

Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

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This is the first of a regular, electronic, newsletter that we intend to circulate to all those who have become members of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign.

Membership

The campaign got off to a great start at the inaugural public meeting of the campaign held in Chelmondiston Primary School on the 27th May. Nearly 50 people attended this meeting and the majority signed up on the night to become members. More have continued to join since the meeting, and membership currently stands at 83. If you know of anyone else who would like to join, or you feel might be interested, please feel free to forward them this newsletter. Alternatively, you can email our Treasurer, Jane Goyder, to ask to be sent a membership form, for you to forward on. (jane_goyder@msn.com). Membership costs just £5 per year for an entire household.

Website

The Ipswich High School for Girls has kindly offered to help set up and design a website for our campaign. Work on this project will start at the beginning of the Autumn term, and we hope to have our simple but informative website up and running later that term. We will keep you updated on progress. In the meantime, if you have any interesting photos of cycling on the peninsula, suitable for the website, we would love you to email them to one of the committee (see below).

New off-road cycle path

The campaign's priority is, over time, to create a new off-road community path, suitable for cyclists and walkers from Ipswich out to Shotley Gate, with links across the peninsula to the three senior schools, and Alton Water. The first step is to commission a feasibility study which the County Council have agreed to carry out for us. The feasibility study is going to cost about £10,000 and we are currently applying for grants. Our County Councillor, David Wood, has already agreed to make a contribution from his Locality Fund, and we will let you know how we get on with our other grant applications. We need to get the feasibility study done to establish the costs, and to gain other evidence needed to persuade funders to give the grants we will need to develop this new path. In the meantime, if you run a local business, and would be interested in sponsoring our campaign, or know of someone else who might, we would love to talk to you further.

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Hoping you have an enjoyable summer on your bikes,

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