

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 10.30am, on Monday 22nd October 2012

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Tony Gould, Giles Goyder, Jane Goyder, Mike Havard
Rosie Kirkup, Sally Williams.

1. Apologies:

Karla Powell

2. Community path – general:

- MC has spoken to Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Project regarding their proposed management plan, and has belatedly submitted comments that relate to the community path. Nick Collinson's assistant has agreed to include a statement in the report that the SCHP is supporting the SPCC's community path.
- Babergh District Council will need to be consulted to establish whether planning permission will be required for the creation of the path, or sections of it.
- MC and MH met David Falk of Suffolk County Council's rights of way team to discuss the many options for creating a community path, eg leasing the land (for min of 40 years), etc.

a) Ipswich to Freston section:

MC has been in contact with Steve Gilbey (Natural England), who had raised concerns regarding the possible re-routing of the community path nearer the proposed higher-level stewardship area between Redgate Lane and the bottom of Freston Hill. SG has these reservations because the community path could prevent any expansion of the HLSA in the future.

However, Natural England now has responsibility for extending public access also.

SG would be happy to attend a meeting with all the other parties concerned; MC has now asked Nick Collinson of Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership if he would be prepared to call such a meeting, which he is happy to do.

As well as Natural England and SCHP, the other invitees would be the Pauls, Sustrans, and SCC's Area Rights of Way Officer.

MC, CC, and MH all recently walked the Freston to Wherstead section of the route with Ian Richardson from Suffolk County Highways, and Anthony Wright (Sustrans). IR was entirely positive about the SPCC's proposals, and felt that short sections of reduced width path were preferable to having cyclists on the road.

A meeting with Freston and Wherstead Parish Councils is now needed in order to gain their views of our proposals. MC will contact David Wood for help in organising this.

b) Shotley section:

We have now received the draft costings for this section, but at this stage no detailed plans have been prepared. The costings are therefore no more than a guide to the likely cost of implementing this section of the community path.

MC has spoken to Richard Wrinch (Shotley PC Chairman), and will attend Shotley PC's next meeting on 15.11.12, to explain the current situation more fully.

c) Ganges Planning Application:

There is no immediate prospect of the application going to committee for determination.

However, MC has emailed Lindsay Barker regarding the need for a viability study to determine the amount of S106 money that Babergh could legitimately expect from Haylink, and will continue to apply pressure for this to be done.

3. New leaflet:

RK has produced a rough design for a double-sided, folded, and full colour leaflet, and received a quote of £175 for 1000 leaflets.

After further discussion, RK agreed to make some minor changes, and to look for a suitable photograph for the front of the leaflet, and report back at the next meeting.

4. Publicity and Communications

a) Website:

TG had nothing to report.

b) Newsletter:

Our last newsletter was in August. However, it was agreed to see what response we get to the membership renewal reminder letter that has just gone out.

c) Fun ride / event for Spring 2013:

RK and KP will arrange a meeting to discuss this.

5. Schools update:

Nothing to report.

6. Membership:

Some of the group members have, so far, not renewed, and JG will follow this up.

Of individual/household membership, about half our members have renewed, and about 75% of these memberships renewals have taken advantage of the discount offered and renewed for 5 years.

A second reminder was sent out the day before this meeting.

7. Treasurers report and other financial matters:

SW reported that £194.50 has been received from subscriptions for this year, and £512 for future years subs. The £512 will be put into a reserve account.

There has been no expenditure this month.

8. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed, and signed as a true record.

All matters arising have been dealt with, as above.

9. Any other business:

SW reported that the RHYC sends out a weekly e-news sheet, and suggested that we should ask to have a small paragraph about us included, with an e-link. This was agreed.

RK asked what should be done with the pop-up banner. Holbrook Co-op, and the Doctors Surgeries were suggested. RK will organise.

10. Date of next meeting:

Monday 26th November 2012, 10.30 am, at Stone Cottage.