



Brisbane CBD BUG

General Meeting Minutes

Wed, 28 March 2012
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Tiered Theatre,
Brisbane Square

Attendance

Chair: Paul French Minutes: Kate Gubesch

Attendees: Stephen Amos, Donald Campbell, Jason Chandler, Mary Doolan, David Embrey, Karen Field, Paul French, Julian Glassock, Kate Gubesch, Steve Jenkins, Ian Lister, John Lister, Shaun Moran, Paul Murdoch, Stuart Neden, Jessie Oliver, Helen Sutherland, Stephen Wisenthal, Stephen Wockner

Apologies: Ray Logan, Helen Abrahams
Thanks for letting us know.

Previous meeting

Paul French gave a quick recap of the minutes and actions arising from the February General Meeting. There were no outstanding action items from the last meeting.

Reports

CBD BUG membership now exceeds 700

CBD BUG got some good exposure at the Ride to Work Day marquee kindly provided by BQ. Over 50 new members signed up, which brings membership to over 700. There are also around 1500 Twitter followers.

Sandgate Road overpass

On 24 February 2012 CBD BUG wrote to the Director-General of the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) questioning the placement of signage banning cyclists from using the Sandgate Road overpass at Virginia. The signage has now been removed. This issue was first brought to the attention of the CBD BUG via a Twitter message. TMR reported the decision to erect the signs was made by the regional division, without consultation with the state-wide cycling unit.

2012 Election Campaigns

CBD BUG wrote to all State political parties requesting copies of their relevant cycling policies, and several media releases were distributed.

Formation of QBUGs

On Sunday, 10 March Toowoomba BUG convened a meeting between representatives of numerous bicycle user groups (mostly from South-East Queensland, but also as far as Townsville). The primary outcome of the meeting was an agreement to form an alliance of Queensland Bicycle User Groups named QBUGs. It will be the umbrella group representing common interests of BUGs at the state level, and will enable BUGs to share knowledge and issues via an improved method of communication. Common issues such as a minimum safe passing distance, and reducing speed limits were some common themes in the meeting.

During the course of the meeting a Charter was drafted. The Charter will be placed on CBD BUG website for interested member's consideration.

Reinstatement of Riverwalk

Donald Campbell provided the meeting with a short update on the reinstatement of Riverwalk. There has been some angst from riverfront residents who would prefer the Riverwalk was rebuilt as originally planned, i.e. a floating design. BCC's preferred option is to implement a fixed design, and the most likely outcome of re-opening the public debate would be to further delay the already excessively delayed reconstruction of this important inner city transport link.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Write to BCC Central and Hamilton Ward Councillors requesting construction of the structure be commenced at the earliest possible time	Paul French	ASAP

Other Business

Scope of CBD BUG activities

Paul French reported that some members had recently raised the subject of what should be the limits to the scope of CBD BUG's activities. None of those members were present, but several other members made comments in support of maintaining a broad scope. Paul suggested he propose some specific amendments to the CBD BUG's constitution to provide better clarity and guidance on the matter.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Constitution review be placed on the agenda at some stage this year	Paul French	2013 AGM

CBD BUG jerseys

The long-standing matter of producing some CBD BUG cycling jerseys was raised. Several members expressed interest, and John Lister volunteered to progress the issue with potential manufacturers.

Action Items	Who	Deadline
✓ Send logo and designs to manufacturers for quotes	John Lister	18 April 2012

Next meeting

General Meeting

Wednesday 18 April 2012, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm.

Guest Speaker: Joshua Forrest
Urban Planning Honours Thesis Student

Topic: How to make cycling normal in Brisbane.

Joshua's honours thesis is covering shared bike hire schemes, using Brisbane CityCycle and Melbourne Bike Share as case studies. He is looking at people's attitudes and perceptions to public bike hire schemes and how this relates to the success/failure of these schemes. The core focus will be the relationship between what people think of public hire programs, how this relates to their use (or lack of use) of the programs and how attitudes can be changed.

He will be seeking some wider insight and knowledge of issues and issues to consider for his project scoping exercise. He is likely to come back to the group later with more ideas, a survey, discussion etc.

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.