

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, at 10.00am, on Thursday 17th May 2018

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

1. Apologies:

Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Karla Powell, Sally Williams.

2. Community Path / Shotley Peninsula Green Way:

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

RK had not had a chance to look at the east side of Freston Hill, to assess the possibility of getting a cycle path on the verge/bank. It was then agreed that the committee should all have a look at this, and discuss the findings at the next committee meeting.

b) Freston to Chelmondiston subcommittee:

TG had spoken to David Falke (SCC ROW) regarding the both the edge of field route offered by Philip Mayhew, and the problem of getting through the built-up part of Woolverstone. Also looked at was the possibility of upgrading the bridleway from Richardsons Lane, Chelmondiston, to the edge of Woodlands, possibly on the back of the proposed development NW of Millfield.

b) Chelmondiston to Shotley section:

No progress to report on the issue of the footpath from The Crouch to Erwarton Hall (across Geoff Mayhew's and Matthews/Oyster Properties land) being used for cycles.

3. Southern route:

RK and TG met with Cathy Smith (SCHP), David Falke and Alex? (both SCC ROW officers) The officers were all very surprised by the landowner pulling out of the previously verbally agreed route at Wherstead.

They furthermore agreed that there should be link from the edge of Ipswich to the proposed route at Wherstead. They will look at the issue of the lack of a safe crossing for cyclists and pedestrians at the top of the A14 slip roads at Wherstead. CC agreed to do some research into who owns the narrow strip of land between the present B1080 and the old line of the road.

SCHP will be applying for Leader Funding (Heritage Coast) to include upgrading the Southern Route. RK will draft a letter from SPCC in support of this application.

The meeting left RK and TG feeling positive, as there seemed to be an additional keenness to link the Southern Route with the SPCC's route. The officers were also keen to adopt the "Shotley Peninsula Green Way" name, and liked the idea of using the SPCC's green cyclist logo all along both routes.

On the subject of Quiet Lanes, SCC are not keen to pursue this avenue further.

4. Ganges development:

The Developers have requested that 3 conditions be removed, and because of this, no construction work has started. RK did not believe that any of them would affect the Shotley Gate section of the proposed route.

5. Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group:

This group only seems interested in cycle hire, and not routes to use them on.

6. Coastal path:

Mike Crouch looked at Natural England's website, see when the consultation for the Orwell stretch will take place, and found the following information:

a) Stour Estuary; NE to submit their proposed route to the Government in early summer 2018 and this will be followed by an 8 week public consultation period. They expect the path to be ready for use in 2019 (nothing more precise).

b) Orwell Estuary; NE to submit their proposed route to the Government in late summer/autumn 2018 and this will also be followed by an 8 week public consultation period. They expect the path to be ready for use in 2020 (again, nothing more precise).

MC felt that this all sounds rather optimistic but it is what their website, (and it has been updated recently), says.

7. GDPR:

Following the sending out of an email to all the membership, in accordance with GDPR guidelines, the membership at present stands at 68 members, compared with 175 previously.

8. AGM planning:

It was agreed to hold this on 19th July, at 7.00pm, at the Church Room, Chelmondiston, (subject to its availability). RK to make booking.

Agenda item to be included: How to boost the SPCC membership again, particularly after the low response to the email sent out seeking permission for SPCC to continue contacting all of our members.

CC to email Karla to find out if she wishes to stand again for the Committee.

9. Publicity/Communications:

a) Website: this is up to date.

b) Newsletter: send one out after the AGM.

c) In Touch magazine: as b) above.

10. Treasurer's report:

No change from last meeting.

11. Membership.

As stated at item 7 above, because of GDPR, the membership details held on Mailchimp have significantly declined. MC to send out a further reminder. It was agreed that it was additionally important to try to get the group members (schools etc) to sign up again.

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 15.3.2018 were approved, and signed as true record of the meeting by the chairman.

13. Any other business:

None.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th July, 2018 at 6.30pm, immediately before the AGM, at the Church Room, Chelmondiston