

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, at 4.00pm, on Thursday 11th January 2018

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

1. Apologies:

Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Karla Powell.

2. Possible amendment of name of SPCC:

The committee agreed to leave this matter for the time being, and continue with our existing name for the time.

3. Community Path / Shotley Peninsula Green Way:

a) Ipswich to Freston section: in abeyance.

b) Freston to Chelmondiston section: RK and TG visited Philip Mayhew and his wife Evelyn on 25.10.17. PM is prepared to offer field edges, next to the road, for the community path. This would create a short off-road section from the track leading down to Freston Tower, to the first house on the left as you come into Woolverstone from the north.

How to get cyclists safely through the built-up part of Woolverstone is probably a matter for Woolverstone PC to take the lead on.

It became clear at this meeting that local landowners are feeling very aggrieved about the impending creation of a new section of coastal path along the south bank of the River Orwell.

c) Chelmondiston to Shotley section: a meeting still needs to be arranged with Geoff Mayhew to talk further about use of the route from Rence Park through to Erwarton. This is in the light of information obtained from Annette Robinson (SCC) at a meeting with RK and CC on 19th October, when she confirmed that responsibility for public liability and maintenance would pass to SCC should a licenced cycle path be created.

d) Shotley section: RK went to see Alana Baxter, the owner of Little Oaks at the north end of Shotley Gate. She was very supportive of the SPCC's general aims, but a bit concerned about the proximity of her oil tank to the proposed new section of footway/cyclepath.

RK will speak to Dave Wood to see if he can find out what, if any, services Highways found on the frontage of Little Oaks and whether the position of the oil tank is a problem. Can the creation of this short section of path then be expedited?

4. Southern route:

Sadly, the lottery grant bid was not successful. However RK understood that Bill Jenman (SCHP) was wanting to continue with some of the projects in the bid: the SPCC needs to persuade him that the Southern Route is a worthy scheme that should be progressed. RK will contact BJ, suggesting a meeting with Dave Wood, SPCC, SCHP, Sustrans, and Highways.

5. Ganges planning application:

RK emailed Cllr. James Finch but he is on long-term sick-leave; Jane Storey is deputising for him. She emailed back recently, informing RK that the Ganges development is likely to start shortly.

The section 106 agreement still stands, with respect to the cycle path in Shotley; the occupation of the 30th house will trigger the release of money that will allow the Suffolk Highways team to draw up plans and engineering details for the scheme.

When work starts, SPCC needs to seek a meeting with the portfolio holder in order to ensure that this all actually happens.

6. Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group:

This group seems to be concentrating on events to do with Arthur Ransome.

7. Publicity/Communications:

- a) **Website:** this is up to date.
- b) **Newsletter:** nothing to report.
- c) **In Touch magazine:** nothing to report.
- d) **SPCC leaflet:** no further progress.

8. Treasurer`s report:

SW reported a balance of £3810.21 in the account.

9. Membership.

MC reported that 3 new members had been recruited, making a total of 175, plus the 9 groups.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 6.10.2017 were approved, and signed as true record of the meeting by the chairman.

13. Any other business:

It was agreed that the next agenda should include:-

- an item on tackling safety issues for cyclists and walkers etc,
- an item on the SPCC`s relationship with the new Coastal Path.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 15th March at 10.00am, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.