

Moreland BUG Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th February 2009

Attendance:

Phuong, Veena, Rod, Ross, Anna, Katie, Geoff

Agenda:

1. Membership
2. Anstey Station
3. T-shirts
4. MorelandBUG rides (Veena)

1. MEMBERSHIP FEES

\$20 waged individuals/families/households
\$10 unwaged individuals/families/households

- Initial idea – you need to be a financial member to participate at the AGM.
- What is the benefit of being a financial member? We need money in order to keep up with insurance.
- Other option is that we don't have insurance – that would mean no social rides...
- We could charge non-members \$5 for rides, members get to go to rides for free...
- What do the other BUGs do?
- Part of the reason to have paid membership is to ensure AGM's don't get over-taken when voting is required. One vote per membership.
- Next meeting to go through database and try and implement membership fees and method to pay.

Action:

- Phuong to bring Graeme's list of members to the next committee meeting
- Phuong to email Geoff to remind him to contact other BUGs to find out what they do in regards with collecting money for membership. Darebin have membership. Get feedback from them.
- Anna to bring the constitution to the next meeting.
- Geoff to find minutes relating to membership implementation (April 2008) and bring to next meeting.

2. ANSTEY STATION

- Land had been sold pre-application
- Council report suggests urban design committee suggested 4.5m from station perimeter – Moreland BUG needs to go to council and speak to someone about it
- Motion (Anna): Moreland BUG to send a letter to Council regarding bike path adjacent to Anstey Station (based on Rod's report) and follow up. Seconded: Phuong.

Action:

- Anna to send letter to based on Rod's report to council and follow up.

3. T-SHIRTS

- Volunteers for Sydney Road Street Party currently at 13 or 14 people
- Ross has screen prints and paint

Action:

- Ross to purchase 16 shirts for Sunday:

10 medium, 5 large, 1 extra large

4. MORELANDBUG RIDES (VEENA)

- Veena has been advised to stop cycling for short-term, am happy to advertise rides and organise rides but needs help for people to volunteer to lead rides
- if Challenger rides are too difficult to hold in conjunction with regular rides, Challenger rides could be postponed until Veena is better
- Congratulations to Veena - 9 members who turned up for the MS ride
- Rides coming up: Brunswick to Altona, Brunswick to Morediallic

Action:

- In the main meeting, do a call-out for help in the next couple of rides

MorelandBUG Monthly Meeting

Wednesday 26th February 2009

Attendees:

Julia, Bill, Rod, Shaun, Claire, Peter, Moz, Phuong, Veena, Ray, Malcom, Joe, Geoff, Katie, Kylie, Paul, Hillary, Mick, Ross, Anna, Julia, Andrew.

Agenda:

1. SKM Consulting (Malcom & Joe)
2. Council bicycle update (Kylie - Strategic Planner at Moreland Council)
3. Volunteers needed as Ride Leaders
4. MorelandBUG Financial Report
5. Super Tuesday
6. Sydney Road Street Party
7. Swanston Street Tour Bus Relocation Update
8.
 - a. Brunswick South West Primary School Fete
 - b. Campaigns
 - c. Anstey Station
 - d. O'hea St

1. GUEST: SKM CONSULTING (Malcom & Joe)

Katie: last year the BUG put a proposal for link from Coburg to Glenroy. It was put out to tender for review. SKM did the O'hay St switch (ie reversal of signs to suite cyclists)

This is the initial stage consultation.

Malcom - Traffic engineer, specially bicycles, walking (research) on how people respond to line marking. Was involved with MBUG traffic engineer, and Moreland bike strategy of 2000. Also worked on infrastructure for cycling over the last few years.

Joe – pedestrian and cyclists, experience in local council work.

Consultants are here to listen, rather than say things. If people who developed the proposed routes/links from Coburg to Glenroy could go into detail of how they came up with it. Consultants have not seen the sites/proposals yet. Consultants have been engaged by Council to present a report pointing out pros and cons to the proposal made by MorelandBUG.

Ross:

The original concept goes past around 27 community venues. 5 primary schools, 2 high schools, connects O'Hea St. Enabling people to interact with the links, not so much travel the full length. Primarily safe for mums, kids, dads, regular commuters. Gives people an opportunity for people to join up shopping precincts. Connects community with facilities. Churches, sporting grounds, scout halls, tennis clubs, public swimming pools will be connected by this bike path too.

- The traffic following NS is already quite catered for. Going EW is more difficult.
- Heading south from Cumberland Road, Pascoe Vale east/west.
- An extensive survey has not been done of Glenroy. Roads have selected which were capable width-wise, missing busy intersections, without the need for huge expenses.
- Not many cars are parked on the street of an evening there currently.
- South of Bell St has been quite catered for. This proposal will cater for people north of Bell Street.
- People on bikes don't always have a map so a street sign on the bike paths would be very useful.
- Signage at north end of merri creek is very confusing.
- Glenroy Structure Plan – EW link ties in with the edge of that activity centre. It also links to the Coburg Activity Centre. The last report for the North of Coburg revealed very deficient facilities in public transport and access. The plan put forward by MorelandBUG is a start in addressing those issues.

- Fact: Fawkner Cemetery is even more popular than the zoo.
- Communication between the BUG and the consultants will be through Kylie.
- A draft report will be written and MorelandBUG will get a chance to comment before the final copy is released.
- If consultants are looking for guides to ride along route, MorelandBUG are happy to volunteer.
- Within the report, it will be broad conceptual ideas. Looking for obvious flaws. As long as consultants are reasonably confident the path will cater for new riders to ride along, the report will be supportive of MorelandBUG's proposal. Consultants will also be looking at the route and proposing different or better options, if available, with explanations attached.
- Bi-directional bike path to be considered.
- Many people with kiddie trailers, so design of ramps should be considered for.
- Recumbent bike riders are currently not really considered for, but should be.

2. KYLIE – Strategic Planner at Moreland Council: Council update

- 4 Planning permits on the path. Within 200m of waterway so there's cultural management committee. Delays have been experienced. Summer park near bridge, Brunswick Velodrome, north of Ceres, Carr St in Coburg North (creating a link near the scaffolding). Should get something done this financial year. Start might not happen until next financial year. So long as money is allocated, money can be put towards next year.
- Bike parking has been installed. East Brunswick Hotel, Brunswick Retreat, Savers, Brunswick Green. If you want bike rails for parking or have suggestions, email Nicholas and/or Kylie.
- Green paint treatment approved by VicRoads, Moreland at Citylink overpass. Looking at putting in bike lanes, Royal parade & pk st, more.
- Upfield works – Anstey – when that happened, work was done a lot faster than realised. A few days before Christmas. Depot guys wanted pram ramp, delay is with contractor. The whole section is intended to be made flush.
- Kylie is keen to pursue changing bus stop to look at putting it on the approach side. Bus company is fine with the move. They're aware of motor vehicles queuing across tram tracks when buses pull over to drop off passengers. Buses have been swapped before. Perhaps speak to the bus drives on the route.

MorelandBUG raises continued concern about inconveniencing and obstructing site lines to cyclists along the Upfield Bike Path. Geoff suggested a fly-over ramp at the intersection.

- Anstey ramp on north side – structural engineer quote is quite feasible. Reduce include. How much to cost to make Disability Discrimination Access (DDA) compliant – grade – no “dismount” sign. Possibility to widen.
- Audits – different types of fencing. Log fencing – square. Metal straps had been buckled. Victoria to Albert st metal fence. Will be replaced with square log fence. Fawkner near north of cemetery – tube fencing is down.
- Upfield extension – Boundary to Western Ring Road survey done. VicRoad to provide funding.
- Designing is being done. Video Easy site is pretty much complete. Bike shop/Coffee shop is currently being advertised. Spoke to Elliot Fisherman hopes June/July opening.
- Upfield bike path close to forklifts sign (north of Jewel Station) – land needs to be acquired. OH&S committee of the company (not necessarily the company itself) is supportive and want to help. Negotiating with the company. Getting lease for land to go along VicTrack land. Not sure where the money comes from leasing.
- Second-hand information: Lee and Nichols met with Christine Campbell – gates at boundary road. Cross the upfield train line at Boundary road. Will maintain standard gate but will widen gates for cyclists. O'hea St crossing will also have widened gate.
- Technically, cyclists should dismount to cross railway crossings. Lobbying is being organised.
- Railway Place – new residents, would like to support proposed bike path. New proposal of large development, off street cycle way is needed as more motorists will be using that path.

Kylie is going on leave for two months. Nicholas will be contactable.

3. RIDE LEADERS

- involves knowing the route and how to get there
- not difficult
- rides are planned, routes are set out
- turn up early and then ride
- Social ride at easy pace/challenge rides are a bit faster

Action:

Moz volunteered to lead the Social Ride

4. FINANCE REPORT

- bills for ruth & graeme
- \$595 in bank
- no secure income – due june. Costs could go up.
- last year cost \$846

5. SUPER TUESDAY

- volunteers still needed – contact Bicycle Victoria

6. SYDNEY ROAD ST PARTY

- 12pm – 7pm
- bike valet parking & Bikefix
- Bill volunteered for bike valet assistance
- out the front of Brunswick Uniting Church (south of Dawson St)

7. SWANSTON STREET TOUR BUS RELOCATION UPDATE

- BV email came through this afternoon
- Tour buses are out of Swanston St at start of April 2009
- Greens successful argued for a 40mil in gov. stimulus package to be delivered at local level

8. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Brunswick South West Primary School

- Active transport up from 50-80%
- Nominated for Cycling Promotion Fund award
- Fete on Friday night – Cadel Evens Jersey will be auctioned

- Ceres and Brunswick North West Primary School collecting kids bikes
- Brunswick Southwest looking at ride-to-school bike buses

b. CAMPAIGNS

- budget campaign working group
- paul, rod, melissa, anna.
- Kicking off. Meet with each Councillor with presentation on cycling in moreland.
- Have not settled on the figure to request. Trying to find out more information/background.
- Will meet councillors on regular basis.
- Email Anna if you're interested in helping out or being involved.

c. Anstey Station

- disabled ramp has reduced the width for cyclists
- a year ago MorelandBUG objected to permit. Approved report was for 4.5m.
- Committee meeting agreed to put together a letter with history, etc. on the issue.
- Council & public have not been consulted with the reduction in path width at Anstey Station. State Minister is needed to change the VicTrack decision(?).
- A case for restitution or changes. Make it a political issue and go to Councilors.
- Make submission or letter to the State Government with Councilors.
- ACTION: Anna to write letter and email the mailing list and send it to Councilors

d. O'hea Street

- rail crossing update with Paul

End of meeting

Next meeting:

Was originally intended to be up North, but will be left at the current location as meeting space up north has not been arranged.

7:30pm – 9:30pm

26th March 2009

Edinburgh Castle Hotel (room out back through the courtyard)