

# Whittlesea BUG

## Working Group Minutes 23.8.2010

**Present** Peter Duncombe (Chair), Lee Robinson (Minutes), Glenn Echardt, Gavin Jones, Maureen Giles, Kevin Balaam, Simone Giuliani.

**Apologies** David Thompson, Giselle Thompson, Ron Harvey, Georgianna Brooks (NTL).

**Welcome** Peter thanked the committee for their attendance and opened the meeting at 6:45 pm.

**Previous Minutes** The motion to accept the minutes from the Working Group Meeting 26-Jul-2010 as tabled was **Moved** Peter **Seconded** Gavin **Motion** Carried.

### Business Arising

#### ACTION ITEMS

1 Community Safety Day (10-4 Oct 16)

- Display items being arranged or considered – Booster seats, MFB Smoke Buster Bus, SES “Jaws of Life”, Police Bicycle Section, Red Cross, Defence, TAG Systems Driving Simulator, Bike ‘N’ Bean bike safety checks, BUG info/issues display.
- Would be good if we could have BUG tops available but we need logo. It was suggested that Maureen’s school may be able to assist with the logo design and committee people could fund their own top. Any logo ideas/designs would be welcome.

2 Rivergum to Childs Road Path

- Still unsure as to its status as a shared path

3 Incorporation

- Ron unavailable to present information on incorporation but seems likely we will need to be incorporated by next year to apply for grants and open a bank account.

### General Business

#### Enviro News

- Peter had discussions with Daniel Ayres (Whittlesea Council Environment) as she wished to know more about the BUG.

#### Northern Transport Link Funding

- NTL has received funding to enable it to continue for a further 3 years.

#### BUG Publicity

- Both the Northern Weekly and the Leader ran stories that mentioned the BUG in the context of magpie swooping.

#### Bike Count

- Possibility of BV doing a formal bike count for Whittlesea Council. Will it be on Super Tuesday? Probably too far from CBD to fall into BV’s interest in commuting pathways to the CBD. More information required.

## **Ride Reports**

### Last Ride

- Ride to Bundoora Park and Northland yesterday went well with almost perfect weather. Because of the missing link around Bundoora Park we had some traction issues but otherwise very enjoyable. Had anticipated a bigger turnout but the weather leading up to Sunday may have put people off.
- After deciding to drop the short rides due to lack of interest, Peter is getting feedback that we may be losing people due to the distances.

### Next Ride

- University Hill to Westerfolds Park Sep 26.

### Laurimar Estate Ride

- No further news.

### Cultural Heritage Bike Ride

- Will be on the weekend prior to the 17<sup>th</sup> Sep which is Heritage Day.
- Peter & Helen will check out the proposed route prior to the ride.

## **Hazards and Issues**

- On ramp at Dalton/Edgars Roads slip lane not marked. Council requesting VicRoads to improve. No right-of-way indicated.

## **Advocacy Items**

### Letters to Politicians

- Simone reported that letters had been sent to the Federal seat of McEwan. Had a good response, happy to talk to us. Will get in earlier for the State Election.
- Peter having a meeting with VicRoads to represent cyclist's views.

## **New Actions**

- 1 Incorporation – information at next meeting – Ron / Lee.
- 2 Whittlesea BUG design/logo to be decided to enable tops to be created for Community Safety Day – Maureen / All.
- 3 Report on Cycling Sub-committee Meeting – Simone and Glenn.
- 4 Status of Rivergum to Childs Road path still to be determined – Peter.

**Meeting Closed** 7:25 pm.

## **Next Meeting**

Working Group: 6:30 pm Mon 27 Sep 2010.