

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam**  
**1<sup>st</sup> April 2006**

**Attendance**

Elaine Baker  
Frank Mwasa  
Ibrahim Kizyara  
Mejah Mbuya  
Salum Chimburumbu  
Selemani Alonasi  
Sosthenes Amlima  
Kharidi Shabani

**Tanzania Social Forum**

UWABA took part in the Tanzania Social Forum from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March in Mnazi Moja. It was reported that we had a stand with a very large banner produced by Sosthenes, and that a number of members including Juma, Shukuru, Ibrahim and Elaine attended. It was reported that many attendees, including the special guests, were interested in UWABA. We made contact with other NGOs, including Leonard Magwayega of the Legal and Human Rights Centre, who said he could give a talk to us on road laws as applied to cycling. We also made contact with PELO – Promotion of Education Link Organisation, who would like to organize for us to give a talk to school students about cycling. A photo of our stand was passed around at the meeting.

**Meeting with AALCOM**

Mejah and Elaine reported that they had visited the offices of AALCOM, the Association for Advancing Low Cost Mobility, another NGO working on transport issues. This organisation has 20 members, most of whom are professionals working in the transport sector. Their chairperson is Professor Majani who is an academic in the area of urban planning and their executive secretary is Mr Mlamba who is a consultant. His wife Mrs Mlamba is the Dar es Salaam City Council coordinator of the Bus Rapid Transit project. The person Mejah and Elaine met with was Prosper Nyaki, who works full time for the organisation.

AALCOM has been in existence since 2003. Among the activities AALCOM have done so far are a survey of numbers of people using different forms of transport in Dar es Salaam which showed that 45% travel by foot or cycle, 43% travel by bus, 6% by private car and 6% other. They are also distributing California Bikes. They organized the major of Dar es Salaam to go on a cycle to promote cycling.

Activities they plan for the future are having a bicycle caravan or group bike ride, renting out bikes to employees of organisations, formulating a Bicycle Master Plan and working on issues of road safety and parking.

Mejah emphasized that UWABA could cooperate with AALCOM on the issues we have in common. The organisations could be complimentary as AALCOM is more a professionals' group, most of whom do not cycle as a form of transport, whereas UWABA has actual cyclists as members.

**Other issues**

Mejah reported that he had been hit while cycling and had talked to a member of the traffic police, who was supportive of UWABA's activities.

Mejah suggested a TV debate on transport issues which UWABA could take part in. He knows some people working in TV who may be able to take this idea forward.

Members called for UWABA ID cards and stickers.

It was agreed that one of the next priorities for UWABA is having meetings with relevant Government authorities.