

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, 9.15 am on Monday 28th February 2011

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Jane Goyder, Rosie Kirkup, Anthony Wright

1) Apologies:

None received

2a) SCC's cycle route proposals:

MC, CC, and RK had attended a meeting with David Kemp at Suffolk County Council, on 24th Feb., to look at his proposals for the route of the path. Anthony Wright also attended as Sustrans representative.

After looking at DK's proposals, the committee was generally happy with his preferred route from Bourne Bridge to the centre of Chelmondiston, but felt that from Chelmondiston to Shotley Gate his route was one for tourists and leisure cyclists, but not for getting to school, work, or the Doctors' surgery.

The Committee was in favour of an alternative, roadside, path from the edge of Chelmondiston to Shotley Gate, using field edges, existing footways, and where necessary the road, with traffic calming. AW also supported this alternative route.

The committee also agreed:

- MC should arrange to see DK again, to get the preferred route finalised. Some detailed survey notes made when the Committee was first looking at possible routes would be handed to DK to assist him.
- MC would contact Elaine Purves to see where she / GDST would be happy for the route to cross IHS land at Woolverstone.
- Phase 1 of the project should be Bourne Bridge to Freston.

Once the preferred route is finalised, DK will be asked to produce a table of estimated costs for different surface treatments, crossings, signage, etc, etc.

2b) Sustrans ideas for the Shotley Peninsula:

AW reported that he / Sustrans have identified a draft Regional Route, using lanes and bridleways, from the foot ferry at Shotley Marina to the edge of Ipswich, to complement / provide a link with Cycle Route 51. He is hoping to start signing it towards the end of the year.

AW views this route as additional to our route, not as an alternative. It is further (13 miles) and goes through the smaller villages on the south side of the peninsula. It could form a circular route with SPCC's route, in due course, however.

Agreed: that MC and others will cycle this draft regional route with AW, in the spring, to finalise the best route.

3a) Publicity:

The Committee were happy with MC's draft communications plan, and duly adopted it.

3b) Website:

Still no confirmation that our domain name is now registered (shotleypeninsulacycling.org). RK will find out from Paul Warren at IHS.

RK will also PW to email revised SPCC logo to us for approval and then to meet PW / girls again if necessary.

3c) Email address:

RK has yet to ask Lee Foster for advice regarding an SPCC email address, but will do so.

4) Fun Ride:

(Please see attached notes from SPCC Fun Ride Sub-committee.)

Insurance: RK has now heard that IHS's insurance will cover the event.

Marshals: CC will target specific members likely to be willing to help, and put out general request for help in email to all members.

Police: available to come to postcode bikes. RK will also see if they can offer basic safety checks.

SCC's Cycling Officers: they are no longer allowed to attend week-end events, and will therefore not be attending.

5) Schools update:

Nigel Hampden will be attending Holbrook High School assemblies on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd March to talk about and encourage cycling. RK will attend on 1st, and JG on 2nd, to briefly talk about SPCC.

Shotley Primary School: CC has emailed Judy Sweeting as advised by Martin Andrew (SCC), but still no response. CC will make contact by phone.

6) Treasurers report:

Total funds now stand at £5847.10

Two more members, bringing total to 100.

Babergh DC grants have to be claimed by 31.03.11. MC will ask DK to invoice us for work done on route, so that claim can be made.

Cheque approved for payment to St. John's Ambulance for attending Fun Ride. (£40.00 + vat)

7) Matters arising and minutes:

3c) MC will contact RHS head after publication of Cycle Route study

8) RK has not heard back from Pink Sky Cycling.

The minutes of the last meeting (31.01.11) were signed as correct.

8) AOB:

Publicity for the public meeting in May: we need a generic poster that can be adapted for all events. MC has done a rough proforma, and will liase with RK.

9) Date of next meeting:

Monday 28th March 2011, at 2.00 pm, at Stone Cottage.

Anthony Wright has been asked to attend again.