

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

**Held at St Andrew`s Church Room, Chelmondiston, at 7.00pm,
on Thursday 6th July 2017**

1. Welcome:

Mike Crouch (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM. There were 10 attendees, and the meeting was therefore quorate.

2. Apologies:

Mike Castle, Lorraine Deville (IHS), Jez Meredith, Brian Parrott, Des and Liz Pawson.

3. Chairman`s report:

Mike Crouch gave his report on progress made to developing the Shotley Peninsula Green Way over the last year:

- Ipswich to Freston section: this section of the route has had to be shelved for the time being because of the loss of support from a crucial landowner, as detailed in last year`s report
- Freston to Chelmondiston section: the SPCC`s sub-committee is still working on a number of possible alternatives, and is doing this in conjunction with Woolverstone Parish Council.
- Chelmondiston to Shotley Street: a new sub-group has been formed to try and move this section on. Both the existing draft route, as prepared by Suffolk County Council, and other alternatives using existing footpaths and bridleways are being looked at.
- Shotley Street to Shotley Gate: this should be funded by the development on the HMS Ganges site, which now has planning permission
- SPCC continues to work with the Tourism Action Group which was set up last year to look at promoting Green Tourism on the Shotley Peninsula
- A southern route, linking Shotley with Ipswich, and using the lanes on the south side of the peninsula to Holbrook, then using the existing bridleways through the woods at Freston and on into Wherstead, crossing over the A14 beside the A137, and down Bourne Hill to Bourne Bridge. Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership has taken up this proposal, and has submitted a bid for lottery funding for the fairly minor surface improvements to sections of bridleway, and for signage.
- Mike Crouch then thanked all committee members for their continuing hard work on the project. He had decided not to put himself forward for chairman again, having done the job for seven years, but was happy to continue serving on the committee.

4. Report from the Freston to Chelmondiston sub-committee:

Tony Gould reported that possible routes through from the top of Freston Hill, through Woolverstone, to the Chelmondiston boundary are still being considered, in conjunction with the Woolverstone Parish Council. However, the PC has been very preoccupied with their application for Judicial Review regarding the Ganges Planning application, so very little progress has been made.

5. Report from the Chelmondiston to Shotley sub-committee:

Rosie Kirkup reported that she and Sally Williams had been looking at a range of possible routes between Chelmondiston and Shotley, in particular the footpaths and bridleways down the middle of the peninsula, though the main landowner has grave reservations about the insurance situation regarding cycles using footpaths.

6. Annual accounts:

Sally Williams gave a brief summary of the SPCC's annual accounts, reporting that there had been very little expenditure during the last financial year. The accounts had been approved by Nicky Cordle of Foreshore Accountancy

7. Membership:

Jane Goyder reported that membership was slightly down but no new recruitment drive had been initiated due to lack of progress. It was put to the meeting that the membership should, for the time being, be free; at present the SPCC's funds are healthy, so the small amount brought in from membership fees is not required. Anyone wishing for a refund for membership fees paid in advance should be refunded.

Proposed: John Williams, seconded: Rick Kirkup, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. Election of the committee:

In the absence of any other nominations to the committee, and the willingness of all the present committee to stand again, John Williams proposed that the existing committee be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mike Havard, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

9. Election of officers:

Chairman: Rosie Kirkup, proposed by John Williams, seconded by Jane Goyder. There were no other nominations, and her appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Vice-chairman: it was agreed not to fill this post.

Following a proposal from Mike Havard, seconded by John Williams, and unanimously approved, the other officers were re-elected en bloc, as follows:

- Secretary: Cathy Crouch
- Treasurer: Sally Williams
- Membership: Mike Crouch
- Web-master: Tony Gould

10. Minutes of the last AGM:

John Williams proposed that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted, seconded by Rosie Kirkup, and approved by 12 votes, and were signed, as a true record of the meeting, by the chairman.

11. Matters arising:

Rick Kirkup proposed that the name of the SPCC should be changed to the Shotley Peninsula Cycleway Campaign, to reflect that we are campaigning to improve the infrastructure for cyclists, rather than just getting people to cycle. It was agreed that the committee should discuss this further.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm