

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, at 2.30pm, on Friday 6th October 2017

Present: Cathy Crouch, Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Rosie Kirkup, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Mike Havard, Karla Powell.

2. Possible amendment of name of SPCC:

Following a brief discussion, RK suggested that the SPCC's name should be kept as it is, but before a final decision is made, the absent committee members should be consulted. RK will email the four absentees to get their views.

3 Community Path / Shotley Peninsula Green Way:

a) Ipswich to Freston section: in abeyance.

b) Shotley section: RK has not yet spoken to Dave Wood about the "missing" bit of path at Little Oaks, Shotley Gate, but will endeavour to do so. She will also try to arrange to see Alana Baxter, the owner of Little Oaks.

4. Southern route:

This was mentioned at the Tourism Action Group meeting, recently, though it will be the end of the month before the outcome of the bid will be known.

No safety audit of the proposed crossing of the on and off slip roads at the A14 junction at Wherstead was ever carried out.

5. Ganges planning application:

MC summarised the current situation for the committee, ie that p.p. has now been granted.

Derek Davis (District Councillor) believes that the dismantling of the mast for repair is an early priority. He also has doubts whether all the agreed mitigation measures will ever happen.

MC made the point that we need to contact County Highways to try and ensure that the schedule of works for the Community Path between Shotley Gate and Shotley Street is ready for action. A meeting with the portfolio holder for transport matters at SCC needs to be arranged.

6. Freston to Chelmondiston section:

TG reported that he and RK were supposed to attend the September meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council, but instead they were asked to go and speak with Philip Mayhew. Following a conversation with PM they will arrange a meeting to discuss the route of the Community Path in relation to PM's land.

7. Chelmondiston to Shotley section:

This section of the Community Path was also mentioned at the SP Tourism Action Group.

RK had tried to contact Annette Robinson (head of Rights of Way at SCC) with no response.

However, when RK sought help from Tracey Brinkley, AR got in contact immediately. She confirmed that SCC may create licenced footpaths, and that public liability would then pass from the landowner to the County Council.

It was agreed to try to arrange a meeting with AR to discuss licenced footpaths etc in greater detail. CC offered to attend this meeting with RK.

8. Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group:

At the last meeting of this group, it was reported that a group called “Cycling without Age” exists, and that the man who has been running Alton Water Cycle Hire for many years has been got rid of as Anglian Water is taking this business in-house.

The SPCC committee agreed that the SPTAG needs to make improving infrastructure for cycling a priority if they are really serious about encouraging more cycling on the Shotley Peninsula.

9. Publicity/Communications:

a) **Website:** this is up to date.

b) **Newsletter:** has been circulated.

c) **In Touch magazine:** an article was included in the recent edition.

d) **SPCC leaflet:** TG will play around with some photos for the new leaflet.

10. Treasurer`s report:

SW reported that one cheque for £12.50 had been issued for the hire of the Church Room for the AGM, which left a balance of £3810.21 in the account.

11. Membership.

MC reported that 4 new members had been recruited, making a total of 172, plus the 9 groups.

12. Minutes of the last meeting and any matters arising:

The minutes of the meeting held on 17.08.2017 were approved, and signed as true record of the meeting by the chairman.

13. Any other business:

CC reported that Denise Tinker had got in touch about her or her husband getting involved in the SPCC`s work. CC emailed her back, explaining about the campaigning nature of the SPCC, and telling her that we would be delighted to welcome new recruits onto the committee. Nothing more has been heard.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th December, at 10.00am, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.