

SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Welcome to all our readers. This is our second newsletter since the campaign was launched in May. It's a shame that the summer has now gone, but with about 100 members and much progress on several fronts, there is plenty of good news to report.

We are also delighted that Elaine Purves, Head of Ipswich High School, has joined the committee.

Ipswich to Shotley Community Path

A largely traffic-free path from Ipswich down to Shotley Gate, suitable for cyclists, walkers, and wheelchair-users is our priority. Our first task is to commission a feasibility study to establish the best route, phasing, and costs.

The County Council has agreed to do the study for us, but we need to raise the money for it. We have been applying for grants for the last few months and have already raised about a third of what we will need. With ten applications for grants still to be determined, we are hopeful of getting near our target by the New Year.

Fundraising

We may not get all the money we need through grants, so we are appealing to you to suggest other ways of raising funds. We have some ideas in mind, but would love to hear of your suggestions, especially if they have proved successful in the past. Original and inventive ideas please! Donations, however small, will, of course, be very gratefully received.

Under-11's fun cycle-ride

We have contacted the Heads of Shotley and Chelmondiston Primary Schools, and also the Head of Ipswich High School, to try to organise a fun cycle ride for under-11's. We have had a positive response from two of the schools, and are working on its detailed planning. Our original idea was to make it a sponsored fundraiser, but we are now intending to use it purely as a fun event, with perhaps the bonus of some good publicity from the local press for our campaign. However, if any of you have any ideas how some funds could be raised at the same time, by other means, please let us know.

New members and sponsors

We are still looking to recruit more members (just £5.00 pa for the whole family), so if you have a friend or relative who you think might be interested in joining, please talk to them about it, and (with their permission), pass their details on to our Treasurer, Jane Goyder, (contact details below).

We are looking to bring some new skills on to the Committee, so if you have experience in **publicity / communications, IT / web design and management, engineering, or have extensive cycling experience**, we would love to hear from you. The commitment is not onerous, and could be very rewarding.

Alternatively, do you run a local business and would like to be associated with our campaign? If so you could become a sponsor.

Website

A small team of students from Ipswich High School is designing a website for the Campaign. We are very grateful for this support and we hope that the SPCC and the School will be able to jointly launch the website before too long.

Schools

We have now made contact with many of the schools on the peninsula. We want to make sure that our proposed cycle route could be used by local children to safely access their schools by bike. We will also be looking at cross-peninsula routes linking our villages to the three senior schools.

In the meantime, keep cycling, and keep the campaign going.

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