

Whittlesea BUG

Working Group Meeting 19.4.2010

Present Peter Duncombe (Chair), Lee Robinson (Minutes), Brian Kyle, Glenn Echardt, Simone Giuliani, David Thompson, Giselle Thompson, Gavin Jones, Maureen Giles, Georgianna Brooks (NTL).

Apologies Barry Simpson.

Welcome Peter opened the meeting at 6:40pm and introduced Georgianna Brooks who was replacing Kathy Pompetti as the Northern Transport Links Project Officer for the City of Whittlesea. There was a break in the meeting at 7:20pm for the General Meeting and it was reconvened at 9:00pm.

Previous Minutes The motion to accept the minutes from the Working Group Meeting 29-Mar-2010 as tabled with the clarification from Simone that Action Item 5D was not intended to infer that Council would have control over what the BUG wished to say to the media was **Moved** Peter **Seconded** Maureen. **Motion** Carried.

Business Arising

None.

General Business

1 (Peter) Council Update

- Bike Paths Map 2010 is now available on the web site.
- A budget proposal is underway for an audit of signage and line marking on all on and off road bike lanes in the 2010/2011 financial year.
- Funding received for
 - Bike lanes (on Plenty Rd presumably) from McKimmies Road to Centenary Drive by the end of October.
 - Sealed shared path (750 metres long by 2.5 metres wide) beside the Darebin Ck from Settlement Rd to the southern municipal boundary (part of the missing link) by December.
 - Sealed shared path (480 metres long by 2.5 metres wide) beside Edgars Ck from the Ring Road to the Spring St.
 - Shared path (370 metres long by 2.5 metres wide) in Mill Park off Centenary Drive.
- Recent improvements have been bike lanes installed on Cooper St. east from Dalton Rd. to Darebin Ck.

2 (Peter) Ride Review

- Our first ride went well.
- We need to be careful with new riders, a pre-ride review of general riding guidelines as well as the ride details – don't assume new riders know how to ride in a shared/public environment.
- Need to consider ways of increasing opportunities to socialize more, e.g. finding ways to for all groups to finish together if possible, e.g. staggered start times.

- 3 (Peter) Heritage Rides – The Multicultural Group would like the BUG to become involved in heritage tours by bike. They will come up with the format and refreshments as required. We will need to ensure all activities / routes will involve bike paths and lanes from a safety view point.
- 4 (Simone) Reduced involvement in BUG - Simone apologized that she will have to reduce her BUG activities for now as there were opportunities in adjacent councils due to the Bushfire Rebuilding that she felt her focus needed to be on.
- 5 (Maureen) Combined BUG Meeting – Maureen has volunteered to represent us on the 5th May at the Carringbush Hotel.
- 6 (Maureen) Schools – Maureen suggested that we should only bother about contacting Primary Schools as the Secondary Schools are likely to be a waste of time.

Hazards and Issues

- 1 (Peter) Morang Drive – missing bike lane in sections.
- 2 (Gavin) Missing Link in Dalton Road – Gavin supplied photos of the section between the end of the bike path from Cheddar Rd and the bike lanes on Dalton Rd, basically between the Wood St and Settlement Rd roundabouts.

Future Rides

- 1 Next Ride - City of Whittlesea Gardens to McDonalds for coffee via the Ring Road Bike Path. Short ride returns to Gardens while longer ride breaks off towards the Merri Creek Path to Coburg Lake for break/lunch before returning – shops available in Sydney Road..
- 2 Flyer - Maureen will organize the flyer using Gavin's photos from the first ride.

Meeting Closed 9:25 pm.

Next Meeting

Working Group: 6:30 pm 24th May 2010 in the Waterlily Room.

General Meeting: TBA.