

Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc. Monthly Meeting

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Tuesday 13 September 2011

The Adamstown Club, Brunker Rd Adamstown, Function Room 1

Attendance:

Bernie Hockings, Brian Conroy, Tony Proust, Phil McGloin, Vicki Coughlan, Adam Milligan, Wendy Griffiths, Ben Ewald, Jackie Hicks, Daniel Endicott, Dorothy Pinder, Peter Lee, David Bennett

Apologies: Nick Batt

1. Welcome and Apologies - Ben
2. Adoption of agenda – no further items added
3. Minutes of previous meeting – minutes of July meeting were adopted. Item 6 b) confirmed to read:
 - b) NCC Cycle Planning Strategy Group – Ben Ewald

Ben now has a copy of the Strategy Plan which includes some information taken from the Sydney plan. There was much discussion on the type of preferred road line markings. The general consensus was for a broken line to be used to define the limit of a car parking space on minor roads. The preference was that a solid shoulder line should never be used, but where it is used it should represent the left side of the traffic lane. Inform the RTA representative of NCM's thoughts on this.

4. Officers' reports
 - 4.1Treasurer: Wendy G: \$1442.32 in bank, and fixed deposit will be rolled over when required.
 - 4.2Secretary: Bernie

See submitted report below:

Organisation

- *encourage organisation of activities by working groups that communicate and organise in whatever format best suits their task
- *working groups to operate within framework set by NCM committee and members' meetings.
- *each working group should have a convenor, appointed by the committee, responsible for communication with the committee and maintaining operation within the agreed framework
- *monthly meeting time is scarce so should be reserved for tasks that warrant everyone's involvement: establishing frameworks for working groups and communicating between all members
- *if information does not need discussion or action it can be made available on-line or via newsletters or in tabled reports.

Correspondence

- *I can't match David's diligence in recording correspondence.

- * if correspondence includes information that would benefit everyone I'll make sure it's communicated on-line or in newsletters or to members' meetings.
- * if correspondence requires action, I'll ensure those actions are initiated
- * correspondence can be viewed by members any time.

Operations manual

- * any details related to NCM operations are being recorded in an Operations Manual.
- * I'll make sure Don has a copy
- * if someone had the urge – it would be great to consolidate NCM materials – possibly creating digital archives.

Membership

- * The constitution needs to be updated to reflect the current membership practices.
- * Foreshadow a discussion for next meeting on membership criteria – possibly introducing “subscribers” to identify who wants access to detailed, regular updates.

Council

- * BUG newsletter available on-line
- * last group meeting raised need for greater representation of regional groups in Bicycle NSW board.

Media

- * Newcastle Herald is publishing an article on the danger of car door lanes some time in the next week. Briefing material supplied attached (tabled)
- * Newcastle Herald will probably run an article on riding to work on Monday 3 October. Ben has supplied copy.

4.3President's report: Ben: RTA meeting – Ben did not attend; the NCC Cycling Strategy is now up for public exhibition and consultation.

4.4Ride coordinator: Chris D – no report submitted

4.5Planning reps: Peter L, David B:
LMCC cycle planning: from the survey, which had 600 responses, 599 want separated bike lanes; goal is to have a draft document by the end of October; NCC wants input, the link from Speers Point to Glendale will be a clear priority; route numbering system is a priority, the Round the Lake bike paths will be targeting tourism.

Dave reported that a speech by Sonia Hornery in Parliament on 9th September 2011 indicates she wants to get funding for Speers Point to Glendale, in her speech she mentioned NCM very favourably, naming various members of NCM (Dave, Dorothy, Bernie). The cycleway has also been supported by the Cessnock Labor MP.

RTA consultation meeting (Peter & Dave): various “hot spots” were discussed and while engineers at the meeting were positive, it was noted that decisions to carry out recommendations would be political.

- * Hannell St crossing on Route 6 at Throsby Creek - a concrete blister will widen the refuge in the centre of the road and a reflective curb will be included. It was noted that such a blister would cost \$30,000 and lights \$800,000.
- * Maud St on Route 6 – a short underpass is planned, similar to that at Swansea Bridge. This spot is considered a point for the RTA to demonstrate commitment to consultation. There was a comparison of different strategies for Maud St.

CBD cycleway – discussion about whether King St or Hunter St should be the site of the path and there is clearly a lack of priorities and vision in this area. Ken Saxby Road Safety &

Traffic Services Manager for RTA and a consultant hired by NCC should be working on this with input from NCM. Next step is to lobby Tim Owen.

Newcastle Cycle Strategy Workshop: Ben E, Bernie H – goal is to have public exhibition period of the NCC cycling strategy, to gain support and to gain public understanding, to formulate a public response to and ownership of the document. Discussion of the proposed 5% rate rise to fund cycle infrastructure, 5 % of trips made by cycle is the target so 5% of road budget should be allocated. Cycling infrastructure is cheaper to build and maintain so it should be cheaper than continuing with a system of roads designed for cars alone.

Format for workshop:

- * video of Dutch advocate organised by Bernie;
- * Liz Hole from Bike NSW will talk,
- * Groups of 4 or 5 will form to discuss bits of the strategy in more detail,
- * group leaders to discuss and ask Q's then report back.
- * Video could be made to promote the NCM message and project funding for this could be sought,
- * Ben has made a video on Youtube: Wallsend Glendale 4 Bikes.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wR9FEA5ySoc>
- * Jackie has a video on Youtube: I Like to Be in Sydney with my Bike. See link
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2WfpVCYsHE>

Topics for groups:

- * targets,
 - * priority setting,
 - * mixed mode solutions,
 - * education promotion and organisation eg trip generators & work coordinators,
 - * others?
5. **Bikes count:** Ben E – to be held on Tuesday 25th October, Ben has designed format for data collection at each point, Vicki to coordinate volunteers for data collection, Ben to collect and collate data collection. To be postponed for one week in the event of bad weather. Volunteers to be notified the previous night. If you know of anyone who can volunteer can you send their contact details to Vicki please?
 6. **Bike love fest:** Dan E – 1st Friday in October Friday – ride, Saturday workshop and information, Sunday – ride in Newcastle, events at Civic Park. Information on website.
 7. **Safe passing distance regulation:** Dan E – Bike NSW and Bike Vic have different standards, law appears to be unclear, enforcement is an issue, current rules re safe passing distance depends on speed limit in area, RTA regs have distances in them, signs specify 1.5 m, Amy Gillett Foundation's message is "a metre matters", promotion and education is a strategy, should NCM have a policy on this and if so should it be sent to Bike NSW and Bike Vic?
 8. **Bike Festival 2012:** Vicki C – preliminary talks have been made with NCC and Livesites, Wet Toes festival organisers also met with, the plan is to hold in September 2012 in conjunction with Bike Week to gain funding and partnership with Bike NSW. Location will be along Throsby Creek and Foreshore, possibility

of making it a two day festival to attract tourism and backing from Tourism Hunter. Bernie wants to gain Cate Blanchett or Marcia Hines as spokesperson for event. Similar events include Sydeny Rides Festival on Oct 8 2010 and Dungog Pedalfest (Ken Rubella is organiser). NCM supports this so planning can continue.

9. **Web site development:** Bernie H: time ran out so info will be sent via email.

10. **Meeting closed** at 9.15pm

Next meeting: 11th October, 7pm

List of upcoming events:

City of Newcastle Community Fun Ride.

Jesmond Park. Sunday 18 September 9am - 11am

NCM stall requested – any volunteers

National Ride to Work Day - Wednesday 12 October 2011.

breakfast in Wheeler Place 7:30am to 9:00am

NCM stall requested – any volunteers

News / events – information only

Bicycle NSW AGM

6.00pm Wednesday 30 November 2011. Sydney

nomination for Board due by 5.00pm on Tuesday 4 October 2011

on-line voting

Designing for Bicycles and Pedestrians training course 26 - 27 October 2011 – see BUG newsletter

The BNSW Environmental Trust National Video Festival Competition – see BUG newsletter

The Asia-Pacific Cycle Congress. 18 to 21 September 2011. Brisbane

Bike Futures Conference – Wed. 12 to Friday 14 October. Melbourne.

NSW Planning review, public consultations

Newcastle 17 October 2011 03:00pm to 5:00pm or 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Newcastle Panthers, King Street

NCC – notice of proposal to provide raised pedestrian crossing on Wharf rd near bus terminus. Comments by 30 September

NCC – notice of DA for multi-storey residential building in Union St Cooks Hill.

2011 Sydney to Wollongong Ride fundraising for people affected by Multiple Sclerosis <https://register.gongride.org.au/2011-Sydney-to-Gong-Ride/donate/JohnColeman>

Myrtleford Bike Muster. September 30 to October 2.

Primary school near Cessnock wants assistance to take a group of students (yrs 3-6) for cycling activities during sport time on Mondays. Any volunteers?

Friends of the Bendigo-Kilmore Rail Trail Inc. - Lilydale To Warburton Rail Trail Victoria. Sat 22 October 2011

http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Things_To_Do/Lilydale_to_Warburton_Rail_Trail

Sydney Rides Festival 14 – 16 October and in the week leading up to this, incorporates Ride to Work Day

Jacqui Hicks: Dept of Health grant http://livelonger.health.gov.au/grant-funding/grant-guidelines.html#grant_31

it might be appropriate for NCM or Nubug. We could use it for making promotional videos, setting up some rides (particularly aimed at disadvantaged groups) or teaching people to ride etc, due on 30th September.

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