

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

Held at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020, at 6.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Rosie Kirkup, Karla Powell.

2. **Wherstead Planning Applications:**

The planning application for the Aqua Park at the SFH has been withdrawn. There was no further news on the three other applications.

3. **Community Path:**

(a) **Ipswich to Freston Section:**

TG and MH had met Andrew Woodin of Suffolk CC to discuss our proposals for Freston Hill. Andrew Woodin seemed generally supportive of our proposals but said that SCC had no money budgeted to carry out this type of work. He did however suggest that we formally request SCC to do a land ownership search on both sides of Freston Hill to establish exactly what is public highway. This would cost £384 (incl. VAT).

*Action: TG to write to our Councillor Councillor, David Wood, to request Locality Funding for this work.*

*Action: Regardless of the response from David Wood, TG to contact Andrew Woodin to advise him that the SPCC wish to proceed with the land ownership search along the length of Freston Hill for the price quoted.*

In the meantime a Freston Parish questionnaire had established a clear majority in favour of our proposed improvements for Freston Hill.

TG and MH had also spoken to Andrew Woodin about the large pothole in the surface of the bridleway which runs along the edge of Cutlers Wood. Andrew Woodin confirmed that SCC had done this type of remedial work in SSSI's before and that it was possible, but was concerned about the time it would take them to negotiate and receive approval from Natural England. We noted that this was a more constructive response than previous ones from SCC on this subject.

*Action: CC to write to Andrew Woodin, with a copy to the Transport PH, requesting SCC to formally approach Natural England with a view to seeking their approval to do this work in Cutlers Wood SSSI.*

TG had also briefly met the regional Sustrans representative, Philip Broadbent-Yale, and updated him on our proposals for Freston Hill and a "southern route" along the peninsula. P B-Y is keen to help although he will shortly be leaving Sustrans. Notwithstanding this he has offered to cycle these routes with us.

*Action: Those wishing to accompany P B-Y should meet at the Cookhouse, SFH, at 9.30 on Tuesday 24 March. CC to attend.*

(b) **Freston to Chelmondiston Section:**

It was reported that Philip Broadbent Yale has been advising Philip Mayhew about what cycle paths should be inclined in the Mayhews' imminent planning application for new housing in Woolverstone parish. We would need to see what was proposed before formulating any comments on these proposed new cycle routes. We also discussed the new housing proposed for the western edge of Chelmondiston.

*Action: CC to ask RK to enquire if Chelmondiston Parish Council were likely to have any CIL money as a result of this new development on the edge of Chelmondiston, which could be used to upgrade the adjacent bridleway.*

**(c) Chelmondiston to Shotley Section:**

We agreed to continue with our research into possible cycle routes in this section of the peninsula.

**4. Southern Route:**

See earlier comments in 3(a) above.

**5. Ganges Update:**

No recent news.

**6. Lost Paths:**

See 3 (c) above.

**7. Publicity/Communications:**

(a) **Website:** Up to date.

(b) **Newsletter:** JM reported back on ideas his working group have had to make our newsletter more varied and interesting, including new items/sections on: cycling tips, cycling confessions, cycling charities, puzzles/word searches and green issues.

*Action: JM to prepare a draft newsletter, with these ideas included, for our next issue.*

(c) **In Touch Magazine:** *Action: MC to send our next newsletter to the magazine editor.*

(d) **Shaun's Shorts:** DT continues to monitor this and respond for the SPCC as necessary.

**8. Treasurers Report:**

There has been no substantive change to our account balance since our last meeting. In the meantime MH confirmed that he had now completed the SPCC's Group Membership of Cycling UK.

*Action: TG to include new section on our website about how our members can now become Affiliated Members of Cycling UK and take advantage of their reduced third party insurance for cyclists. This would also be mentioned in our next newsletter.*

**9. Membership Update:**

Our membership had increased a little since our last meeting and our new Membership Secretary, DT, will be bringing our membership list up to date after seeking guidance on this from TG.

**10. Minutes of our last Meeting and Matters Arising:**

The Minutes of our last meeting were signed as a true record. Any Matters Arising had already been dealt with.

**11. AOB:**

JM reported that the Events & Promotion Working Group had developed a number of ideas to help promote cycling on the peninsula and raise the SPCC's profile, although it was now unlikely that we would putting any of these in place for the foreseeable future in view of the Coronavirus outbreak. The events and activities under consideration were along the lines of those previously outlined by the group at our December 2019 meeting. They would be split between those for children/families and those for adults.

*Action: Working Group to continue to develop and finesse their proposals.*

**12. Date of Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 28 April 2020 at Broadacres, Chelmondiston, at 6.30.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.