

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

**Held at St Andrew`s Church Room, Chelmondiston, at 7.30pm,
on Wednesday 2nd July 2015**

1. Welcome

Mike Crouch (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM. There were 11 attendees, and the meeting was therefore quorate.

Apologies were received from Mike Havard.

2. Annual report

Mike Crouch gave his annual report to the meeting, and started with an apology for recent lack of progress on the Community Path, due to the Chairman and Secretary being heavily involved in a major building project. The main points of his report were:

- On the up-side, cycling continues to get ever more popular, and the government is committed to preparing / updating a national cycling strategy, with £10 per head of population promised to be spent on improving matters for cyclists.
- The Shotley Peninsula has heavy use by cyclists, especially on the south side, where our perception is that numbers of cyclists have doubled in recent times. Sustrans have put the southern route along the peninsula on their map of local cycle routes.
- Councillor Graham Newman, who cycled our proposed route with committee members late last year, felt that the project was doable, but since then a complete cabinet reshuffle has taken place at Suffolk County Council, and Cllr Finch is now the portfolio holder for Transport.
- Shotley Peninsula Greenway is now the official name of our Community Path, following a vote by our members.
- John Soane (retired Highway Engineer and cyclist) has prepared detailed route plans for the Ipswich to Freston section of the route, which the committee will look at. These plans were also sent to Graham Chamberlin at Babergh DC, who raised no specific objections, and was chiefly interested in the proposed path surface.
- Shotley section: BDC resolved to grant pp for the Ganges development, and have negotiated S106 funding which includes £275,000 for the Shotley section of the route.
- Ganges: as stated above, BDC have agreed a package of S106 measures, payment of which would only be triggered by the start of the development works.
- Suffolk Quiet Lanes: a pilot scheme is now up and running in the Felixstowe and Woodbridge areas. Monitoring of the scheme has shown that the number of cars using these routes has not reduced, and usage by cyclists and walkers has only marginally increased.
- The SPCC is now a group member of the CTC (Cyclists Touring Club), meaning that our members can join the CTC for a reduced fee and get the benefit of third party insurance when cycling. SPCC can also get third party cover for any events staged.
- Shotley gate: the owner of Little Oaks is willing to meet committee members regarding the break in the footway.

3. Sub-committee annual report:

Tony Gould reported the sub-committee was concentrating on the Woolverstone to Chelmondiston section. TG has been in discussion with Peter Bradfield and Matt

Williams of SCC Highways, and looked at using the grass verges and existing bridleways. The Quiet Lanes scheme was also being monitored. TG had also attended Woolverstone Parish Council meetings.

4. Annual accounts and membership fees:

Sally Williams reported that the annual accounts were very straight forward:

- Most subscriptions were now for the five-year membership
- Main expenditure was the cost of the survey drawings at Wherstead that John Soane produced for the SPCC.
- Nicky Cordle was thanked for auditing the accounts
- Membership fees: The £5 membership fee is very simple to administer, and SW recommended keeping it at £5.

5. Membership:

Jane Goyer reported that membership numbers had gone down slightly, mainly due to annual members not renewing. Until something concrete is achieved, numbers could not be expected to improve greatly.

Membership stood at 150, including 26 children, made up of 66 households, plus 8 group memberships.

6. Election of Committee:

There were no nominations for the 9 committee places, other than for the 9 existing committee members who were all willing to stand again.

John Williams proposed that the 9 current committee members be re-elected en bloc, seconded by Rosie Kirkup, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

7. Election of Officers:

Chairman: Mike Crouch, proposed by John Williams, seconded by Rosie Kirkup. There were no other nominations, and his appointment was unanimously approved.

All other officers were re-elected en bloc, following a proposal by John Williams, seconded by Brian Parret. The proposal was unanimously approved as follows:

- Vice-Chairman: Rosie Kirkup
- Secretary: Cathy Crouch
- Treasurer: Sally Williams
- Membership: Jane Goyder
- Web-Master: Tony Gould

8. Minutes of the last AGM (19.6.14)

The minutes of the last AGM were signed as a true record of the meeting.

9. Matters arising:

The accounts presented at the last AGM, which had not been approved, were subsequently approved by Nicky Cordle.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

