



SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN Newsletter No.9, November 2012

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Hello to all members and friends of the SPCC. This is just a brief newsletter to keep you all up to date with what we, the SPCC, are currently doing.

Progress on the proposed Community Path:

We have continued to make more progress on our proposed path. We now have the County Highway Authority's support for the section of proposed community path between Shotley Street and the foot ferry at Shotley Gate. This route would stay entirely on County Highway land, which should make its implementation more straightforward. Detailed plans of this section of the route will be drawn up in due course, when we will be able to consult SPCC members, the Parish Council, and local residents. In the meantime, we have been keeping the Parish Council fully in the picture and they remain very supportive. We now need to await the outcome of the current HMS Ganges planning application before deciding how best to move forward.

At the Wherstead to Freston section of the path, most of the route also looks reasonably settled. Once again, the County Council and Sustrans have taken a detailed look at the route with us, and are giving it their support. We are hopeful that by the time of our next newsletter, we will have provisional agreement on the precise route for all of this section of the path.

Campaigning to build momentum:

We have already come a long way since we formally launched the SPCC just two and a half years ago. We have a draft proposal for a largely traffic-free, eleven-mile long community path from Ipswich to Shotley. We have the support or involvement of the County and District Councils, local councillors, Parish Councils, and the local schools, Sustrans, the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Project, and two Ipswich based cycling organisations. Perhaps most importantly we have the support of you, our members.

That said, this was never going to be a quick project and we still have much hard work and campaigning ahead of us. Eventual success will depend considerably upon not just maintaining, but also increasing, the momentum behind this project, and to do this we will need to gain the support of even more local and national organisations.

A continuing healthy, local, membership, that shows how much local support we have, is crucial to this aim. We need all of you to keep spreading the word about the SPCC, and to recruit new members if you can.

The SPCC committee members would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

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