

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign**

**Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, at 10.00am, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

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

### **1. Apologies:**

Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Karla Powell.

### **2. Community Path / Shotley Peninsula Green Way:**

#### **a) Shotley section:**

The Committee agreed that County Highways needed to be contacted regarding Bristol Hill, to follow up on a verbal commitment made during a meeting with David Wood, SCC, BDC, Sustrans and SPCC, held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013. This commitment was to make improvements to this bit of road, for the benefit of cyclists, next time scheduled repairs take place. As lorries are already coming and going at the Ganges site, the Committee wants to ensure that these fairly minor improvements on Bristol Hill are not forgotten.

It was agreed to approach David Wood as County Councillor and ask him to arrange a meeting.

#### **b) Shotley to Chelmondiston section:**

No progress to report.

#### **c) Freston to Chelmondiston section:**

Tony Gould wrote to Simon Pearce regarding possible traffic-calming measures in Woolverstone, if parts of the Community Path have to be on-road. SP has responded that this is a good idea, but has not come up with any suggestions or comments, instead asking what the SPCC proposes.

#### **d) Wherstead to Freston section:**

In order to reduce the number of crossings from one side of the road to the other, it was agreed that Rosie Kirkup and Mike Havard will have another look at the verge on the eastern side of Freston Hill to see whether it would be feasible to put the path here.

### **3. Southern route:**

The committee felt that it would be sensible to ask Bill Jenman (SCHP) whether he is touch with the new Sustrans network manager; Mike Havard will find out his name and contact details.

Crossing of A14 slip roads at Wherstead: Cathy Crouch again suggested that SPCC could use its own funds for a safety audit if no other body was prepared to pay.

### **4. Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group:**

The TAG group seems to be focussed on providing bikes, rather than routes for them to use.

Shotley Open Spaces has obtained some electric bikes, but again little thought seems to have been given regarding where they can be used.

However, Bill Jenman has put in a leader bid for “the southern route”, for minor improvements.

Alton Water cycle hire reopens again at Easter.

### **5. Tackling safety issues:**

The shared use of routes by cyclists and walkers can be problematic, but is not a huge issue on the Shotley Peninsula, and not one for the SPCC to get involved in at present.

**6. Coastal path:**

No new information to report. Mike Crouch will look at Natural England's website, see when the consultation for the Orwell stretch will take place, and report at the next meeting.

**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.  
Webmaster is owed £13.67 for domain name annual payment.

**9. Membership.**

MC reported that 3 new members had been recruited and, sadly, one member (who used his bike constantly, and did not own a car) has died, making a total of 174, plus the 9 groups.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 11.1.2018 were approved, and signed as true record of the meeting by the chairman.

**13. Any other business:**

Tony Gould (Webmaster) has looked into the recent changes in data protection legislation, informed the committee of its implications, and taken any further measures necessary to ensure compliance. All personal data held by the SPCC is password protected, and the SPCC website is also compliant.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 10.00am. Venue: Broadacres, Chelmondiston.