

CYCLE AWARE WELLINGTON, Meeting minutes 02 June 2009

Venue: Southern Cross, Abel Smith Street

Time: 6:00 - 7:30pm

ATTENDANCE: Ilona, Janie (minute), Alex, Mark, Nicola, Dion, Peter, Paul, Karen, Russell, Julian, Phil, Bernard, Alastair

350.org.nz:

This group focuses on climate change awareness. (The name refers to the 350ppm safe concentration of carbon dioxide; we are at 389ppm.) 60 enthusiastic people met recently, and decided on a Climate Change Festival, which is being planned for Sat 24 October, Labour Weekend. As The Great Harbour Way happens to form 350 degrees at the entrance opening, we would like to build a multi-level event around the harbour. Ilona passed around a paper for people to put their contacts if they are interested. It should also hook in with Great Harbour Way group.

See 350.org for the overseas concept, then see 350.org.nz.

Feedback on recent Submissions:

As you know last month was a busy month for submissions.

Nicola presented CAW's oral submission to WCC, which she felt went across well. One topic they brought up was the conflict on the waterfront, which Patrick addressed the next day at his submission. Other notes include CAW's willingness to assist, e.g., Thorndon Quay.

Phil presented to Greater Wellington (Ilona had written it.) They seemed to think the request for more train space was too demanding. Phil alluded to Vancouver's successes.

Patrick went to Upper Hutt, basing his presentation on Nicola's. They seemed genuinely interested.

Safety and Sustainability Reference Group:

Hosted by WCC, David Laing is CAW's representative. They have called for agenda items. Our suggestions:

- Riddiford St (which led to discussion of the letter to WCC, awaiting response to drive-by, and letters in Dom)
- Adelaide Rd to John St.
- Wallace St
- Kilbirnie
- Thorndon Quay
- funding to support WCC Cycling Policy
- street cleaning - one cyclist calls every week

News from CAN:

Patrick reported how Aucklanders stormed the Harbour Bridge in their thousands. Walkers outnumbered cyclists about 4:1.

CAN produced their annual report for funders. E.g., NZTA with one year of the 3-year funding remaining.

Basin Reserve:

3rd in the roading priority is a flyover over the Basin Reserve. Proponents are describing it as a public transport programme, claiming buses need the flyover. Patrick was approached by Charlie Devenish with an idea for a critical mass rally. We agreed in principle and invited Charlie to come back with a proposal.

Bus driver training:

This project was placed in the Top 4 for 2009 by those who attended CAW's special priority meeting, especially because in WCC's Cycling Policy buses and bikes will be sharing the same lanes.

CAW ran a practical workshop with the police, where the road-eye view gave them a better appreciation of cycling. It comprised both classroom and on-road portions. It was also relationship-building.

Something similar could be aimed at bus drivers, with the added emphasis of mutuality: cyclists understanding bus drivers' positions. David Liang developed a half-day workshop, due to reach the CAN website this month. Interested people signed another piece of paper. Those involved would attend the workshop, get hire bikes, build in a bike ride with bus drivers, and report back. Possibly train the trainers of bus drivers may be better, as they are different kind of audience to the police.

Illona will contact Go-Wellington to get buy-in. We are on the same side of the sustainability argument.

Misc:

Kilbirnie Town Centre Plan: Bernard gave an update and is staying involved.

Long Gully Windfarm proposal: this is at the public notification stage. There may be an issue with the popular mountain biking Tip Track. Submissions due 26th June.

SH2 green paint, electric sign alerting motorists when the sensors pick up a cyclist

Approved expenses: \$50.50 for agm; \$135 post box

Alastair reminded everyone to please use the website. www.caw.org.nz

Alex reported on Edinburgh, resources for improving cycling and public spaces by removing carparks.

Next meeting: 7 July