

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

**Held at St Andrew`s Church Room, Chelmondiston, at 7.00pm,
on Thursday 19th July 2018**

1. Welcome:

Rosie Kirkup (Chairperson) welcomed everyone to the AGM. There were 15 attendees, and the meeting was therefore quorate.

2. Apologies:

Apologies had been received from: Angela and David Fleming Brown, Giles and Jane Goyder, Fiona Jones, Brian Parrett, and John and Sally Williams.

3. Chairman`s report:

Rosie Kirkup gave her report on the work done by the SPCC Committee over the previous year. Topics covered were:

- The resignation of two of our founder members, following their relocation to Sussex, and her thanks for all their years of commitment to the SPCC.
- The late-stage withdrawal of support from a key landowner in the Ipswich to Freston section, leading to SPCC having to shelve this well-advanced part of the project.
- The implications of GDPR for the SPCC.
- Rethinking part of the Freston to Woolverstone route, to further consider moving the route to the east side of Freston Hill, and to the field edge round by Freston Crossroads as far as the start of Woolverstone village.
- Keeping in touch with the Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group.
- Looking at the “Southern Route” with the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership and County Council Highways and Rights of Way officers.
- Discussions regarding a possible, alternative, cross-field route between Chelmondiston and Erwarton.
- The Ganges development and the Section 106 funding for the Shotley section of the route.

4. Report from the Freston to Chelmondiston sub-committee:

Tony Gould gave a brief report of the on-going negotiations regarding the proposed use, by the community path, of the field edge from the top of Freston Hill to the start of the built-up area of Woolverstone. Once into the 30mph speed limit, the path would need to re-join the road until Mannings Lane, where the hope is that it could then use the cross-field paths as far as Woolverstone Church. Beyond this point there is an unresolved section of the path until Berners Lane where, first, a restricted byway, and then a public bridleway go right into the centre of Chelmondiston.

5. Report from the Chelmondiston to Shotley sub-committee:

Rosie Kirkup reported that she and Sally Williams are still looking at a possible route between Chelmondiston and Shotley, using the footpaths and bridleways down the middle of the peninsula. The principal landowner has not given his consent to cyclists using the footpath, but licencing agreements are still being explored by the SPCC.

6. Annual accounts:

In the absence of Sally Williams, copies of the SPCC`s annual accounts were circulated to those present, and Rosie Kirkup briefly summarised them. Once again there had been very little

expenditure during the last financial year, and there was a healthy balance of £3748.54 in the bank account. The accounts had been approved by Nicky Cordle of Foreshore Accountancy. The meeting agreed to give her a bottle of wine by way of a token thank-you.

7. Membership:

Mike Crouch reported that the new General Data Protection Regulations had had quite an impact on the membership of the SPCC, which had dropped from 175 to 124 members. It now seems that it may not, after all, have been necessary to require all previous members to opt in again, as they had already done so when they joined the campaign.

Cathy Crouch commented that none of the group members, eg the local schools, had rejoined. Denise Tinker offered to contact them all.

8. Election of the committee:

Giles and Jane Goyder had tendered their resignation from the committee, as they no longer live in the area. All the remaining 7 committee members were willing to stand again, and in addition, Jez Meredith and Denise Tinker agreed to join the committee, bringing the total up to the maximum permitted number of 9 members.

Mike Havard proposed that the nine candidates be elected en bloc, seconded by Mike Crouch.

The motion was passed by 14 votes. There was one abstention.

Sean Tinker was also keen to get involved, and it was agreed that the new committee would co-opt him, as is permitted by the constitution.

9. Election of officers:

The existing officers were all willing to continue in their jobs; there were no other nominations.

Following a proposal from Rick Kirkup, seconded by Keith Cooper and approved by 14 votes, with one abstention, the officers were re-elected en bloc, as follows:

- Chairperson: Rosie Kirkup
- Secretary: Cathy Crouch
- Treasurer: Sally Williams
- Membership: Mike Crouch
- Web-master: Tony Gould

10. Minutes of the last AGM:

The minutes of the last AGM (that took place on 6th July 2017) were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the chairman.

11. Matters arising:

Lorna Pettit, who has recently joined the SPCC, said that she had only got to hear about the campaign recently, despite living in Chelmondiston for several years. She suggested that the SPCC's profile needed to be raised.

Long-standing committee members pointed out that there had been leaflets available at locations all over the peninsula, such as the Doctors' surgeries, the Holbrook Co-op and other shops, and that two fun rides had taken place. An event was also held with the Stour and Orwell Society at Suffolk Food Hall, to raise awareness of the SPCC. It was agreed, however, that the new Committee should discuss this further and, in particular, look at holding a publicity event, such as another Fun Ride.

There were no further topics raised.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed:

Date: