Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

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Have you become a Coronavirus Cyclist, a Green Commuter or just want to cycle safely?

We need Safer Cycling on the Peninsula!

During the lockdown it's been a pleasure to see so many bikes on the road, particularly seeing parents cycling with their children in a safe environment – free from the continuous traffic pressure and pollution. What a lovely way to experience the delightful sights and sounds of the Shotley Peninsula countryside. With more traffic now appearing on the road, will this all change now lockdown is being eased?

Help the **Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign** increase the use of cycling on the Peninsula and to create a safe environment – not only for cyclists – but also for walkers, wanderers and wheelchair-users and for young families with scooters, push chairs and prams.

Please spread the word and encourage family, friends and neighbours to become members of the **Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign** by checking out the membership page on http://www.spcc.info

We campaign for a **Green Way**, a safe path from Shotley to Ipswich and for other paths such as the **Southern Route**. See the map on our recent leaflet: http://spcc.info/downloads/new%20leaflet_2019.pdf

Freston Hill News Flash

Good news: a recent poll by *Freston Parish Council* shows that a majority of residents would support the creation of a cycle path up Freston Hill. As cyclists labour up the slope, wobbling from side to side, it would be safer for all types of traffic to have a designated cycle lane going up the hill.

The **Shotley Peninsula Cycle Campaign** have had meetings with *Suffolk Highways* and a sympathetic landowner (who is offering a piece of land)!

ALSO Suffolk County Councillor *David Wood* has agreed to help us pay for the initial research required to determine ownership. We are optimistic that this may be a good start for us. TG

There is further information on our website http://www.spcc.info/Freston%20Hill.html

HELP US…. write to your County Councillor and Council Leader to get more cycle space by using this link: https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/59646/action/1?ea.tracking.id=DE

Peddling Politeness

In a recent article, Cllr Derek Davies has been extolling the virtues of cycling and of the Shotley Peninsula Cycle Campaign in particular!

However, he does complain about some (lycra-clad) groups of cyclists causing frustration to motorists who are unable to get past them. As a car-driver myself, I have been in situations where even a solitary cyclist on a narrow road can cause annoyance and exasperation.

When cycling, we always try to pull in to a field entrance, or even onto the verge (having signalled our intention to do so), to let motorists pass us where it would otherwise be unsafe, and we mostly get a wave, a toot, or a flash of hazard lights by way of thank-you.

We feel that polite behaviour from cyclists could help to encourage equally considerate behaviour from the car, van and lorry drivers that we cyclists have to share the roads with.

It`s worth a try, anyway. CC

DID YOU KNOW? ... SPCC membership is FREE and members can get reduced third party cycle insurance! See our website: http://www.spcc.info

Tinker's Teasers!

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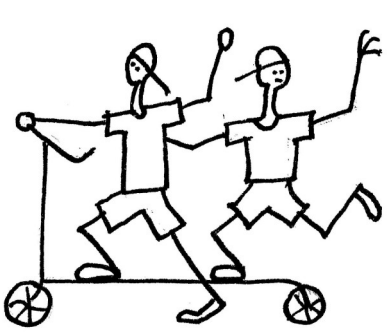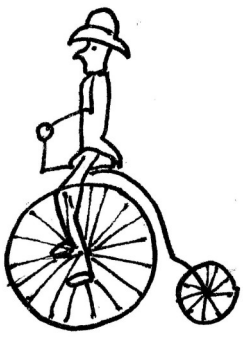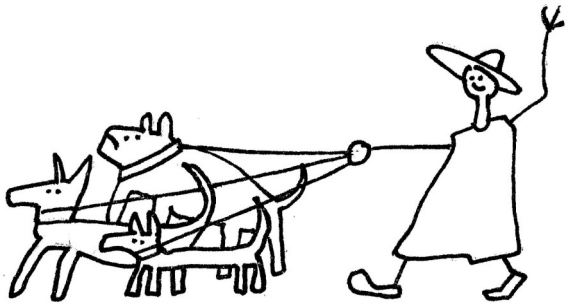
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