

# Whittlesea BUG

## Working Group Minutes 24.5.2010

**Present** Peter Duncombe (Chair), Lee Robinson (Minutes), Glenn Echardt, Simone Giuliani, David Thompson, Giselle Thompson, Gavin Jones, Nicola Davis (Bike 'N' Bean), Georgianna Brooks (NTL). Helen Sartin (Cultural Heritage Officer).

**Apologies** None.

**Welcome** Peter opened the meeting at 6:45 pm and introduced Helen from the Council Cultural Team.

**Previous Minutes** The motion to accept the minutes from the Working Group Meeting 19-Apr-2010 as tabled was **Moved** Peter **Seconded** Glen **Motion** Carried.

### Business Arising

- 1 Maureen not available to report on the Combined BUG Meeting

### General Business

- 1 (Peter) Council Update
  - Sweeping program for Plenty Rd bike lanes now underway. Some uncertainty over the extent due to the cross over of responsibilities between Council and Vic Roads.
  - Concrete Pole partially sticking out of the ground behind Lalor North Secondary College that was reported by Gavin has been rectified.
  - Peter to provide Council email address for reporting of problems - provide plenty of information on the type and location of the problem/fault.
- 2 (Peter) Ride Review
  - Ride went well again but need to provide more information at the pre-ride briefing – some confusion on when the ride was to split.
  - No one took up the short ride option so some felt the stop at McDonalds was a waste of time.
- 3 (Peter/Helen) Heritage Rides
  - Helen was after details to advertise the Heritage Ride but with out knowing what the venues were it was difficult to plan suitable safe cycling routes.
  - It was decided to delay the ride until Oct so that Helen, Peter, David, Giselle and Gavin could visit possible sites and consider cycling routes. Aiming at 20km (30 km max) over 6 hours max (10am – 4pm). Low level of fitness only required.
- 4 (Peter/ Georgianna) Council Grant
  - The BUG can apply for a Startup Grant of \$1000 but future grants would require us to become incorporated.
  - Glen was leaving the meeting to attend the Grant meeting at 7:30 on our behalf and will report by email.
- 5 (Nicola) Bike Maintenance Courses – Potential for courses and information sessions to be run by Bike 'N' Bean and other bike shops.

**Hazards and Issues** - None reported.

### **Advocacy Items**

- 1 (Simone/Glen) Advocacy Issues Group Report – created from the Whittlesea BUG Top Priorities Tally sheet. Banyule & Darebin Strategic Plans – we should be pushing Whittlesea to take this approach based on hard data.
- 2 (Georgianna/Peter) Bikes on Buses – NTL investigating possibilities. DoT say it can't work. Peter getting info from ACT/Canberra where it is working.
- 3 (Peter) Proposed Whittlesea Rail Trail – Mernda to Whittlesea township on old rail line (VicTrack owned). Alternative to riding on busy Plenty Road. We have been requested to support the proposal by the Council Tourism Services Officer, Tanya Preece, and the trail is supported by Whittlesea Township Community Building Initiative Committee and Whittlesea Bushfire Recovery Community Reference Committee.
- 4 South Morang Shared Path – we should be involved to ensure a suitable path is provided with the rail extension.
- 5 Northern Weekly – proposing to do an article on local cycling.

### **Future Rides**

- 1 Next Ride – Whittlesea Gardens to Westmeadows return for the short ride, 30km, or to extend to Essendon for lunch on the return journey for the long ride 50km.
- 2 Flyer / Promotion – Georgiana to create flyer and try for a spot in "What's On".

### **General Meeting**

- 1 Topic / Speaker – Principal from Lorimer School where they a high percentage of students riding or Vic Police Bicycle Unit.

**Meeting Closed** 8:30 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

- 1 Working Group: 6:30 pm Mon 21 June 2010.
- 2 General Meeting: 7:30 pm Mon 21 June 2010.