

Spokes Dunedin Minutes September 16 Tuesday 4.30pm-6.15pm

Present: Anna Star, Adrienne Mulqueen, Nicola Holman, Richard Williams, Hamish Seaton, Graham Anderson, Judy Russell, Ben Wooliscroft, Chris Mansfield, Phaedra Upton, Faye Nelson, Kat Lilly, Jevon Longdell, Jeff Miller, Dick Martin, Stephen Molloy, Charlotte Flaherty, Murray Skeaff, Fiona Whero (CAN)

Next Meeting Date: Diary it in!

Thursday October 16 (5.30pm) Room 6, Clubs and Societies building, University of Otago

DCC giving the run-down on what is planned for cycling in Dunedin in the next few years. Time for Spokes Dunedin to get up to speed with the plan, help with prioritisation, and meet DCC Staff.

General meeting notes

People introduced themselves including their cycling interest and what they thought needed to happen to make cycling enjoyable in Dunedin.

Cycling interests included commuting and recreational (MTB, Road Cyclists, and tandems). A common theme for how to make cycling enjoyable in Dunedin was changing “driver behaviour”. Some other issues were: discontinuous cycle facilities, glass and other maintenance issues with cycle lanes and shared pathways, workplace facilities for cyclists (lockers and showers), workplace travel plans, University secure bike parking (free for staff and students), segregated cycling facilities, opening up Dunedin's two old rail tunnels to walkers and cyclists, safety issues (perceived and real), and much much more.

Dick Martin who has held the position of Spokes Dunedin Chair for a number of years stepped down from Chair role but he is keen to stay involved and assist with submissions and audits. [Thanks Dick for all your work and staying with us albeit in a different role!]

It was agreed to meet in 2-3 weeks. Since the meeting a date has been set for **Thursday October 16 (5.30pm) Room 6 Clubs and Societies Building**. On the agenda will be DCC giving the run-down on what is planned for cycling in Dunedin in the next few years. A time for Spokes Dunedin members to get up to speed with the plans, help with prioritisation, and meet the DCC Staff. Also, will include a quick discussion about setting a date and a plan for holding an AGM. A notice will be sent out nearer the time to remind people but diary it in. Lets crowd out the room and show DCC how passionate and committed Spokes Dunedin is in making cycling happen in Dunedin.

Hamish Seaton (Mountain Bike Otago President) and Ben Wooliston (member of Cycling Otago) were keen to add the lobbying of these two groups to Spokes Dunedin.

A key theme of the meeting from a CAN perspective (Fiona) was leadership of and ownership of the group.

Some of the positions suggested by Fiona (there may be others!) that need filling are: Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Webmaster, Submissions Co-ordinator.

Positions people volunteered for included:

- interim Spokes Dunedin Co-ordinator (Nicola Holman)
- Webmaster: Steve
- Media: Charlotte (help with media plan)
- Membership Secretary: Adrienne
- Submissions: Steve, Dick

- Auditing of cycling facilities: Dick

Background Information provided:

National

- Getting There-On Foot By Cycle (National Walking & Cycling Strategy).
<http://www.transport.govt.nz/strategies1-2-index/>
Initiative 8 of Implementation plan is, Strengthening User Group Networks Programme to strengthen the capacity of cyclist user groups to enable them to participate in local, regional, & national transport focused planning and decision making processes. This is the initiative that CAN has funding from. Fiona explained that Spokes Dunedin is top priority for 08/09, just needs local Dunedin talent to work with.
- New NZ Transport Target (The NZ Transport Strategy 2008, NZ Government, pg 17) target of *“Increase walking, cycling and other active modes to 30 percent of total trips in urban areas by 2040”* <http://www.transport.govt.nz/home/>
- Government Policy Statement on Land Transport Funding 2009-10-2018/19.
Which has a goal of 1% increase in walking, cycling and other active modes every year until 2015.
<http://www.transport.govt.nz/assets/Images/NewFolder-2/GPS-final-5-August-2008-2.pdf>

Local

- Dunedin Cycling Strategy (updated 2004) (needs review plus implementation plan)
- DCC Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) (3-yearly review due in 2009, Council staff working on the “Christmas Pack” for Councillors which would include the LTCCP review. Will be out for Public consultation early 2009)
- DCC Transportation Strategy (is the key repository for plan of what cycling projects are for DCC)
- DCC Route Audit Report (2001) (audit of cycling issues in Dunedin; DCC Staff said that the “Rats & mice” have been done, plans for some of the other issues)

DCC Staff

- New Transport Planner (replacing Teresa Matassa) due to start early October
- New Sustainability Co-ordinator (Charlotte Flaherty)
- Senior Traffic Engineer (Bruce Conaghan) (ex Manakau CC)