

North Taranaki Cycling Advocates

Chair: Graeme

Notetaker: Stuart

October 17 2007

Present: Robert, Rowan, Gaye, Stuart, Graeme

Apologies: Joanne

1. Matters arising from previous minutes:
 - 1.1 Kidsafe week – Robert and his sons got an article in the Midweek which prominently features NTCA. The Kidsafe working group promises to involve NCTA earlier in the process next year. The reporter left out of the article that Robert tells his kids not to use the cycle lane because it's too dangerous.
 - 1.2 Logo – members felt there were problems with the logo Ricky sent through earlier this year. Ricky doesn't have time to make the changes. Graeme will try to find the logo and the changes the group wanted made and email them through to Stuart. She will approach a friend with graphics experience about the changes.
 - 1.3 Robert contacted Karl W (assistant to Max Aves the Roding Manager) about the Mangorei Road audit. Karl W is willing to set up a meeting but also wants Graeme and Angela to be there and wants to discuss the Mangone Hill (Bell Block bypass) and the Devon Street audit at the same meeting. Robert will try to get Karl to schedule a meeting for next Wed. Karl W made some comment about our audit not meeting "audit standards" and Graeme will check with the Auckland group to see what audit standards they use. Karl W seemed willing to discuss a few junctions if not the entire audit. Robert is particularly concerned about the recent junction changes at Northgate and Mangorei, in which the cycle lane was removed for 200 metres to widen the road to three lanes. When he was asked about this he was told the road improvements were decided on two years ago so there was no way we could have any input.
 - 1.4 Devon Street audit – Graeme doesn't think Joanne has finished it but will check with her.
 - 1.5 Local body elections – CAN says they will try to get their questionnaires out earlier next year so they will have feedback in time for the election.
 - 1.6 Sustainability Fair – Stuart reported the date is being back a week as the 22-23 falls over Easter working. Also that the group is working with a NPDC community development advisor. Graeme will proceed with application for CAN to pay for a stall.
2. Correspondence tabled
 - 2.1 Inward received:
 - email from Simon Kennett re: applying for CAN funds for Sustainability Fair-21 Sept
 - email from CAN re new CAN sub rates – 23 Sept
 - letter from cAN re money to be given back to NTCA – 24 September email from CAN/LSA re Getting There Community Partnership Programme – 26 September
 - email from CAN re CAN members online survey – 01 Oct
 - email from CAN re letter writing for NZ Cycling Conference – 08 Oct
 - email from CAN re SPARC Cycle Friendly Awards 2007 – 10 Oct
 - email from CAN re Sustainable Management Fund – 12 Oct
 - 2.2 Outward:
 - Email from Graeme to Simon Kennett re CAN funds for Sustainability Fair – 20 September

3. Financial statement
TSB statement = \$0.00
4. Accounts for payment: none.
5. General business:
 - 5.1 NPDC cycle strategy stakeholders meeting on Cycle Strategy Oct 23rd – Graeme will attend with feedback about NTCA plans for next year:
 - To ensure we are consulted on all future NPDC and Transit roading changes to make sure that do not adversely affect cyclists.
 - To impress on NPDC the need to take our safety audits seriously
 - To encourage NPDC to begin doing their own cycling safety audits (as part of the Cycle Strategy commitment to safety)
 - To work more with Transit NZ on cycling safety on highways and with NPDC on back roads – NP used to be a great site for cycle touring but this is no longer the case owing to safety concerns (Stuart will attempt to get contact details for the Transit and ACC reps who helped plan Kidsafe week)
 - To continue to advocate for cycle lane through Pukekura Park
 - 5.2 Robert and Graeme will attempt to set up an NTCA blog
 - 5.3 Rowan will approach the unicycling group that is here for the national championship about joining CAN.
 - 5.4 Agreed to meet with Robert Ibell (Chair of CAN Exec.) when he is in NP on Fri. November 30th (after work at the Ultralounge)

Next meeting Nov 14th – Graeme will check with Joanne to see if we can use her conference room.