

Bicycle Tasmania

Agenda for Ordinary Monthly Meeting 2009/4/23

1 Time and Location

Meeting to commence at 5.30pm in Sustainable Living Tasmania office, 1st floor 71 Murray Street.

Meeting postponed a week due to Easter holidays.

2 Present

3 Apologies

Susan Bowes, Corey Peterson, Patsy Jones.

4 Confirmation of Minutes of Last Meeting

5 Correspondence

5.1 Email from Greg Dwyer, Southern Pedals to BT and SP members regards current state of arrangement with BT – see business arising.

5.2 Email from Tracey Morgan, President of the Lindisfarne Primary School Parents and Friends regards bike parking.

6 Committee and Other Reports

6.1 Treasurers Report – Andy

6.2 Kingborough BUG

6.3 Hobart Bicycle Advisory Committee – Ambrose

6.4 CyclingSouth – Tim

6.5 Clarence BUG – Ambrose

6.6 Tasmanian Bike Council – Tim

General Meeting to be held Saturday April 25th at Evandale Community Centre at 1.30pm.

6.7 Web Site and IT – Andrew

Total web site hits: Mar:7527 Feb:5595 Jan:5379 Dec:5674 Nov:7710 Oct:6150 Sep:5598 Aug:5933 Jul:4618
Jun:5243 May:4593 Apr:4608 Mar:7301 Feb:5559 Jan:6052 Dec:6663 Nov:5048 Oct:5794 Sep:6061 Aug:4909
Jul:4474 Jun:4125 May:3296 Apr:3413 Mar:5372 Feb:4706 Jan:4731 Dec:4979 Nov:5196 Oct:6019 Sep:4452.

No progress on online membership spreadsheet.

Monthly download data volume from the website is hitting our current 3 GB limit. Andrew to approach Verdant who pay for the hosting for free to see whether we can pay for some of the hosting, and increase the limit. Also again check whether Verdant want to become a corporate member.

6.8 Membership – Ambrose

6.9 Social Rides

7 Business Arising

7.1 Action Summary

ACTION Andrew: update Google events calendar with new monthly meeting location - done.

ACTION Andrew (carry over): put new BT indemnity form on website - done.

ACTION Andrew (carry over): add to benefits list on website – library books “Cyclecraft The Complete Guide...”, “Austroads 14”, Danish Bike Parking manual; Sustainable Living Tasmania membership (clarify with Patsy) - done.

ACTION Andrew: Remove Stuart Graham & David Edwards from Bendigo signatory list.

ACTION Tim (carry over): clarify whether Southern Pedals member discount is for 1st year or ongoing.

ACTION Tim (carry over): post state touring maps to all bike groups.

ACTION Andrew (carry over): write Spoke article with results of Tasman Bridge Accident Survey.

ACTION Tim (carry over): contact Rod Marshall, Glenorchy Council, to see whether BUG meetings can be moved to an afterhours time (to suit community members).

ACTION Andy (carry over): obtaining quotes for cycling tops.

ACTION Andy contact publisher regards Australian Cyclist Bulk Subscription.

ACTION Andy: Check Bendigo Bank signature form - done.

ACTION Wayne/ Tim (carry over): publicise “Cyclecraft The Complete Guide...” in eNews/ Spoke asking whether anyone wants to preorder a copy (Tim will need to finalise per copy price first)

ACTION Patsy: progress Sustainable Living Tasmania/ BT library concept with Margaret & find suitable display area– to include magazines, books, road standards etc.

7.2 Grant for Marquee

Corey Peterson - I am nearly complete with the draft application for the Rio Tinto Alcan grant application (due next Friday). Getting a quote from Extreme Marquees as we speak. Will send the draft application shortly for you to review and fill in where additional info is required and suggestions for changes, etc. We are going after the 3x3 m correct?

8 New Business

8.1 Clarify Southern Pedals

Insurance, Spoke, membership cards, discount for 1st year or ongoing? Need written agreement.

Andrew - Only 18 members are currently members. Weren't they all going to join en-masse?

Andrew - Summary of Greg's notes: (from Word doc 21/10/08) happy to offer \$40 membership covered by insurance. On email list. But don't get all other benefits, Spoke, free entry into BIG RIDE. But then from Word doc membership form: benefits now listed as free entry to BIG RIDE & discounted entry to Bike Week. Can't see any record that all members would join BT.

8.2 Signage Required for Route between RBG & CBD

Patsy – “Today I walked from town to the Botanical Gardens, having ridden there a few times as well and noted the following problem then and being reminded of it today. The gravel path slopes down reasonably sharply to cross the slip road off the Tasman Highway to the RBTG (this slip road being not readily visible until almost on top of the curb), and I am concerned that a cyclist unfamiliar with the route could well hurtle down on to the road and into the path of a car – and cars are probably doing 70 kph when they come off this slip road. And braking hard on the gravel path may well be unwise anyway!

*I am not sure which organization (State Government or HCC) has responsibility for this intersection of cyclist/pedestrian path and slip road, but I feel that warning signs placed so as to alert **both motorists and cyclists** to the potential hazard should be installed. And it wouldn't be a bad idea to place such signs on the RBTG side of the slip road too to alert traffic heading back to town (though I don't think this is such a dangerous intersection – but compare it with the signage at Salamanca where pedestrians are clearly advised through road markings to look out for cars).”*

8.3 Lapsed Membership Reminders

Tim mentions that Mark Boden from Bike Ride was happy to renew but didn't get a reminder?

Did the 2nd round of membership reminders occur? Possibly too late now.

Tim says discount rate on membership should occur after Bike Week – check what membership form says.

8.4 Launceston BUG

Tim - Discussion can start on the LBUG proposal to all become members of BT. How much do we charge them? I like the idea of a discount for bulk membership, they have I believe around 50 on their email list. Not all can be expected to join up. Currently charge Southern Pedals \$40, they charge their members \$60 so have a membership income. These 'affiliations' may need some constitutional changes

8.5 Affiliation

Tim - Research needed on changes to constitution for affiliation of other groups. Perhaps someone could do some research on where we could find advice on this I have no idea. Patsy Jones may be worth asking.

8.6 Battery Point Foreshore Access - Public Consultation – Jeff Dunn

Jeff – all 3 options preclude bicycle use. I presume this will also get a prominent place in the next e-news - it would be great to get a lot of response to this. (Love those pollies - not only are they using the same trick used in dams and republic referenda [which of these unsatisfactory options do you want?], but they also have the short response period spanning Easter.)

CyclingSouth web site - The options include an elevated boardwalk, a path on top of a retaining wall or a scramble track. None of the options adequately cater for the variety of people who wish to use the walkway, including people on bikes, parents pushing prams

or wheelchair users and the proposed widths are likely to be inadequate to cater for the expected popularity and level of use the walkway is likely to receive. There is also likely to be strong and vocal opposition from adjoining landowners. People in favour of a walkway around Battery Point need to make their voices heard too by making a submission. A few lines in an email is enough. For more detail on the proposal and to have your say see the [Hobart City Council](#) website.

Information sessions at the following locations:

- Battery Point Hall, Hampden Rd on Sunday 19th April 2pm – 4pm
- Scout Hall, Marieville Esplanade on Wed 22nd April, 7pm – 8.30pm

8.7 Social evening for all volunteers involved in Bike Week - Tim

8.8 Complimentary membership for Mike Seenev and Wendy Edwards who produce the Cliips Award – Tim

8.9 Marquee Grant Application – Corey Peterson

Corey - Tim and I turned in the Rio Alcan grant application before the deadline -- no idea when we will know the outcome, but assume in the next 6-8 weeks anyhow. We also need to determine if we want to put in for a Sport and Rec grant as well in the next couple of weeks for the same things...just to cover all our bets.

8.10 Resurfacing works on the Tasman Highway – Corey Peterson

Corey - I would like to express my disappointment with the resurfacing works on the Tasman Highway making it more difficult for cyclists as they have put the "vibrators" along the side to alert motorists when they stray to the side of the road. This is in itself good for motorists, but it makes it more difficult for cyclists as we are constrained to a very narrow bit of hard surface in which to ride when we could ride onto the white line when needed, but now it is more dangerous. Also in the narrow bit of hard surface available to us, they have put the red reflectors that jut up.

Further, as you approach the Bridge along the slip lane where it is still legal for us to ride before being directed off the highway and onto the Bridge wings, they have not continued the resurfacing to the side of the road so there is a 3-4 cm uneven drop off to get down to the old surface.

I also feel that the re-working of the Mornington Roundabout has made the situation more unsafe for cyclists, especially those trying to leave the roundabout and get onto the safer Bligh Street towards Eastlands. We are now being forced to cross more lanes of exiting and entering traffic and they have not made the egress safe to leave the highway...can give more detail if needed...

8.11 Bike racks - Tim

For BIG RIDE, Century Ride, valet bike parking etc. Simple, light and effective, not too costly to have made.



8.12 Bonnet Hill Bike Lanes website funding - Tim

8.13 Treadlightly Festival 7th June

Tim - Valet Bike Parking. Both Domain and Main Gates 10am to 4pm, 30mins each side to set up and pack up.