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Re: Correspondence dated 31 January 2007

Dear Paul

I write in response to your correspondence above.

Essentially, you suggest that some formal relationship needs to be established between the CBD Bug and others and BQ, and you describe as unfortunate that the CBD Bug is not always consulted on issues you consider important to your members.

BQ attends all meetings to represent all cyclists, and greatly values having the views of BUGs so they can be incorporated into BQ's perspectives. At meetings, BQ presents a balanced view for cyclists at all times. But attendees at meetings are set by the relevant authority: usually government or council.

BQ does value hearing from BUGs and uses information and opinions from BUGs, and other members, in working out our position on any issue. This is as simple as communicating them to BQ. It is fully anticipated that the new BQ Cycling Development officer, starting in March, will liaise more regularly with BUGs and have better communication channels than in the past, which in part answers questions raised in your letter.

However, there may be instances when BQ favours a position on a cycling issue that may not concur with a BUG, or importantly, a BUG may want to adopt a position that is contrary to that suggested by BQ.

BQ has met at various times with CBD Bug, East Bug and others. Most recently it was suggested that a regular meeting be set up for one issue in particular – the NSBT – and BQ's Manager responded supportively, but as happens in life, others from BUGs were unavailable or perhaps too busy and nothing eventuated. This can be revisited easily.

Also, it seems obvious that BQ should be invited to your regular CBD Bug meetings – so a regular presence by myself or Ben Wilson, or the new Cycling Development Officer would clear up many issues regarding communications.

Could I also suggest you email BQ directly before your meetings with any issues on your agenda which you would like BQ to respond to prior to your meetings with some pointers about these issues.

But I do hope that a regular dialogue is established between CBD Bug and BQ simply through better communication and BQ's new officer.

Yours sincerely
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Bill Loveday
President