

Fremantle Bicycle User Group

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2007 at the Town Hall

The meeting opened at 7:15 pm, with Carey Curtis convening

Present: David Nicholson (CoF), Hilary Johnston, Carey Curtis, Brett Montgomery, Helena Everkrans.

1. **Apologies:** None

2. **Minutes.** The minutes were accepted as accurate.

3. Business Arising.

3.1 **Bikes on Buses.** Brett has obtained a draft report written by Michael Yates in Brisbane on the bus lane trial. No official report has been made available. He has been told that the trial has ended and been unsuccessful. Michael's report lists quite a few things which may have contributed to the "failure". Carey and Brett have seen his report, but he does not want it widely circulated. After some discussion, it was decided that we should review what we have done on this issue and prepare a one pager to help us decide what to do next. Carey will pull the information together, others will contribute what information they have filed. **Action: BM, HJ, DN, CC, HE**

3.2 **Glass on Roads.** No progress has been made and the legislation seems to have been delayed. The packaging industry have been lobbying against it. Hilary to write to the Environment Minister urging action. **Action: Hilary**

3.3 **Bike Plan Projects 2006/2007.** Hilary sent letters to the XWray Cafe and the Luna Cinema asking for their support in getting bike rails into their car park. He had a phone call from the Luna expressing support, saying that they have asked for the rails themselves. David to find out who the owner of the land is, so Hilary can write direct. **Action: David/Hilary**

3.4 Bike Lane Design Demo.

Hilary sent an email to arnya.morris@arrb.com.au suggesting that they consider Catlyne's suggestion for a lane between the footpath and the parked cars. Carey recently saw one of these lane designs (called Copenhagen lanes) in Swanston St., Melbourne. Her student took photos which she will send to Carey. (see: <http://www.bv.com.au/change-the-world/11629/>). David will raise the design at the WA Bicycle Committee meeting. David said that Main Roads WA are reviewing their design standards, as they apply to bicycle lanes, without any obvious consultation. He has drafted a letter from the WABC asking for an opportunity to consult. Helena said that bike lanes in Gothenburg are in the centre of the road, which should be more economical for space, but has certain access difficulties. It was decided that we should gather more information, then push for a trial, perhaps on South Terrace. **Action: Members**

3.5 **Bike Plan Review.** Brett has emailed Brad Pettit, who expressed himself keen that the BUG should have input to the review. Brett has arranged to meet Brad and work out how it will be done. **Action: Brett**

3.6 **Freobug Web Site.** Carey has not had any response to her appeals for a new webmaster. Hilary will ask the Bicycle Transportation Alliance president, Peter Bartlett, whether we could put our information on the BTA site. (Late news: Peter is in favour, suggests Hilary email the BTA webmaster and ask how it can be done) **Action: Hilary**

4. New Business.

4.1 **Publicity for the BUG.** Helena said that it had been difficult to find out anything about the BUG, particularly since the links to the site didn't take her anywhere. She suggested flyers in cafes might be useful. Carey explained that the BUG has a brochure which was distributed to bike shops. Carey will revise the brochure (Helena has Adobe software) to remove any outdated information, print some more and we will distribute them. Carey will also look at the possibility of creating a poster from the same file. Hilary to ask if posters would be allowed at the station, in the bike storage room perhaps. **Action: Carey, Hilary**

4.2 **Bike Parking at the Train Station.** Jim Krynen (Public Transport Authority) has asked for feedback on the new arrangement for parking at the train station. Hilary and Carey will try to meet Jim at the station one evening at about 5 pm. **Action: Carey, Hilary**

5. Follow Up.

5.1 **Hampton Road Bus Lane.** Signs have been erected. This one has been won.

5.2 **Wray Ave Bike Lane.** The PTA, rather than re-routing buses from Wray Ave to South St., have suggested that they now want buses going both up and down Wray Ave. CoF will be objecting. This runs counter to the plan to install bike lanes as per Bike Plan. PTA still have not contacted the council. No change.

5.3 **Alma Street 40 kph limit.** David reported that the MRWA are considering having reduced speed limits in other parts of Fremantle, which might include Alma Street.

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm.

Next Meeting. 7pm Wednesday 6th December 2007 in the Fremantle Council offices. Up the stairs from Myers.