

North Taranaki Cycling Advocates November 14, 2007

## MINUTES

Chair: Graeme  
Notetaker: Stuart

Present: Rowan, Graeme, Robert, Joanne, Stuart

1. Minutes from Oct 17<sup>th</sup> approved.
2. Update from Kidsafe Week – from now on the bike safety check component will be split off from the water safety/burn component. Bike safety checks at school should be occurring about 3 times a year and Health Promotions will make sure NTCA is included. Health Promotions has recommended that NTCA participate in the NPDC Road Safety Action Planning Committee to have input on how future road revisions may affect cyclists. This is chaired by Steven Bedlen, the NPDC Road Safety Action Planner. They also recommended we contact Marion Webby [marion.webby@STDC.govt.nz](mailto:marion.webby@STDC.govt.nz) the Road Safe Taranaki Coordinator. Although she works out of South Taranaki District Council, she has jurisdiction over all Taranaki.
3. Logo – Stuart has made a stab at redoing the logo. Graeme will have a look at it and send it to Miriam (a graphic designer associated with CAN) to see if she can help.
4. NPDC meeting 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Robert and Graeme met with Carl Whittleston et al to discuss progress on responding to the Mangorei Rd audit. It turned out no one at NPDC had consulted with the necessary person on this, which meant there was no progress. Robert and Graeme did express our concerns re: the traffic revision at Mangorei and Northgate and how this made conditions unsafe for cyclists. Their reply was they had no input on this as the revision was the responsibility of Transit and their only concern is moving car faster. They were notified of NTCA's intention to communicate our concerns to Transit. There will be another meeting before Christmas and if there is still no progress we will go to the newspapers about the Mangorei Road audit. Yvette Batten (writes for the Daily News and the Midweek) was identified and potentially sympathetic. Rowan reported seeing an article in Chain Links that attributed the extra turning lane on Mangorei to our efforts. Graeme will check the article and if necessary request a correction.
5. Devon St audit – Joanne has completed the audit. She will email it to Graeme, who will forward it to Max with a cover letter.
6. Sustainable living Fair – date changed to April 5<sup>th</sup> with Yarrow Stadium as the venue. Joanne is willing to help staff a stall. Graeme will email the registration materials to CAN to see if they will pay the \$90 for a stall.
7. NPDC Cycle Strategy Stakeholders meeting Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> – Graeme and Robert's wife attended. Minutes not yet available. Angela will be involved with an implementation team over the next 12 mos. They will begin by taking inventory of existing cycle lanes, they will look at the improvements necessary, prioritize them, get cost estimates and then submit a large package funding application to Land Transport NZ (in 2009). Improvements will happen in 2010. Also a cycle coordinator will be appointed in mid- 2008. There is a small budget (\$10 -15 thousand) to make small improvements in the mean time. This will be mostly directed towards car/paedestrian issues as this produces more reportable accidents. There may be a small amount to put up signs educating motorists about cyclists. Graeme will try to locate the specific action items NTCA committed to (input around the best places to site the signs?).
8. Blog – Robert and Graeme have created a NTCA blog and posted last month's minutes to it. It was agreed to make the blog open to the public with a moderator.
9. Unicyclists – didn't want to pay \$50 to join CAN. Rowan is willing to pay the \$50 provided there is commitment from the whole group. Graeme will talk to one of the CAN project officers about lobbying Ken (who runs the unicyclists' group).

10. Robert Ibell visit Nov 30<sup>th</sup>. Graeme will ask Katie to send out an invite to the whole email group for a get-together at the Ultra Lounge.

11. Correspondence received

- St Bosco CPP funding application and request for assistance – 18<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. The school has been awarded CPP funding to do a survey and set up a cycling route to school.
- Query re glass on roads from Ken Holland – 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – referred to NPDC
- CAN exec re CAN leaving BikeNZ – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct
- GreenPeace and their Be the Change campaign – 30<sup>th</sup> Oct

12. Correspondence outward

- Reply to Ken re glass 25<sup>th</sup> Oct?

13. Finances – CAN has given us \$60 dues sharing

14. Reports

- NZ Cycling Conference – Graeme has posted agenda and has received several requests for copies of specific reports.
- CAN Weekend – extended discussion about LTNZ (in conjunction with Living Streets Aotearoa) model communities project (goal is to set up people friendly neighbourhoods that make active transport possible). Will be possible for NP to bid to be test site. CAN has seat on one of the committees coordinating this.

15. AOB

- Letters to NPDC and Transit NZ re Northgate/MangoreiRd intersection changes
- Letter to Transit NZ re where Waiwhakaiho River Bridge changes are at
- Letter to Transit NZ re where the southern entrance motorway designation removal is at
- NTCA in Endurance Magazine
- Ladies cycling group – Joanne reported there is a ladies cycling group that has just started up in NP and they are looking for a volunteer to teach them bike repair. The German woman who works at Cycle Inn was suggested.

16. Next Meeting – Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at Graeme's (if it's okay with his family).