

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Chelmondiston Primary School, at 7.30pm,
on Thursday 21st June 2012

The Chairman, Michael Crouch, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, and thanking them for coming to the second Annual General Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign. With 20 members in attendance, the meeting was quorate.

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Kevin Ablitt, Mary Alexander, Rick Kirkup, Mel Matthews, Liesbeth Oosterhof, Mr and Mrs Pawson, Pat Prosser, Patti Shone, Shotley PC, Andrew Sterling, Sally Williams, David Wood.

2. Annual Report:

The Chairman, Mike Crouch, gave his annual report, which included the following:

- ⌚ The SPCC now has over 200 members, plus 10 member organisations, which include all the local schools.
- ⌚ Consultations have been held on the proposed route of the community path. All responses received have been supportive and constructive, both in terms of the overall proposal and the suggested route.
- ⌚ In August and September, traffic and cycle surveys were undertaken over 8 weekend and weekday periods, at both ends of the route. The results showed that the B1456 is heavily used at all times at the Wherstead end, where 8000 vehicles per day were recorded. The traffic remained heavy even in the middle of the day, and the figures for the weekend were also surprisingly high. At the Shotley end only 2,500 vehicles were recorded, less than a third than the volume at Wherstead. At both ends of the B1456 cycle usage averaged 50 per day.
- ⌚ This was followed up by a questionnaire, which 350 (about 5% of the peninsula population) respondents completed. The answers given indicated that an eight-fold increase in cycling could be expected, with the community path in place.
- ⌚ The SPCC then commissioned Sustrans to look at our traffic figures, and assess the increase in cycling that they would expect with the community path in place, by applying their standard formula.
Sustrans predict a doubling of all cycle journeys, which at Wherstead would mean an increase from the existing figure of 14,500 cycle journeys per year, to 29,000. At the Shotley end this would mean an increase from 12,000 cycle journeys per year at present, to 24,000.
This evidence will be vital for when funding is being sought.
- ⌚ The Wherstead end remains the SPCC's priority, but the committee have also decided to press ahead with the section of route from Shotley Street to Shotley Gate, because of the latest Ganges planning application. This section could also be relatively easy to develop, as it would all be on County Council highway land, and has the support of Shotley Parish Council, Sustrans and the County Council.
- ⌚ The SPCC will shortly be making its response to Babergh District Council regarding the Ganges Planning Application. This will not include any opinion on the merits of the application, but will urge Babergh, *if they are minded to grant pp*, to include measures, in particular the Community Path, to mitigate against the large

increase in traffic that the development will generate. All SPCC members were urged to write to Babergh making this point

3. Accounts:

Jane Goyder started off by thanking Nicky Cordle of Foreshore Accountancy, for examining the books.

The motion that the annual accounts be adopted was proposed by David Mullett, and seconded by Mike Castle. The vote was carried unanimously.

JG then reported that it had been a lot of work to get the £5 membership fees paid, and proposed that a 5-year membership for £20 should be offered, as well as the one-year membership. This motion was proposed by David Mullett, and seconded by Giles Goyder, and was carried unanimously.

Nicky Cordle had said that she would be happy to examine the books again: the motion that she be asked to do so for next year's annual accounts was also agreed unanimously (proposed Rosie Kirkup, seconded Mike Havard).

4. Election of Committee:

The SPCC committee can have between 5 and 9 members. The existing 7 members were all willing to stand again, and Sally Williams and Karla Powell had expressed an interest in joining the committee. There were no further nominations from the floor.

The motion to elect all 9 candidates en bloc was unanimously agreed (proposed Steven Reed, seconded David Latter).

5. Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mike Crouch proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by David Mullett.

Vice-chairman: Rosie Kirkup, proposed by Mike Crouch, seconded by Penny Clarke.

Secretary: Cathy Crouch, proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by Rosie Kirkup.

Treasurer: Sally Williams, proposed by Mike Crouch, seconded by Jane Goyder.

Membership sec: Jane Goyder, proposed by Cathy Crouch, seconded by Rosie Kirkup.

Webmaster: Tony Gould, proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by Giles Goyder.

There were no other nominations. All the above nominations were carried unanimously.

6. Patron:

The SPCC's constitution does not require there to be a patron. However, it was felt by the committee that this could be helpful in raising the profile of the campaign. Elaine Purves, who had served on the committee since its inauguration, had decided to stand down because of all her other commitments. Rosie Kirkup proposed that she be appointed Patron of the SPCC, Vicky Cooke seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

7. Minutes of the last AGM:

Cathy Crouch read out the minutes of the 2011 AGM. An error in a date was corrected, and they were then signed by the chairman, Mike Crouch, as a true record of the meeting, with the approval of all present.

The meeting then closed at 8.15pm.