



Brisbane CBD BUG

General Meeting

Minutes

Wed, 29 Feb 2012
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Tiered Theatre, Brisbane Square

Attendance

Chair: Paul French

Minutes: Ian Lister

Attendees: Stephen Amos, Aaron Ball, Vanessa Boulton, Greg Coulter, Robyn Davies, Mary Doolan, Peter Duffy, Lisa Dwan, Karen Field, Tammy Forward, Daniel Graham, Robert Grapnell, Stephen Hutchinson, Ainslie Just, Raymond Logan, Scott McPherson, Gordon Melvin, Shaun Moran, John Nightingale, Andrew O'Brien, Emily de la Pena, Paul Ruberry, Ian Saunders, Rachel Smith, Bruce Stehbens, Helen Sutherland, Darren Tracey, Stephen Wisenthal

Apologies: John, Lister

Previous meeting

Paul French reported Kate Gubesch has volunteered to be the third co-convenor for 2012.

Guest speaker

Presenter: Rachel Smith

Topics: How to make cycling normal in Brisbane.
What we need to do to get more people cycling more of the time.
Cycling Super Highways.
BMW Guggenheim Lab.

Rachel presented her experiences, well-considered thoughts and ideas on a range of issues related to her work both in Brisbane and overseas. She discussed the reasons most people currently do not cycle (including stereotyping, marginalisation and stigmatisation), the four groups of cyclists identified in Portland, some of the challenges we face, and the ways we can overcome them.

Her presentation will be available from the CBD BUG web site.

Reports

Election campaigns

All members are urged to make their priorities as cyclists known to their local candidates. To assist in this regard the CBD BUG has published template letters on its web site.

<http://www.cbdbug.org.au/2012/02/sample-election-candidate-letters/>

Draft Brisbane Active Transport Strategy submission

The consultation period for Brisbane City Council's Draft Brisbane Active Transport Strategy 2012–2026 closed on 24 February. A copy of the CBD BUG's submission has been published on the web site.

<http://www.cbdbug.org.au/2011/12/draft-brisbane-active-transport-strategy-released/>

Inner City Bypass cycling ban

BCC ATU staff convened a meeting with CBD BUG representatives following a letter from CBD BUG to the Lord Mayor seeking reopening of this route to cyclists.

Contrary to previous assurances, it is now apparent that while some ICB sections will remain open to cyclists, others will remain closed. Furthermore, cyclists might lose all ICB access if and when the ICB is reclassified as a motorway. On this basis the focus of the meeting turned to identifying alternative routes for cyclists and the upgrades needed.

'Share the Road' advertising campaign

As online campaign is being conducted by the Department of Transport and Main Roads for 4 weeks via the Courier Mail and eBay Australia web sites.

Other business

Ride to Work Day

The CBD BUG will have a marquee at the Ride to Work Day breakfast, at 7 am on Wednesday, 14 March in King George Square. This is an important event for the BUG as it helps gain exposure and new members. Volunteers are needed to help talk to attendees about the BUG and what it does, and to sign up new members.

Action Items

- ✓ Volunteer to help out if you can.
convenors@cbdbug.org.au

Who

Members

Deadline

14 March 2012

BUG workshop

Aaron Ball mentioned the upcoming workshop of Queensland BUGs, to be held on Sunday 11 March. Several representatives of CBD BUG will be attending.

Samford Rd/Wardell St intersection upgrade

Paul French agreed with Gordon Melvin and Stephen Amos to meet and discuss the current status of the project immediately after this meeting.

Next meeting

Wednesday 28 March 2012, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.

With the exception of the 27 June and 19 December meetings, which will be in the Community Meeting Room (due to school holiday activities), all meetings during 2012 will be in the Tiered Theatre, Brisbane Square.