

Newcastle Cycleways Movement Inc. Monthly Meeting

P.O. BOX 58, NEW LAMBTON, N.S.W. 2305

Tuesday 8 November 2011

The Adamstown Club, Brunner Rd Adamstown, Function Room 1

Attendance:

Bernie Hockings, Vicki Coughlan, Ben Ewald, Jacqui Hicks, Peter Lee, David Bennett, Nick Batt, Darrell Stone, Dorothy Pinder, Don Owers, Wendy Griffiths, Dave Bennett

Apologies:

NIL

Meeting opened 7.15pm

1. Agenda adopted

2. Minutes of previous meeting accepted

3. Treasurer's Report: Wendy: Term deposit: \$9,000, .05 interest earned.

Motion: Nick to be made signatory on bank book. Moved: Wendy

Seconded: Don

4. Secretary's report: Bernie - Community Grants Funding Infrastructure grant did not happen as councils were not able to meet funding dollar for dollar and further project of purchasing 2 bakfiets with coffee making facilities also did not happen due to time constraints, but research has been done and it may be applied for next time. Website is live but still just bones of site are online, Bernie will allocate pages to members to develop and update.

BNSW AGM on Nov 30, voting page still not open and amendments still not circulated.

Newsletter to go out next week, Bernie will publish and circulate.

4. President's report: Nick met with shadow Transport Minister Penny Stamp, Maud St & Hannell St high on the agenda.

Sustainability Committee at uni – new VC is trying to set up benchmarks. Maud St mentioned, uni is willing to support NCM. NCM does not need to design solutions but rather to pinpoint areas of concern. Nick will do this, pics and a plan add weight to a submission. Problem with RTA and council taking ownership of project. ARTC is a major player and should be approached. Adam Milligan is a rail safety engineer and could be approached to assist in making contact and the type of crossing to be considered.

5. Living Smart Festival: Jacqui – sat 19 November – ideas for NCM to be involved circulated, especially the bike valet service. To get there, can ride Fernleigh track to Belmont and catch free ferry to the festival site at Speers Point Park. Please support the festival if possible as numbers are important for reporting though a successful festival may be measured in other ways than attendance, such as a change in attitudes and greater adoption of cycling friendly behaviours among cyclists and non cyclists.

Prizes for competitions that have been received are a bike and Nutcase helmet. Activities include: painting competition, lectures on making transport options work for you, bike maintenance introduction, bands playing, magazines in chillout area, displays of utility bikes by Civic Bikes.

6. Ride Coordinator Report: coordinator is not attending meetings but still organising rides. Cobwebs.

7. Planning Reps report: Peter Lee: draft bike plan to be out early December , looking at options for southern end of Belmont.
RTA to take responsibility for cycleways on arterial roads.
Shoulder lanes on 80 kph roads are not appropriate as cycleways.
Darrell Stone advised that he had received no reply when he queried LMCC on what was happening to the final draft of the Warners Bay Foreshore Redevelopment Proposal. He had submitted a response to the draft proposal in February 2011 on behalf of NCM.

Cycling strategy group: NCC will meet on Thursday, Ben attending, will send rep to transport committee. CBD cycleway was planned but inadequate funds meant it has not gone ahead.

Hunter St and Union St plans will be discussed at the meeting.

Dave: need to ensure that all new developments are cycle friendly.

Newcastle Voice is talking about cycleways, register and add your ideas.

Councillor Osborne is cycling project manager and should organise a Strategy meeting.

A Cycling Strategy Officer may be appointed and should be cycle friendly.

Don Owers: had meeting with Councillor Laurie Edwards re Glenrock Lagoon corridor off Fernleigh track. Sustainable Dudley was started to work on the spurline of FT, a working party was organised but stopped via injunction. Sustainable Dudley had organised funding and for work to be done at cost for Burwood Rd tunnel. They have a meeting with LMCC Mayor on Tuesday. No DA would be required for the path if it is used as a de facto path. The Dudley spur will not be a high priority in the LMCC Plan. One resident is objecting due to fear of vandalism from the track users.

Safe Roads NSW is taking submissions on speed limits. Ben to do submission. Motorised bicycles review is going on. This has not been done yet.

8. Fernleigh Track Committee: Dave: the committee is working towards winding up. Should have external input from NCM, Mayor Piper should be reminded of this.

9. BikesCount: Ben: 25th Oct, 21 spotters, 2 did not turn up, 1285 bikes counted, overall 25% lower than Super Tuesday in March, due to weather. Another BC will be organise don a weekend in December.

10. Bikes on Buses: Bike Racks will not go on buses but can change protocol so that on wheelchair buses, bikes can go on, though wheelchairs are to have priority in case of crowding.

11. Other business:

Xmas activities: Dorothy will organise a Xmas breakfast on a Saturday morning, \$5 cost at Railway Sheds in Newcastle, coffee cart will be there. Saturday 17th December at 9am. Flyer will be emailed.

Hannell St action:Bernie – action to be taken for 3 days – brightly painted bikes and a petition. Tighes Hill community group will organise, NCM supports, could be end of November, Bernie will talk to Tim Owers and to Herald for publicity.

Motion: that NCM pledge \$320 for leaflet production on bike friendly etiquette, shared pathways, parked cars etc. Peter moved, Dave seconded.

Car door lanes: Vicki – that we should raise awareness that in the case of car dooring, the driver is the one breaking the law and although we seek to arise the awareness of cyclists who need to be on the look out, the onus is on the motorist not to open a car door on a bikelane when a cyclist is approaching. All our correspondence with various bodies and representatives should reflect this. Ben suggested that we contact a solicitor to represent any car door victims in future.

Hunter Community College is looking for trainers in Bike Maintenance and Bike safety, please contact them if you are interested in delivering this training,

Meeting closed: 9.20pm