

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, on Tuesday 10th December 2019, at 6.30pm

Present: Cathy Crouch (Chair), Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Jez Meredith, Karla Powell, Denise Tinker, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Rosie Kirkup

2. Change of Roles:

The Committee voted to exchange the roles of the Secretary and the Membership Secretary so that Mike Crouch now becomes the Secretary and Denise Tinker becomes the Membership Secretary.

3. Community Path:

(a) Ipswich to Freston Section:

MH reported back on the recent meeting with Freston PC, which CC and TG had also attended. The Parish Council listened to our proposals for the introduction of a new cycle and pedestrian path up the northern side of Freston Hill and said they would get back to us after takings soundings about this proposal from their parishioners.

The committee had recently been made aware of a funding programme called the Rural Development Programme for England (2014-2020) and it was agreed that we should seek to submit an 'Expression of Interest' application in respect of our Freston Hill proposals before the end of February. *TG agreed to seek advice about this from BDC's external funding officer.* In the meantime *CC will contact David Wood to see if he will arrange for us to meet the County Council Transport Portfolio Holder in order to try to gain SCC's support for this proposal.*

(b) Freston to Chelmondiston Section:

TG reported that the Mayhews are still intending to submit proposals for new housing in Woolverstone, which will be supported by a proposal for new cycle paths across the parish. We agreed to keep a watching brief on this.

(c) Chelmondiston to Shotley Section:

Nothing new to report.

4. The Southern Route:

CC reported that she has lodged objections, on behalf of the SPCC, against the two planning applications for commercial development adjacent to the A.14/A.137 Wherstead Interchange, because of the adverse impact they would have on cyclists and pedestrians travelling between Ipswich and Wherstead caused by the large increase in vehicular movements. The local County Councillor, Christopher Hudson, has also been helpful and has arranged for one of SCC's highway officers (Luke Barber) to meet us on site on 19 December to explore our concerns and aspirations for cycle improvements in this area. A possible meeting with the developers, Pigeon, has not transpired. It was agreed that CC, MC and MH would attend the meeting on the 19th.

There has been no more progress on sorting out the poor bridleway surface along the edge of Cutlers Wood in Freston.

5. Former HMS Ganges site, Shotley:

As far we know work has still not started on site.

6. Lost Paths:

CC is continuing her research.

7. Publicity/Communications:

(a) Website: Up to date.

(b) Newsletter: newsletter No. 24 has just been sent out to our members.

(c) In Touch Magazine: An article, based on our recent newsletter, should appear in the January edition.

(d) Shaun's Shorts: DT has been loading items onto this site for us. *She will now load up an edited version of our recent newsletter.*

8. Treasurers Report:

There has been no significant change to our account balance which currently stands at £ 3482.92.

9. Membership:

This has now risen to 165, up from 159.

10. Minutes of the last meeting (22.10.19) and Matters Arising:

JM reported back on his ideas for SPCC events in 2020 which would help to both raise our profile and increase interest in cycling on the peninsula. These include a treasure hunt, bike to school day/week, car free day, cycling the southern route with pub stop, cycling around Alton Water, cycle ride and film, and a cycle ride and speaker. *JM agreed to take the lead on these ideas, supported by KP and DT, and then report back to the Committee on some worked up proposals.*

11. AOB:

None.

12. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday, 28th January 2020, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm.

NB. Matters requiring action are shown in italics in the above minutes.