

**Minutes of meeting of Umma wa Wapanda Baisikeli Dar es Salaam
8 November 2008**

Attendance

Bashiri Rashidi
Beda John Mkusu
Canon Mallicia
Elaine Baker
Filbert Mbecha
Frank Peter Rwechungura
George Kabogo
Hamadi Hatibu Bwaja
Idrisa Kessi Zongo
John Hamock
John West
Juma Ali Salehe Jongo
Juma Hassan Chibaya
Kibwana Mohammad Msiga
Mohamed S. Mwenguo
Mohammed Samwely
Mwamaisha Khamisi
Paulo Atibu Hatibu
Shamte J Kigoma
Yusuf Mboga

New members

Some new members introduced themselves including two school students, Mwanaisha who is a disabled cyclist and John West who is from Chigaco in the US and a member of the critical mass campaign group and has studied town planning. He will be in Tanzania for a year but a month in Dar es Salaam and then in Tanga. He said in Chigaco they have converted old railway tracks to cycle paths.

Cycle Caravan

Elaine wrote a financial report for the caravan and distributed it among members. She also wrote a report for the website and uploaded photos there. She needs to collect receipts from Mejah so we can submit a full report to the Irish embassy.

Wamba project

Elaine communicated with the headmaster of Mbondole school in Msongole. He suggested we do the training for three hours a day over four days instead of two full days. He has 60 students who cycle and who will participate. He suggested between 17th and 26th November. Bashiri, Filbert, Frank Peter, Hamadi, Kibwana, Mohammed Samwel and Paulo all said they would be willing to teach. Ally Athman who was not here is the one who knows the way to the school. Members also suggested Hussein Hamza and Edgar. In our plan we have two teachers for every students so for this we could divide them into three groups with a total of six teachers. We decided to choose the teachers at the next meeting. We decided that the teachers should cycle to Msongole and stay there rather than travelling every day. We should budget for food for the teachers, tea and bun every day for students, accommodation and prizes for students.

Non-motorized transport forum

Elaine is trying to get contact details of the relevant department of the city council so we can speak to them about this. She also emailed some of our contacts for advice on how to proceed. John said he knows a Canadian who is working with the city council and will try to communicate with him. Elaine will also try phoning them, although their phones were not working last week. Also Elaine communicated with Councillor Lupilya who said he would try to arrange a meeting for us with the mayor of the city.

Follow up on Kenya air quality meeting

Elaine printout out the resolutions/agreement made out of the air quality meeting in Kenya which Mejah attended. It includes commitments to promoting non motorized transport.

Also one of the photos in one of the presentations at the meeting contained three photos of the same road – one with 50 cars, another with two buses with 50 people in them and another with 50 cyclists. We would like to do a similar photo here in Dar to illustrate the true causes of the traffic jam problems.

Radio

Mejah was interviewed on the radio yesterday Friday about cycle issues, in the radio one slot about the environment. They asked him to come back again after two weeks.

Song contest

Shamte had an idea for a song contest where we would invite people to compose and sign a song about cycling in Dar es Salaam and then choose the best one which we would try to get sponsorship for recording.

Finances

Juma spent Tsh 5,000 on a battery for his phone which he uses for UWABA communication. Members said that if there is expenditure more than Tsh 3,000 he should check with the members at the meeting first before spending. No guta money was brought this week. Member suggested that Ally Saidi Mwishehe should come to the meeting every week to report on the guta. Juma remains with Tsh 62,500 of UWABA money.

Road Safety Video

After the meeting we went to an internet café and watched the UWABA cycle safety video which Amar filmed and edited. The members all liked the video a lot and looks very professional. We will burn it on DVDs and upload it to our website and also distribute it to TV stations.

Other business

Idrisi requested some flyers about UWABA so that when he travels for cycling events he can distribute them.