OpenStreetMap Foundation Management Meeting (Board) 30th August 2008

11:15am BST at Cloudmade Offices, London

Minutes

Present: Steve, Mike, Etienne, Andy, Henk Hoff (delayed). Apologies. Mikel

Minutes of last Meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

1 AGM & Board nominations:

Andy confirmed arrangements had run to plan for AGM and nominations/proxy voting. AGM being held at Cloudmade offices at 14:00 30/08/08. Two proxy voters to be removed from the voting as not members of the OSMF. Proxy votes verified by Dave Stubbs and Simon Ward.

2. OSM Open Data License - Next steps:

Add note for email here. Andy to email Joseph Gentle and ask if there are any comments from Australia at this time. New Licence issues: A home for the new licence is needed. Jordan favours Rufus. Steve voiced concerns about reliability of this options and believes we might be better hosting ourselves or elsewhere. Andy to get current licence version to Mike for inclusion on the website. Next steps: Implementation plan required although first step will be to email the approx 15 to 20 thousand contributors to the map. Language issues discussed and Steve suggested we pick the top 5 languages and give a link to a wiki page for other languages to be developed if required. More work needs to be done to develop the plan beyond this. It was agreed we should set a target date for implementation of 31st Dec 2008.

3. Hosting / Servers / Tiles - OSM Policy discussion:

Steve discussed the issues with the map tile serving. As a result of the project being in the press on 29/08/08 the volume of tile requests on that day was far higher than our UCL hosts can sustain. Although this was a unique day the trend is such that a long term policy decision needs to be made about whether we should serve tiles to third parties. It was decided that we should limit tile serving to www.openstreetmap.org alone. All other serving would be curtailed and eventually stopped. Steve to draft email and to circulate to board before it goes to the mailing list/wiki. The email to stress that this decision has been made to help improve diversification of the project by removing the reliance on OSM served tiles. Furthermore it was noted that approximately 2/3 of the API traffic is for Tiles@Home requests. This is starting to become detrimental to the core function of map data editing. Steve recommended and it was agreed that the serving of data via the API to tiles and home clients would be scaled back to zero over the next 6 months starting with an immediate reduction of one third capacity. Steve will include the announcement of this within the same email discussing the tile serving

changes. Full notification to userbase by the end of September.

4. Local Chapters / Affiliations. Sub-group update:

Etienne stated that there had been insufficient time to organise this. Mike suggested that we could let chapters develop unmoderated on a first come first served basis. However concern that this doesn't offer any tie to the Foundation. It was agreed that we should defer the matter until the next board meeting when the new board is in place.

5. OSMF Membership

OSMF Membership renewal packs

Action: Andy - sort out previous OSMF meeting minutes for website. Still to do Action: Andy to produce comments on Sustrans Ranger Packs. Underway

Action: Mike - Newsletter. Still to do

Etienne noted that we were loosing an opportunity to offer OSMF membership at signup to the project.

6 GPS To Go - Update:

GPS units paid up and one already out in Nigeria. Next locations to be considered are Nepal (but the person is to busy to contribute at the moment so may not be a suitable applicant), Columbia and the Philippines. In Nigeria the mapper is active but an update is sought on progress.

7 NETWORK FOR SOCIAL CHANGE/FUNDING FOR CHANGE LTD

http://thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/:

Still with Etienne to action with Peter Miller

8 | Bolivia request:

Bolivia request for 6,700 euros. (check exactly). It was agreed that we should develop a budget for the next year in order that a decision can be made on donations to any one project.

9 Followups from prior meetings Action points:

Health and Safety policy - Andy - Sill to do

OSM Trademark quote - Steve - Steve has completed and application for the

OpenStreetMap trademark, however he reported that there is some doubt whether it will be allowed because of existing similar names, eg Streetmap.

Insurance - Mike - Still to do

Canada Geobase data - Richard has sent letter indicating we should revisit the terms once the new db licence is finalised.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Logo:

RichardW following the last meeting had provided some suggestions regarding OSM Logo enhancement, principally to address the problem that the current Logo does not have the OpenSreetMap name and hence is not suitable by itself for merchandise. It was agreed that Andy would post to the list/wiki the concerns about the present Logo and invite comments/suggestions.

Third Party Communications: Steve raised the issue of disjointed communication between the OSM project/ Foundation and some of the larger organisations operating around us, for example Yahoo and wikipedia. It was agreed that a single point of contact should be developed as a policy guideline for certain organisations. The single point of contact need not be a Foundation person. Andy to draft some guidelines for the wiki.	
Next meeting: To be decided once the new board is in place. Meeting closed at 13:30	