

# Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.15 am, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Jane Goyder, Giles Goyder, Rosie Kirkup,  
Apologies: Mike Havard, Elaine Purves.

## 1. Cycle Route:

**a) Questionnaire:** Tony Gould has put the analysis of the questionnaire findings into a much more user-friendly pie-graph form.

**b) Sustrans research:** The work being done by Sustrans will cost the SPCC £690, but we have not paid yet, as we have yet to agree the final version of the report. It proved difficult to find exact matches for the Shotley Peninsula, but the committee is happy that the other case studies looked at provide a valid comparison, and that Sustrans has done a good piece of research.

At the moment there are six lots of figures in the conclusion of the report, which the committee felt was rather confusing, so MC will ask them to simplify the figures.

**c) First section of path:** The section of the route from Bourne Bridge to Freston Boot is still our priority. Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership have now told us that flood alleviation works to the Strand is Suffolk County Council's responsibility (not Environment agency), but work is unlikely to take place before 2025. Therefore, in the short term there is no prospect of SPCC being able to use an improved flood-prevention levee for the cycle path.

The committee has, in any case, realised that a path so close to the river would increase the disturbance to waders and other birds on the river and saltings. From our own observations it is clear that the birds are little disturbed by the cars, lorries and buses, but will take to the air if a cyclist or walker passes them.

The Committee therefore agreed to look for a route on the other side of the road, and will try to set up a meeting with Pauls and Nick Collinson of SCHP, plus Natural England, if possible.

**d) Plan "B":** If the priority section of path proves very problematical, an alternative section that could be implemented more quickly needs to be agreed. A special meeting of the committee will take place at 9.15am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February, at Stone Cottage, to look at other options.

**e) HMS Ganges:** A planning application for 285 houses is due to be submitted to Babergh District Council shortly. If BDC are minded to grant planning permission, we must ensure that a significant sum of money is allocated for the cycle path, in mitigation for the likely large increase in vehicular traffic. RK will let the committee know as soon as the application is formally submitted. At that stage, we will need to lobby all the Peninsula Parish and District Councillors to get them on side, and to add weight to our case.

## 2. Publicity:

**a) Website:** Tony Gould reported that between October and January, inclusive, our website had 579 visits.

Web host: our current arrangement runs out shortly. TG has identified "1 and 1" as an affordable alternative at £22 pa, (including first 3 months free), then going up to £30pa the following year. The committee agreed to go with "1 and 1".

**b) Newsletter:** Next newsletter to be prepared and sent out after the Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, when we will have more to report, and the change of web-host should be complete.

c) **Pop-up banner:** RK will take it to Holbrook Sports Centre, and leave it there for 1 month.

**3. Christmas Social:**

The joint Christmas held with the Stour and Orwell Society was a success, though only 15% of the attendees were SPCC members. However, the event made £93 for our funds.

**4. Schools:**

David Mullet has been asked to contact the head of Shotley Primary School to try to get the school to join as a group member.

**5. Treasurer`s report:**

JG presented her report on SPCC`s finances. The balance in our account stands at £4023.32. RK put in a claim for paper and printing costs (for more publicity leaflets) for £15.99, which was unanimously agreed by the rest of the committee.

Membership has gone up to 207 members, (including 57 under-18`s), plus 9 organisations, (including newly-joined Stutton Primary School).

**6. Minutes of the last meeting, and matters arising:**

Following the meeting with Tim Snook of Ipswich Borough Council, nothing further has been heard from him, despite a reminder from MC.

Jezz Meredith has decided that he is unable to join the committee at the present time.

**7. AOB:**

Tony Gould offered to become a full committee member. His co-option was proposed by RK, seconded by GG, and unanimously approved by the committee.

**8. Meeting dates in 2012:**

Meetings will take place on:

- 06.02.2012 (to consider “plan B”),
- and then on: 27.02.2012, 26.03.2012, 30.04.2012, and then on the last Mondays of each following month, or nearest convenient week at holiday times.