

Minutes of  
Living Streets Aotearoa Annual General Meeting  
by teleconference  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Meeting opened at 6.05pm

**Present:** Andy Smith, Paula Wilkinson (Waitemata), Gay Richards, Red Lunday de Waal (North Shore), Meg Christie (somewhere in Coromandel), Jean-Paul Thull (Tauranga), Chris Teo-Sherrell, Bob Lambourne (Palmerston North), Anna Sunter, Suryaprakash Mishra, Mike Mellor, Paula Warren, Ellen Blake, Murray Darroch, Susan Lennie (Wellington), Rhys Taylor (Geraldine),

**Apologies:** Daphne Bell, Ronis Chapman, Liz Thomas, Peter Kortegast, Carina Duke, Steve Abley, Chris Horne, Ava Thomas, Carol Comber, Alexia Pickering, Sarah Crawford

The President, Andy Smith, **welcomed** attendees.

**Minutes of the 18th August 2012 AGM** - accepted as a true and correct record (Andy/Gay) without objection. There we no m

atters arising from the minutes.

**President's Report** – Andy highlighted various aspects of this and it was accepted (Andy/Ellen) without objection.

Rhys informed the attendees that the Greening the Rubble annual report is available from him and that further information is available at [www.greeningtherubble.org.nz](http://www.greeningtherubble.org.nz) . He also expressed the thanks of the Greening the Rubble Trust for the role Living Streets Aotearoa played in facilitating its activities prior to the Trust taking on all roles.

**Treasurer's Financial Report** was accepted (Andy/Ellen) without objection.

Jean-Paul raised a question about the possibility of obtaining sponsorship especially from retail associations (given it is pedestrians that are mostly their customers).

Rhys differentiated the need for long-term ongoing funding as opposed to short-term support for things like the conference.

The matter was referred to the next ordinary meeting of the executive.

**Appointment of Auditor** - Andy explained the expense involved in appointing an auditor and suggested it was unnecessary.

Rhys offered to share the results of the forthcoming audit of Greening the Rubble's accounts from the time that organisation fully took over its own

financial affairs, which Living Streets had previously played a role in (as conduit for funding prior to GtR being fully organised as a Trust).

The non-appointment of an auditor was approved (Andy/Mishra) without objection.

**Election of Executive Officers** – Andy listed the nominations as follows:

President and Treasurer : Andy Smith

Vice President and Secretary - Chris Teo-Sherrell

Members - Gay Richards, Meg Christie, Ronis Chapman, Suryprakesh Mishra, Ellen Blake, Peter Kortegast.

There were no other nominations.

These nominations were approved simultaneously without objection.

Andy expressed thanks to past executive members for their contribution over the preceding year.

### **Any Other Business:**

Current and Future Activities:

Current campaigns (Mode Equality at intersections, Lower (safer) speeds, Semi-permeable streets) to continue.

Walk to Work celebration set for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Ellen said she felt it important to continue this as it is the only event that specifically celebrates ordinary utility walking. In discussion, people were referred to the information on the Living Streets website concerning organising such events.

The matter of what role Living Streets will play in future was referred to the next ordinary meeting for the executive.

Walking maps – Chris made brief reference to maps specifically catering to pedestrians and cyclists that Andy brought back from Walk 21 recently and the possibility of creating these for more parts of NZ being a focus for Living Streets.

Remit: That the current subscription fee be raised to at least \$20 for unwaged people.

Andy spoke against this as did Rhys, both pointing out that membership and participation is more important in itself than the revenue gained from subscriptions. They felt it unwise to create potential barriers to people being members. It was also mentioned that people are able to (and some do) make additional financial contributions above their subscription. This led to further ideas being suggested for fundraising such as bequests, using services like 'Give a Little', producing merchandise which can be sold at events such as the conference, involving a major sponsor.

The remit was not formally moved but the issue of fundraising was referred to the next ordinary meeting of the executive.

Conference: Information was provided concerning the date (29-31 October 2014) and place (Nelson) for the next combined 2 Walk and Cycle conference. Peter Kortegast in Nelson is our on-the-spot organiser of that with Andy and Gay on the joint LSA/CAN conference organising committee.

Ellen reminded us of the need to have walking awards at the conference.

Rhys offered to invite the Greening the Rubble Trust to reflect on what it has achieved and not achieved and reasons for these outcomes and to present it's findings at the conference.

Brief discussion followed of the value of having relationships with councils and the need to hold them to appropriate standards for pedestrian facilities (e.g. ensuring there are adequate numbers of and suitably-located active transport short-cuts, proper footpaths). Jean-Paul expressed willingness to make contact with academics to see if they or their students are interested carrying out research projects more focussed on walking, e.g. documenting the prevalence of Council policies requiring pedestrian short-cuts to be incorporated in subdivision design, and presenting the results at the conference.

Murray also suggested something but the line kept cutting out so he was asked to share his thoughts by email.

Note that the following item from the 2012 AGM has not been dealt with and will be added to the agenda for the next ordinary executive teleconference. 'For the Executive to consider fundraising and the establishment of a separate trust account for LSA's funds. - approved.'

The meeting **closed** at 6.55pm