

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 19th June 2014**

1. Welcome

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

Apologies were received from Jez Meredith, John Deacon, Rick Kirkup and Miriam Goyder.

2. Annual report

Mike Crouch gave his annual report to the meeting, and started with a comment that a lot more people were using bikes, sales of bikes continued to rise, and the SPCC committee felt it was right to continue with the campaign for community path.

Regarding the Ipswich to Freston section of the path: further meetings have been held with the Paul family, who are happy with the proposed route, and agreement has been reached with Suffolk County Council and Babergh District Council regarding what they will require to be in the planning application for this section of the path. Furthermore, Mike Havard has found a Highways engineer, who is also a keen cyclist, who is prepared to draw up the necessary plans for a small fee. It is hoped that a planning application can be submitted before the end of the year.

Planning permission will be needed before any fundraising can commence, as funders will not take seriously a proposal without the necessary planning permission.

Regarding the Shotley end of the path: Babergh District Council has declared its intention to grant planning permission for the Ganges site, and also its intention that the section of path between Shotley Street and Shotley Marina should be earmarked for Section 106 money to the tune of £255,000, which should be enough for its completion, according to the cost estimate provided by Suffolk County Council.

Other events:

The fun ride organised by Karla Powell and Rosie Kirkup were a great success, and 50 new members were recruited.

A new SPCC information leaflet has been produced.

The Suffolk CC portfolio holder for transport (Cllr Graham Newman) has taken an interest in the project, and will be cycling the route with the SPCC committee in July.

A sub-committee has been set up to look at the two middle sections of the path to see if any progress can be made there.

Mike Crouch then thanked everyone who has been involved over the past year for all their hard work.

3. Annual Accounts

Treasurer, Sally Williams, gave her report: the accounts for the year ending 30th April 2014 had been very straight forward, and the increased number of 5-year memberships that have now been taken out have helped to simplify her job, and that of the membership

secretary. These draft accounts were circulated at the meeting. Nicky Cordle will be auditing the accounts when she has sufficient free time.

Subject to these accounts being approved by Nicky Cordle, Jane Goyder proposed that they be accepted by those present at the AGM. This was seconded by Rosie Kirkup, and approved unanimously.

4. Election of Committee

John Williams proposed that the present committee be re-elected en bloc, and Giles Goyder seconded this. The proposal was approved unanimously.

5. Name for the community path

A suggestion has been made that the community path needs a memorable name. The meeting agreed to put forward the Shotley Peninsula Green Way to all the local councils for their approval.

6. Minutes of the last meeting

Mike Havard proposed that the minutes of the last AGM be approved as a true record of the meeting. Seconded by John Williams, and unanimously agreed by the meeting.

7. AOB

Following a query by Jane Goyder, the meeting agreed that the membership fee for the SPCC should remain at £5 p.a. or £20 for a 5-year membership per household.

The meeting then closed at 8.05 pm