**BIKE LEICHHARDT**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday 10 May 2022**

**Location : Royal Hotel Leichhardt**

**Present : Bob Dunn, Jamie Honan, David Halloran, Heather Manning, Mark Irish, David Farrell (Acting Treasurer),**

**Apologies Bob Moore, Laura Cunningham, Neil Tonkin, John McNeill**

**Meeting opened 6.30pm**

1. **Previous Meeting -** Minutes 23 Feb 22 accepted **,**
2. **Business arising:** LC to update on Pedal to Power ride
3. **Treasurers Report:.** Report from DF - Current Balance $6552.79 in bank, currently have 164 members, 3 Honorary, 29 non financial, unfinancial members moved to the inactive list.

Waiting for March Bike Counts payments for 6, $360 expected

Accepted by DH, BD

1. **Presidents Report:** 9 different ride leaders put on rides each Sun, Newcastle w/e cancelled due to weather

RK has put on most rides

BD feels BL has become a social media experience and not a genuine social with friends as in the past.

1. **Advocacy –** BM, NT, JMcN not able to be present but reports attached
2. **Web Site Design & Update –** DF updated progress on new website, uses WordPress, Mailerite to send out newsletter, sample page attached, some discussion on what it is to be used for ie, be used by Ride leaders and committee for Rides calendar, rides routes, minutes, treasurer’s reports, future newsletters, Bury/Sell/Swap, Good News Stories in the community, etc
3. **Social Events** – MI to try some evening social events, bowls, ride to Concordia Club, etc
4. **Mid Year Function –** HM, LC, MI to work on mid July social on a Thurs night, suggest $2000 max budget, $10 members, $20 non members, 1st drink free plus finger type food, suggest bowlo clubs, Bar Italia as venues
5. **John Diller 80th –** mark the occasion at mid year function with an engraved glass or similar
6. **Presidents position in 2023 –** BD is not continuing , some discussion on who might be interested, put the word out for possible candidates.
7. **Covid 19 –** decided to continue with current policy of requiring all riders to be fully vaccinated (double or triple?)**,** continue tore-assess in future as covid situation becomes clearer,
8. **Safety** – HM said first aide course with BNSW & Red Cross was fully subscribed, ($140 ea), 50% costs to be re-imbursed for each attendee after 3 rides completed

HM to advise course details

1. **Ride with GPS** – Need BM to assist, paid member can upload but any one can downloads ride routes
2. **Fixed Meeting Dates** - Continue with 2nd Tues in Feb, May, Aug, and Nov
3. **New business**
4. **New ride Leaders –** JH advised Graham Byrne, Helen Zammit are now accredited ride leaders – congratulations are in order

**Meeting Closed 8-10pm**

Summary of the Stokes Meeting – From John McNeil

The Active Transport Mobility Summit was attended by IWBC at the International Convention Centre Sydney on Thursday 28 April. In attendance were transport planners from many NSW councils, many TfNSW staffers, leaders of organizations such as Safe Streets to Schools and representatives of all the e-scooter companies. Attendees numbered a couple of hundred or so and a delicious free lunch was served which IWBC duly sampled non-judgmentally.

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<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2022/strategic-cycleway-corridor-eastern-harbour-city-program-update.pdf>

Under the plans, five cycleway corridors have been deemed “immediate opportunities” including between Newtown and Green Square; St Leonards and Artarmon; and through both Lilyfield and North Sydney.In the document on page 5 they say “A safe connection between the Bay Run and the …Rozelle Parklands..” This could be any of a number of possible routes. For the Lilyfield Rd. corridor there are many possible routes, best might be to recognise this and do them all! Some are just sign posting.

There is the hard direct route up the Lilyfield Rd hill, an easy longer route via Darley and Francis/Allen, a medium route up via Leichhardt Aq Centre to Church St, a route via Bay Run to  Callan Park and Cecily St, or even via Bay Run and an upgraded Victoria Rd path if it was high quality. Or the soundwall route or the original CWCL tunnel route.

It's important that we remain engaged with TfNSW as these plans come to fruition, because the results will have a direct impact on our cycling enjoyment.

John

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Neil Tonkins Report

IWBC over the last month has been involved in the following activities:

1. Providing a detailed response to TfNSW who have released their strategic cycling routes in a 10 km radius from northern beaches at Brookvale, west to Campsie and south to Kogarah. We gave a detailed response to this document based on the known road, rail and waterway corridors, all controlled by TfNSW. John McNeil and I attended by Zoom.

3. Discussion with IWBC councillors over the 2022/23 draft budget. Questions to Cathy Edwards-Davis over details of the $5.895m bicycle budget, reduced from $8.3m last year. Questioned also what is actually going to be spent in the current 2022 year up to 30 June. Both Labor Tim Stephens and Kobi Shetty Greens and Independent Pauline Lockie are also asking questions about the budget. The councillors are also asking why the IWBC engineers do not ride bikes so they can understand cyclists needs.

4. We wrote a letter of support to Keith Stallard of Balmain who is proposing an Eco-Corridor from White Bay Bays Development to the Greenway at Hawthorne Canal. These corridors would also complement the Green Grid being proposed by the state government. The corridors would making cycling thru hot areas much more pleasant in future as a protection against increasing temps from climate change.

5. John McNeil and Bob Moore
attended a mobility conference convened by TfNSW and Rob Stokes, Minister for Active Transport. John McNeil to report.
Kind regards, Neil Tonkin IWBC