

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

**Held at St Andrew`s Church Room, Chelmondiston, at 7.30pm,
on Thursday 6th June 2013**

1. Welcome:

Mike Crouch (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM of the SPCC.

There were 16 attendees.

Apologies were received from Brian Parrett, Mary Alexander, Karla Powell, and Anthony Wright

2. Annual report:

Mike Crouch spoke about cycling being at an exciting stage, after all the British successes of the Olympics and the Tour de France. Far more people are out and about on their bikes in our local area. Our Councils are putting cycling higher up their agenda. The report on cycling recently produced by the All Party Parliamentary Group is very encouraging, too.

It is therefore a very good time to be working towards a community path for the Shotley Peninsula.

Last year we were setting our agenda, but this year, because of the stage of development we have reached, we are more at the mercy of landowners and councils and progress has, understandably, been slower.

However, at the Shotley end, the route has largely been agreed by all interested parties, ie Shotley Parish Council, Suffolk County Council and the SPCC. This section of the path would have the great merit of linking the two main communities of Shotley.

We are still waiting for BDC`s verdict on the Ganges Planning Application; our campaign has made a case for the path receiving funding from the developers through Section 106 payments, should Babergh decide to grant planning permission for this development. Suffolk County Council has also submitted the view that the developers should pay for the Shotley section of the path, in order to help mitigate the negative impact of the development.

At the Ipswich to Freston section, a route has been provisionally agreed with the landowners, except for a short cross-field section that still has to be resolved.

A meeting has been set up with SCC and BDC to discuss all the planning issues surrounding the development of the path. Planning permission will need to be in place before funding could be sought.

A sub-group is also being set up to look at the middle section of the path (Freston to Shotley), to see if smaller, incremental improvements can be made here relatively easily.

Mike Crouch then reported on membership of the SPCC: numbers are still healthy, though they have dropped slightly below what they were at their highest. Getting members to renew their membership has been a bit of a challenge, but a new 5-year membership for the price of 4 years is proving very popular.

Financially the SPCC is still on a very sound footing, good progress continues to be made; the Community Path was never going to be a short- term project. The SPCC continues to have the support of the peninsula`s Parish Councils and County and District Councillors.

Finally, Mike Crouch thanked all the members of SPCC for supporting the campaign, and his fellow committee members for all their hard work.

3. Annual accounts:

Treasurer of the SPCC, Sally Williams, gave a brief report of the SPCC's finances. During the last year a small change had been made to the membership fees, so that it is now possible to pay £20 for a five-year membership. Two-thirds of members renewing their membership went for this option. In addition, sixty-six new members had been recruited. Expenditure in the last financial year came to less than £25, and included payments to Paypal and our web host. The accounts were then approved unanimously by the meeting.

4. Election of Committee:

All nine existing committee members expressed their willingness to stand again. There were no other nominations. John Williams proposed that the nine candidates should be elected en bloc, seconded by Penny Clarke. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Election of officers:

Chairman: Mike Crouch proposed by John Williams, seconded by Giles Goyder
Vice-Chairman: Rosie Kirkup proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by John Williams
Secretary: Cathy Crouch proposed by Rosie Kirkup, seconded by John Williams
Treasurer: Sally Williams proposed by Cathy Crouch, seconded by Rosie Kirkup
Membership Secretary: Jane Goyder proposed by John Williams, seconded by KC?
Webmaster: Tony Gould proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by Rosie Kirkup

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

6. Patron:

Last year, Elaine Purves agreed to be our patron. She has been a strong supporter of the campaign and a great advocate for us. Sadly for us, she is moving to a new job in Lancashire in September. The meeting recorded its thanks to her for her efforts and involvement. At present the committee has no one in mind as a replacement patron, and asked everyone to think about who we might approach.

7. Constitution:

Two minor changes to the SPCC constitution were then discussed:

1. Following the approval of 5-year membership as an option at the 2012 AGM, the SPCC's constitution needed amending to reflect this.
2. Sub- committees: the existing constitution allows for sub-committees to be set up, but only using existing members of the main committee. It was proposed that this should be amended to allow others to co-opted onto sub-committees, subject to the approval of the main committee.

John Williams proposed the adoption of both these amendments, seconded by Jane Goyder. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Minutes of the 2012 AGM

These had previously been circulated to all SPCC members. Mike Havard proposed that they be adopted as a true record of the meeting, seconded by Rosie Kirkup. Approved by all present at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.02pm.