

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Fennel Cottage, Harkstead, at 9.15 am, on Monday 13th February 2012

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Jane Goyder, Giles Goyder, Rosie Kirkup, Anthony Wright

Apologies: Mike Havard, Elaine Purves.

This extra committee meeting was convened solely to consider which other section of cycle should be made a priority for development, in case the section at the Ipswich end of the route proves problematical.

1. Our priority section:

The section of path that the SPCC Committee is still hoping to develop first, or early on, is the section from Bourne Bridge to the top of Freston Hill.

Following our recent meeting with Oliver and Robert Paul, we now realise that to achieve this route we only have to negotiate with the Paul Family, plus the Environment Agency and the County Council; it seems hopeful that a route over the Paul`s land can be agreed.

This might involve the use of an existing public footpath and a footpath diversion: person to speak to at SCC is David Falk (Access Officer). SCC could make the diversion application, and they have the final say about approving it. But, this could prove slow to resolve.

A meeting with the Environment agency regarding the use of the sea walls etc is scheduled for 2nd March.

2. Which other section of cycle route to make a priority?

The SPCC needs to get a section of path completed quickly and relatively cheaply. The section of the route at the other end of the peninsula, ie from Shotley Marina to Shotley Street, could be implemented in accordance with SCC`s draft proposal, by using existing Highway land. This would almost certainly reduce our costs, compared to other sections, and make this a relatively cheap section of path to develop. It would have the very real benefit of improving the link between Shotley Street and Shotley Gate, and make the journey from Shotley Gate to the primary school safely cyclable. The Committee agreed to try to progress this section in tandem with the section above.

3. Next steps:

MC will contact the Chairs of Wherstead, Freston and Shotley Parish Councils to let them know of our proposals, and to attend Parish Council meetings if requested.

4. Date of next meeting:

Monday 5th March 2012, 9.15am, at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston.