

## Presidents Report 2012 – Living Streets Aotearoa

The last 12 months have been busy for our group of Living Streets Aotearoa volunteers. Our national organisation has not received funding for the past 2 years, and the board and its members have been without support staff since. The projects have to be chosen wisely to consider good outcomes with only limited means.

We have met by phone each two months and met face to face in two of NZTA Model Communities. New Plymouth in May 2011 for a weekend and at the NZ Walking and Cycling conference Hastings in February 2012.

Here is a list of what we have created

- organised the NZ Walking and Cycling conference with Cycle Advocates Network
- published an Annual Report with Footprint and posted to members
- had a carbon free AGM by phone conference in August 2011
- ran the Golden Foot Walking Awards at the conference
- created a new flyer about vegetation hazards on the footpath
- joined the campaign for Lower Speeds around Rural Schools
- ran the nationwide Walk to Work day in March
- had great success with running the Greening the Rubble project in Christchurch
- joined the International Pedestrians Federations campaign to mark No Exit streets with walk and cycle symbols if there is a through route.
- Built up membership numbers and benefits
- Started a campaign to change NZ law so vehicles need to Give Way to people already on the road (same as Australian law)
- meet with the MP Chris Tremain, MP Iain Lees-Galway, Assoc Transport Minister MP Simon Bridges, Automobile Association, Ministry of Transport, NZTA and CAN
- We continue to submit on national and regional documents eg. High risk intersections .

My thanks goes to the people on our executive committee for all their hard work Rhys Taylor, Mike Mellor, Gay Richards, Meg Christie, Chris Teo-Sherrell, Willemijn Vermaat, Peter Kortegast. Mike (a founder member) and Willemijn will leave the committee this year and 3 new people are nominated to join us.

The 2012-2013 year we will concentrate on changing the Give Way Law campaign and ensuring we advocate and educate people on the advantages of good places for walking and sojourning.

Andy Smith President 2011-2012

18 August 2012.