfern, in preparation for installing a blister. Opinions were sought as to the logical consequences and preferred action by cyclists.

Request that blister be either painted only, or that a median strip be used instead to separate the cyclists from contra flow traffic allowing for a safe right hand turn into Wells St from George St.

FINANCE

Item 7 – Sydney Uni Union Grant

Phuong – reported that the union has discretionary funds to allocate to cycling.

Chris M – Said Bike Action could possibly match dollar for dollar.

Discussion followed about best use of available monies and it was decided that purchase of tail lights to be distributed at a stall on cnr of Wilson St and Forbes St on a Monday in late April to coincide with Bike Club (Nunnery) and the return of students from semester break. A portion of the

money would be used to print handbills and other promotions for the event. A notional amount would be charged for the lights (2xAA battery) which would then go towards the purchase of a wheel trueing jig for Bike Club.

Action: John C to invoice Sydney Uni Union; Chris M to contact supplier and purchase tail-lights. Contact to be made with local papers for advertising. Contact be made with Newtown Area Command for possible contribution.

Events

Item 8 – Bicycle Film Festival

Phuong – reported that the Film Festival will be on again this year in the last weeks of November.

Item 9 – Cooks River Festival Sunday 15 April 2007

Brenda – reported Kendall (MC) had offered to pay the cost of a stall. Discussion ensued about the audience and effectiveness. It would be a good opportunity to promote the Marrickville Bike plan. It was decided to participate.

Actions: John C to email Kendall to confirm participation. John C to email Hillary (Greenway) to combine stalls.

ADVOCACY

Item 10 – Incident reports on the BNSW website

Fiona – reported that efforts were proceeding to introduce incident reporting. This was groundwork for pushing for the introduction of a NZ Police style public reporting process. Chris M informed Fiona that he was the author of the software.

Action: Chris to follow up with BNSW the implimentation of the software.

Item 11 – Office of Public Interest and Advocacy

Brenda – reported on requests for practical inhouse training in advocacy that cyclists might tailor to their needs.

Action: Brenda to follow up.

Item 12 – Massbug Strategy Priority questionnaire

Brenda – questionair had not been circulated.

Action: Fiona to follow up and circulate to members.

Item 13 – Cycling Promotion Fund

Fiona – reported the CPF had printed up postcards with available funds. The immediate need is to distribute them widely.

Action: All members to attempt distributing postcards.

MC BIKE PLAN

Item 14 – Bike Plan response and submission

Brenda – reported on a provisional submission she had drafted. Discussion ensued as to individual responses and the size of the document and how best to approach formulating a response.

Particular issues that required addressing were:

- Monitoring events to provide statistical basis for comparison and evaluation for further planning.

- Feedback/request mechanism for bike parking.
- Review of route upgrades.
- The integration of the Social Plan.
- Greater emphasis on street closures as a strategy to improve local amenity.
- Stronger policy direction, etc.

Actions: Members were requested to read individual chapters or tables and forward comments to Brenda to collate. N.B Deadline is the weekend of the election for comments to allow submission to be made the following weekend.

OTHER ITEMS

Item 15 – Salary Sacrifice

Jonathon – reported on a work colleague using the salary sacrifice to obtain bicycle and gear.

Paul B noted that BNSW has further info.

Fiona mentioned Chris Rissel as being the person to contact.

Item 16 – Rides

Gilbert – reported that so far there had been no interest in the Seniors Ride. This was after extensive advertising through various channels.

Meeting closed: 9:05pm