

## **Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign**

**Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

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

### **1. Apologies:**

None.

### **2. Community path: Ipswich to Freston section**

Still no response from either Richard Matthews or his PA at Oyster Properties; this has been going on for 9 months. MC has told them that we will give them a plan of our proposals before we submit the planning application

MH has contacted an old cycling friend, John Soames, who has huge experience of drawing up Highways plans, and has worked on schemes for Suffolk CC and is known to Anthony Wright. He is now semi-retired, and is happy to meet with MH and MC (on 24.3.14) to look at this first section of the path, to see if he is able to help with the plans needed for the planning application. NB Planning permission will only be required for those bits of the path **not** on County Council land.

The Pauls: MC and CC met Oliver and Robert Paul recently to check whether they are still happy in principle with our proposals where it affects their land. They are happy with the sections of path in front of the Foodhall, along the sea wall, and up their driveway.

They are still of the view that it will not be possible to upgrade the footpath that runs diagonally across the field at the bottom of Freston Hill, so cyclists will need to use the B1456 from Red Gate Lane to the bottom of Freston Hill. Because of this, they are suggesting that we take the path all the way up the **north side of the road**, rather than the south side to minimise the need to cross.

MH and MC will discuss this with John Soames when they meet.

### **3. Community path: Shotley section**

MC asked Richard Wrinch to pursue the issue of the garden blocking the footway at the start of Shotley Gate, but has received no reply. MC will resend the email. TG mentioned that the fence has now gone, so that it is now possible to walk between the two bits of footway without stepping out into the road.

Ganges planning application: MC asked Graham Chamberlain where Babergh has got to with the s106 negotiations. GC confirmed that the s106 agreement is still in draft form, but is close to being signed, with £190K is still earmarked for the Shotley section of path, plus another £50K previously allocated for real-time passenger information, giving a likely total of around £240K.

However, RK informed the meeting that Woolverstone PC is seeking to go to Judicial Review, so further delays are very likely.

### **4. Sub-Committee:**

Sub-committee will be meeting again shortly.

James Edgell was asked if he could go via Collimer Close when on his tractor, but he has replied in the negative. The bridleway surface will therefore need to be resurfaced with lots of aggregate to withstand the tractor wheels.

- 5. Suffolk quiet lanes:**

A small pilot scheme has been established NE of Woodbridge. Their usage by cyclists and walkers is being monitored. MC and CC who attended the opening ceremony met Suffolk County Cllr Graham Newman (Portfolio holder for Transport), who is a cyclist, which was useful for our cause. MC emailed him the link to our website. He suggested coming over from Felixstowe on the foot-ferry, and cycling the route with us.  
Cycle Ipswich is also talking to Cllr Newman re Wherstead Rd and cycling.
- 6. Website:**

TG has updated the website with recent minutes, etc.  
The domain name has come up for renewal again at a cost of £10.79. It was agreed that TG should be reimbursed for this cost.
- 7. Newsletter:**

Last one sent out in December, so time to do another one. MC will put one together.
- 8. Publicity:**

JG was congratulated for her excellent article for the In Touch magazine. KP will send in an article for the next issue, including news of the Big Pedal.
- 9. Treasurer:**

SW reported a balance of £4428.55.
- 10. Membership:**

No update from last report, except that all non-renewers were emailed again before JG went on holiday.
- 11. Minutes:**

No other matters arising.  
MC signed the minutes as a true record of the last meeting.
- 12. AOB:**

KP reminded the meeting that National Bike Week will take place from the 14-22 June, and suggested including a paragraph about this for the newsletter, and encouragement to our members to get out on their bikes during that week.  
TG asked if we would get cheaper insurance as a group for events etc if we were affiliated to the CTC. TG will investigate this.  
TG also mentioned the fact that the Women`s Tour of Britain cycle race will be coming through Freston and Holbrook on 9.5.14, and on 11.5.14 will follow a route from Harwich to Bury St Edmund.  
MC asked all committee members to think about the forthcoming AGM, and what will need to be discussed at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th May, 10.30, at Stone Cottage.**