

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at The Church Room, Chelmondiston, on Wednesday 16th January 2019, at 6.00pm

Present: Cathy Crouch, Mike Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup, Jez Meredith, Denise Tinker, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Karla Powell, Sean Tinker.

2. Community Path:

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

Mike Havard told the meeting that John Soames had agreed to do prepare the plans for the proposed cycle path up Freston Hill for a very modest charge amounting, in MH's estimation, to about £250. Since then JS had asked if SPCC would prefer for the survey work to be undertaken by someone else using modern equipment. JS suggested the firm EDI for this, but their estimate to do the survey was circa £2,500.

This would increase costs hugely, to no advantage; JS had done the survey work himself for the Wherstead section, assisted by two committee members and the results were more than adequate. There is also the issue of safety, but it was concluded that this could be addressed by a couple of additional committee members keeping a watch out for approaching traffic.

JS was happy to proceed on the basis of him doing the survey, with assistance.

MH will liaise with JS and the other volunteers.

b) Freston to Chelmondiston section:

Nothing new to report.

c) Chelmondiston to Shotley section:

Rosie Kirkup reported that she and Rick had cycled the track between Rence Park and Warren Lane recently, and had found it very potholed. However, Geoff Mayhew is happy to assist with improving the surface of land in his ownership.

This still leaves the short section of footpath in another ownership where the landowner is unlikely to be so co-operative. If this cannot be resolved, cyclists will need to be advised to get off and walk this short section.

3. Southern Route

RK has made contact with Philip Broadbent-Yale of Sustrans, who will be happy to meet some of the committee in Ipswich, although he is very busy. RK will follow this up.

Nothing has been heard back from Claire Cadman: she had previously agreed to speak to Martin Williams about using plastic boarding for a very short section of boardwalk.

Mike Crouch suggested that SPCC should write to the manager of the SCHP, and copy in David Wood, pointing out that only about 25metres of bridleway through the Cutlers Wood SSSI needed any improvement, with not more than 90metres of the bridleway elsewhere needing remedial work.

Cathy Crouch has not had any response from Elizabeth Aldous regarding the ownership of the bridleway, but will contact her again.

The committee members then agreed to contact Suffolk CC Highways regarding the poor state of the bridleway's surface in these short sections, but as private individuals, and to make the complaint from the point of view of pedestrians (as, bizarrely, bridleways do not have to have a surface suitable for cycles). The poor surface can be reported via the SCC Highways website.

4. Ganges update

Derek Davies has recently given an update on the lack of progress here.

5. Tim Regester:

RK contacted Tim Regester (who helps the Sudbury Green Party, and is involved with the Stour Valley cycling campaign) and found he could offer no help at all.

6. Future events:

Holding events to raise the profile of SPCC was discussed; it was agreed that tacking this onto someone else`s event would be much easier for us.

Such possible events might be Alton Water`s Triathlon on 14th July, or Holbrook Academy`s summer event (Denise Tinker will find out the date of this).

Karla Powell will look further at a cycle treasure hunt.

Jez Meredith suggested a pop-up banner would be useful. RK said that we already have one, and she would look for it in her loft.

7. Publicity and Communications:

a) **Website:** up to date.

b) **Newsletter:** last one issued in November.

c) **In Touch magazine:** Nothing to report to them.

d) **Shaun`s Shorts:** No new information to report.

e) **Leaflet:** Tony Gould will start looking again at updating the original leaflet. Denise Tinker suggested asking Holbrook Academy students to compete to design it. TG and DT will liaise.

8. Treasurers report:

Apart from the hire charge for the Church Room for the last meeting (£12.50), there have been no other incomings or outgoings to report.

9. Membership:

A family of five have joined; membership has therefore risen from 131 to 136.

10. Minutes of the previous meeting (7.11.18):

These were signed as a true record.

11. Matters arising:

It was agreed to keep an eye on the Wherstead lorry park and service area proposals, and to try and make the case for junction and pedestrian improvements to be included as part of the development.

12. AOB:

None.

Date of next meeting: 6.30pm on Wednesday 6th March 2019, at Broadacres, Chelmondiston.