

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 15th July 2013

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Rosie Kirkup, Karla Powell.

1. Apologies:

Mike Havard and Sally Williams.

2. Community Path

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

MC reported that he had met with Sally Morton of Oyster Properties, regarding possible usage of a narrow strip of grass verge in front of Foxes Marina, in order to widen the existing footway for the use by the community path. She seemed supportive of the project, and had no objection, in principle, to our proposal, but would need to talk to her boss about it. She had reservations, however, about the use of the sea wall adjacent to Foxes boat storage area, where there have been some problems with vandalism. She would be happier with the grass verge being used, though this would require the ditch to be piped.

b) Shotley section:

No change.

3. Ganges Planning application:

MC reported that Haylink have submitted further details and a revised environmental assessment, but as far as he could see the only significant change is the percentage of affordable housing, which has been reduced to about 15% of the total, and which it is claimed will make the development more viable, financially. This should therefore make more money available for Section106 agreements.

In the light of these amendments, the committee agreed to respond to Babergh by reiterating our previous comments, and to follow this with a letter to the members of the planning committee just before the application goes to committee. At JG's suggestion, MC will prepare a suitable letter.

A request to speak at the committee will also be made at the appropriate time.

4. Meeting with SCC and BDC:

A meeting with representatives from Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council has been arranged for 2.00pm on 25th July, at Endeavour House, Ipswich.

County Councillor David Wood will be attending, plus Anthony Wright (Sustrans), Ian Richardson (SC Highways), Steve Merry (SC Highways), Colin Bird (SC Highways), Tom Barker (BDC) and Graham Chamberlain (BDC Development Control Officer).

MC will represent SPCC, and it was agreed to ask MH if he would also be willing to attend. The meeting is to determine which sections of the community path would require planning permission, and who should make the application (CC pointed out that Parish Councils are charged less to make planning applications).

MC will also find out what help County Highways might be able to offer for the preparation of the necessary plans.

5. Report from new sub-committee:

TG reported that the sub-committee had met for the first time on 26th June, with TG, GG, JG, and Jez Meredith attending. Notes of this meeting had already been circulated to all SPCC Committee members

The sub-committee had walked the proposed route of the path between Woolverstone and Chelmondiston to re-familiarise themselves with it.

A site meeting with Mr and Mrs Edgell (landowners), the SCC Rights of Way Officer, and RK (representing Chelmondiston Parish Council) will be arranged to discuss improvements to the existing bridleway in Chelmondiston, and a meeting with Ipswich High School will also need to be organised.

The need for a name for the Community Path had been suggested.

Next meeting of the sub-committee: 24th July 2013

The SPCC Committee approved JM's co-option onto the sub-committee,

The SPCC Committee further agreed that all proposals needed to be referred back to the main committee for approval.

A name for the path was a good idea, and would be considered at a later meeting.

6. New Leaflet:

RK reported that the new leaflet was almost finalised. RK will circulate final draft for approval prior to getting it printed.

7. Fun Ride:

KP reported that the Fun Ride had been a great success, with a large number of participants. It had taken a lot of hard work to organise, but had been thoroughly worthwhile, with the SPCC recruiting 50 new members, and selling several of the new SPCC hi-vis jackets.

KP also suggested that a ride should take place at Shotley next year, and that it be scheduled for National Bike Week, and affiliation to another cycling body should be considered, in order to get cover for such events from their insurance.

KP and RK were thanked for all their hard work.

8. Publicity and Communications:

a) Website:

TG reported that he has completed a lot of updating and uploading to the SPCC website. The Hi-Vis jackets will shortly be advertised for sale on the web-site.

b) Newsletter:

A newsletter will be prepared after the meeting on the 25th July, when there may be developments to report.

9. Financial matters:

SW had sent a brief statement, showing that the account had a balance of £4306.19, and that £20 for membership was waiting to be banked.

10. Membership:

JG reported membership of 196.

11. Minutes and matters arising:

The minutes of the meetings of 29th April and 6th June were agreed and signed.

12. AOB:

TG mentioned the publication "Paths for Communities", which could be helpful, especially in terms of upgrades from footpaths to bridleways.

13. Date of next meeting:

23rd September 2013, 10.30am, at Fennel Cottage, Harkstead.