

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.15 am, on Monday 30th April 2012

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Mike Havard, Rosie Kirkup.

1. Apologies:

Jane Goyder, Giles Goyder, Elaine Purves.

2. Cycle route

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

MC and MH are meeting the Ipswich branch of the Ramblers Association tonight to discuss their attitude to changes to footpaths in general terms, in order to gauge what their response might be to our specific proposals. They will report back at our next meeting.

b) Shotley section:

On 3rd April, MC, CC, and MH met with David Stiff (SCC Area Surveyor), and Ian Richardson (SCC Highways), County Councillor David Wood, Anthony Wright (Sustrans), and Michael Vaughn (Shotley Parish Council), to discuss our proposals for the section of cycle route between Shotley village and Shotley Gate.

All those present agreed that every effort should be made to put as much of the route as possible off road, and where impossible, due to lack of verge, narrowness of road etc, that other remedial measures will be needed.

DS and IR offered to go away and draw up some plans detailing what will be needed, and to give some thought to costings. This may take some months to do owing to pressure of other work.

c) HMS Ganges planning application:

The long awaited Ganges planning application has been submitted, but not yet registered. The SPCC has a draft response prepared in readiness, though this will undoubtedly need amending/adding to once we have had sight of the detailed application.

Once registered, SPCC will send the draft response to all peninsula Parish Councils. In the covering letter that we will send with it, we will also need to ask for their support in persuading BDC to negotiate for some worthwhile amounts of S106 money for the construction of a significant part of the cycle route.

Once the PC's have had an opportunity to comment on our draft response, we will submit our formal response to the planning application to Babergh, and shortly before the application goes to committee, we will also send a copy of our response to all the members of the committee.

3. Publicity:

a) Website:

Tony Gould reported that our website is now being hosted by UK2.net, and that emails to committee members are now coming through as they should.

b) Newsletter:

Another newsletter is now needed to keep our members in touch with what is going on. CC will prepare it and email it out. Date of AGM to be included in it.

4. AGM:

The SPCC's AGM will be held on Thursday 21st June, at 7.30 pm. Venue to be arranged. Members will be emailed with final details nearer the time.

Publicity for AGM:

RK will devise a poster, and circulate copies to the peninsula schools and playgroups, and ensure that details appear in local newsletters, websites, etc.

5. Schools update:

Since Shotley Primary School recently joined as a group member of the SPCC, all schools on the peninsula that could benefit from the cycle route are now members.

6. Treasurers report:

JG had sent a financial statement to committee members showing a healthy balance of £3,476.10 in the SPCC account.

7. Matters arising:

No further matters arising.

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as true record.

8. AOB:

MH reported that he is now attending a new panel, the “Sustainable Transport Forum”, being run by Ipswich Borough Council. He will remind them about the need for improvements to Wherstead Road, particularly a better crossing at Bourne Park.

9. Date of next meeting:

Monday 28th May, Stone Cottage, at 4.30pm.