

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.30am, on Monday 21st July 2014

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

1. Apologies:

None

2. Community path:

No significant changes to report. However, MC and MH are to meet John Soane again, prior to him drawing up the engineering plans for the route. He will contact us in 2 weeks time.

Tomorrow (22.7.14) MC and others are to meet Suffolk County Councillor Newman to cycle the route of the community path.

CC will contact David Mullett regarding the short stretch of garden between the two sections of footway as you enter Shotley Gate from the north.

The name for the community path, as agreed at the recent AGM, will be the Shotley Peninsula Green Way. However, SPCC will run this past Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Project, and Babergh District Council, and if there are no adverse comments, will then notify all the affected Parish Councils.

3. Ganges development site:

RK reported that the Section 106 agreement negotiations have stalled, since Babergh and Haylink cannot apparently reach an agreement. Rumour has it that Haylink may be looking to sell the site.

4. Sub-Committee:

The sub-committee reported on its progress. See separate minutes, and item 6 below.

5. Church path and other proposed off-road section:

Surfacing: TG has been advised that small stones are suitable for horses hoofs, also softer surfaces. Megan at Hill Farm Equestrian Centre has 30 tons of a sand and rubber mix from the manege. However, there is the possible issue of rubber contamination, so probably not a good idea.

Church Path: The gradient of the Church Path bridleway, where it comes down onto Richardsons Lane, is not a problem, but the surface is very dished, and the hedge and trees on either side overhang it badly. RK will ask the tree warden to trim this growth back. SCC will not do anything to improve the surface of the path.

Ipswich High School section: TG met the shepherd to discuss using the concrete track that crosses the sheep fields half way down the drive. Shepherd was concerned about it being used by the cycle route, to begin with, but subsequently came round. TG suggested that the subcommittee tries to get further with this proposal.

Cat House road: this is not a public right of way, except for a very short section from behind the houses on the main road to where the footpath from Mannings Lane to the church crosses it. SPCC will need the agreement of Woolverstone Marina if cycling on Cat House Road is to be allowed.

Historical tracks: research could be carried out into historic tracks on the peninsula, including the Common Way. Could ask the Local History Group for their assistance.

Ipswich High School to Berners Lane: there is an existing footpath on the field side of the hedge. The field is believed to belong to the Stennet family: a letter will be sent to them asking what they think of using this path for cycles / inviting them to a meeting.

Richardsons Lane to Bylam Lane: this bit of the B1456 has a 60mph speed limit. The committee will support the Parish Council's attempt to get the 30mph limit extended as far as Bylam Lane.

6. Publicity and Communications:

a) Website:

Nothing to report.

b) Newsletter:

Next issue due now. To be included: Cllr Newman, CTC group membership, and reduced cost of 3rd party insurance cover.

c) In-touch magazine:

Article about Cllr Newman cycling the route to be submitted by RK.

7. Treasurers report:

SW reported that on 1.7.14 the bank balance stood at £4439.56.

The books had still not been approved by the auditor.

2 new members, both 5 year memberships.

8. Membership update:

See above.

JG will encourage 5-year membership renewals from those whose memberships have expired.

9. Minutes:

JH was amended to JS in line 2 of paragraph 2. The minutes were then signed as a true record of the meeting.

10. AOB:

RK reported that Abellio are advertising their "Boris bikes" at Ipswich Station.

MH is meeting with Abellio shortly, and will mention our path to them. He also mentioned that rail contractors, Spencer, will do good works in the community, eg laying a new access road for a football club.

JG suggested that to access EU funding the SPCC will need to be part of a larger umbrella organisation, eg. Community Action Suffolk (annual sub £30). It was agreed to keep this in mind for the future.

TG reported that the way our SPCC email is set up is now slightly different: secretary now has a folder.

Date of next meeting: Monday 29th September 2014, 10.30am, at Stone Cottage.