

Waihoru
Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Tuesday 3 March 2020
Time: 5pm
Venue: Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre,
66 Colombo Street, Beckenham

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Christchurch City Council

To whom it may concern

Dear Sir/Madam

Shared Cycle/walking tracks in the Victoria Park/Bowenvale/Sugarloaf area

Recently one of our club members, without cause, received an unreasonable level of abuse from a cyclist whilst walking on a shared walking/cycle track in Victoria Park.

As we have a membership exceeding 400, many of whom walk in this area, we canvassed our members to see if this was an isolated case or part of a wider problem.

I have included extracts of their comments as an addendum to this letter.

There appears to be an issue - to the extent that some have ceased walking on some tracks, including a regular group.

This is not an easy issue to resolve, particularly as any form of regulation is difficult to police. And there will always be a small group of people who will buck the system and disregard others..

However here are three suggestions that could help

1. **Create and promote a “track etiquette” or “code of conduct” for shared tracks.** This could include for cyclists and runners: not using shared tracks as a raceway, alerting other users to their presence (bell or voice), slowing down at blind corners and when passing other users. For walkers: being aware of other users (don't wear headphones on shared tracks) and moving aside where this is practical. These ideas could be sloganised (e.g like “smokefree” for the antismoking campaign) and printed on clear notices at the start of any shared tracks. They could also be printed in any CCC literature promoting tracks.

2. **Identify clearly which tracks are shared and which ones are for exclusive use.** Presently there are graphical signs on many tracks, but where these are ignored through force of use such as the "Choir Boy", they be enlarged and reinforced with "slow down" signs.

3. **Create exclusive tracks in problem areas** The shared road in Bowenvale is a good example. The walkers track starting about 200metres up the valley from the first gate on the park boundary (after the shared council/ residents road), could be extended back to this same gate. Likewise the short walkers track starting at the first bridge could be extended past the downhill cycle run exits to further up the valley.

These are suggestions only, but we would be happy to provide a representative if the council wished to set up a working group to deal with this issue.

I look forward to your response

Lawrence Allpress

OFTC Chair

Addendum: Extracts from OFTC Members responses

1. On Sunday mornings, a group of us used to walk the Flying Nun track above the Summit Road near the "Kiwi". All club members.

We had to give up because of mountain bikers scaring us at full speed and shouting at us for being on "their" track, despite the "shared track" notice at the top end.

2. A guy in his 50's approached 4 of us from behind on an open stretch of the track, we were oblivious to him coming and he shouted "bike" just in time for us to jump off the track, he didn't slow down or have any consideration for walkers.

3. I've pretty much given up walking on Bowenvale and shared Victoria Park tracks because of the downhill riders, and certainly never at weekends or holidays. Getting up and down the Bowenvale valley access to the start of the tracks has always been fraught - I've decided I'm too old to be able to leap out of the way...and constantly having to be ultra alert isn't pleasant.

4. When we were on the narrow windy part, a cyclist yelled out something like 'get the hell out of the way' and was a classic example of appalling behaviour.

5. There are two types of MTB users on the hills. One group are downhill exponents who generally wear full-face helmets and have big travel suspension. The other group are cross country MTBs who like both uphill and downhill riding. The problem is with the first group. There is almost little point having notices on the tracks as they are going too fast to read them. I think this also means multi-use tracks on the hills have now become dangerous for other users.

6. I was on East Side Bush track in Victoria Park and got verbally abused and nearly run over by two downhill mountain bikers on the multi-use section of the track. I also like to walk the track below Dyers Pass road that goes to Sign of the Kiwi but this seems to have been taken over the downhill racers as well

since the opening of the Adventure Park. The track was there long before the Adventure Park and was the maintenance track for the old toll link to Governors Bay. It is supposed to be multi-use and has a tiny sign to this effect at the top and more visible signage at the bottom. The mountain bikers have renamed it the Choir Boy. This track is unsafe to walk after about 9 am when the downhill guys get out of bed and the Adventure Park opens. I have used a MTB in these areas myself but have always respected the various signage. I have also noted for some time that there are dangers walking the bottom track in Bowenvale valley when downhill MTBs are out. This has improved with extensions to the walking track but this goes only partway to the entrance.

7. My own experience as a regular walker in Bowenvale is that over 60-70% of cyclists are friendly, considerate and slow down as they pass on shared tracks. But the remaining 30-40% belt past at a dangerous pace with apparently little regard for other users

2019-20 Spreydon Sunflower Competition

Thank You

Thank you so much for the funding to make the first Spreydon Sunflower Competition a reality.



We started the the whole process by handing out flyers, I put a photo on some of the Spreydon Facebook pages, and for me this was a great start in meeting some neighbours, as people volunteered to 'adopt a street' to walk down and hand out the flyers with seeds.

This is also when I started up the 'Spreydon Sunflower Competition' facebook page - it was great seeing posts

of progress, sharing of tips and flowers throughout the competition.

When it came to judging we worked with all the people who wanted to be judged to find a time that worked with them being home, it was fantastic judging this way as it didn't only mean that we had easy access to the sunflowers, but we were able to begin to build some relationships, which was great for the prize giving night, being able to introduce neighbours to each other, and people said it made them more likely to come as they already knew 2 faces rather than knowing no one.

I linked in with the Spreydon Neighbourhood Network who helped distribute some of the flyers and gave some general advice and ideas, and I had Sonya Hodder who is their secretary help with the judging - it was great having that link to both promote what they do and someone invested in the community to support the event.



On Saturday 1st February we had the prize giving - It was a very blustery and cold night (I was definitely under-dressed!), but we had a turnout of just over 30 people. It was brilliant to have the sunflowers as the reason we all got together - it was great seeing people who previously had never met one another talking, laughing and sharing about their gardens.

It was an absolutely wonderful FIRST event, and when I put out if people would like it to happen again, I received a resounding yes! So here's to next year!

Artwork by Spreydon resident, Kate Gibson



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“This first prize of the evening was one that we weren’t expecting - right from the first house we visited, we were receiving bribes! We were given different fruits, vegetables and berries from the wonderful gardens, we were given seeds, flowers, offered wine - but this prize goes to one of the first houses we visited, the sunflower growers weren’t able to be home, but they made sure that their sunflowers put their best petal forward by giving each one a name tag and a bit of information about the flower, such as ‘Aroha’ who protests offshore drilling and is vegan, and ‘Walter’ who likes a cool drink of water and fancies Maggie Barry - they also left out a little chilly bin with a note saying ‘bribes’, then crossed out saying ‘treats for the judges’ with some chocolate inside - this definitely made us laugh.”

We loved hearing all the stories as we were doing the judging, the lady above had only moved into her house less than 2 weeks before receiving the seeds - she talked about how excited she was to receive the seeds and how it made her feel welcome in this new neighbourhood.

“We absolutely loved having the chance to go into people’s front and back yards to see their sunflowers, but what was better than the sunflowers on their own was the chats we had and learning the stories about the growing season, the successes, flops, learning, and in this case, the transformation. We loved hearing how having the sunflowers prompted this family to get in and tidy up an unused area of their property, and they still have more plans to do more! So this prize goes to Alison and George for the best transformation of a space.”



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"We loved hearing about everyone's sunflowers and loved seeing whole families get involved in this. While we were out judging there was one little girl, who wasn't even 3 who showed us to her flowers and was very proud of them - she had enjoyed growing them so much that she already had a second lot of sunflowers to start growing! We loved seeing this enthusiasm, so this prize is for Aria, we hope your love of growing continues!"

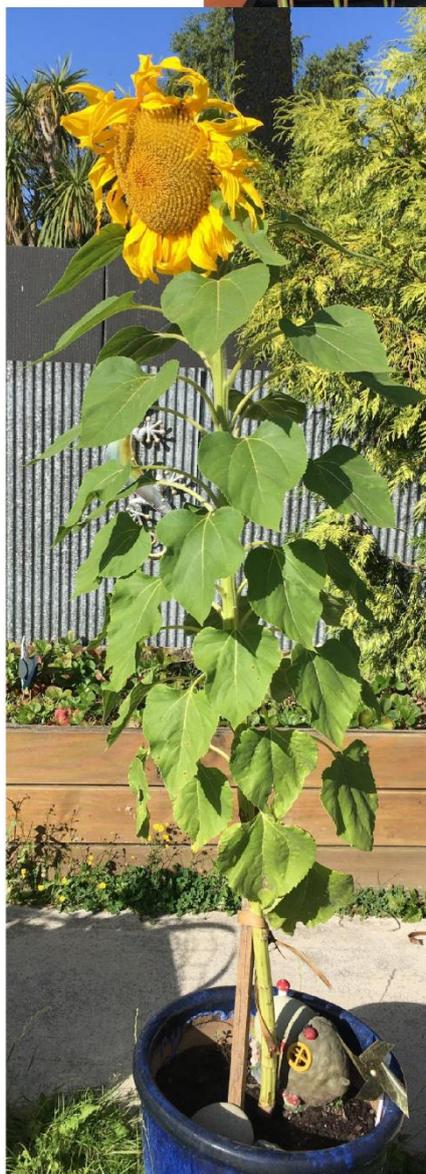


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Our Numbers...

- We handed out 800 pamphlets with over 4000 seeds attached
- We separately handed out over 100 seeds
- We handed out over 50 seedlings to 'late joiners'
- 63 people joined in the facebook group
- We had 38 households sign up for the competition
- 19 households were visited for judging
- Many sunflowers seen in the area - lots of people feeding back that they have enjoyed walking around the neighbourhood 'Sunflower Spotting'
- Just over 30 people came to the community prizegiving and picnic
- 4 local companies sponsored prizes (Bunnings - Tower Junction, Life Pharmacy Barrington, Paper Plus Barrington, Fresh Meats Barrington)
- First year of the competition!
- Everyone met someone new!

The grant enabled me to...

- Buy seeds to drop off in the neighbours letterboxes
- Print out flyers
- Print out certificates
- Purchase some extra prizes

**Thank you for enabling this
event to happen!**

Ruth Vercoe - Organiser

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