

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Stone Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.15 am, on Tuesday 30th August 2011

Present: Mike Crouch, Cathy Crouch, Jane Goyder, Giles Goyder, Rosie Kirkup,
Apologies: Elaine Purves

1. Cycle Route:

The Cycle Route report was put out for consultation on the website, following its launch at the Public Meeting. It had also been sent to local landowners, where known, just prior to the meeting, with the NFU asked to forward it on to any other landowners that they knew of (which they did, but late).

So far, the only response from a landowner has been from Mr Colwill, of Shotley Cottage, who farms the land encircling Shotley Gate. He will very definitely not allow cyclists on his footpaths and tracks, although he does permit a few people to cycle by private arrangement. The Environment Agency has also responded, but has merely stated that we would need to go through a formal consultation procedure with them.

Meetings with local councils and other organisations will be needed:-

- Babergh District Council: already arranged for 20.9.2011 (MC, CC, RK to attend)
- Ipswich Borough Council: TBA. Include Cycle Ipswich (Kevin Ablitt), and Des Pawson (Wherstead Road Residents Association).
- Natural England: No response from them so far. Chase.
- Suffolk Coasts and Heaths: Speak to David Wood (Chair of Committee).
- Sustrans Regional Director: TBA

In order to implement first section (Bourne Bridge to Freston Boot), permission would be required from, Environment Agency, Natural England, Ipswich Bourough Council and Pauls.

2. Surveys:

MC has put all data from surveys so far carried out onto a “spread sheet”, and already clear patterns of road usage are emerging. Once all data is collected, help will be needed from Sustrans to work out what increase in cycling could be expected if a cycle path were in place.

3. Questionnaire:

So far, about 75 completed questionnaires have been returned, although at least 250 (5% of the peninsula population) needs to be aimed for.

JG will target the next Harkstead Farmers Market, and Tattingstone Film Club.

RK will be leaving questionnaires and the pop-up poster at Suffolk Food Hall until the end of September.

If by start of October numbers are still below 250, a rethink will be needed.

4. Website:

Tony Gould has been extremely helpful. We now need to formally hand over the management of the website to him. RK will arrange a meeting between herself, TG and Paul Warren at IHS to do so.

Things to add to website:

- Equal opportunities policy
- Communications plan

Problems to resolve:

- A few people are still experiencing difficulties opening the map documents. Ask TG to look into this, or at least work out what software is needed.

5. Officers and Committee:

Following the AGM, JG still has the dual roles of Treasurer and Membership Secretary, as no-one came forward at the AGM, or since.

Mike Havard (SPCC member, and Member of Suffolk CTC) has offered to join the committee. MC proposed his co-option, seconded by JG, unanimously agreed.

6. Schools update:

RK will contact Nicky Shelly at Holbrook High School to get survey forms completed by years 7 and 8.

RK will also speak to Christine Haywood at Chelmondiston Primary School to try to get some additional forms completed.

Shotley Primary School still hasn't joined campaign. JG will pursue again.

7. Treasurers report and membership:

The "other" grant from BDC has finally come through, giving the campaign a balance of £3872 in the bank.

This will allow SPCC to commission extra work that may be needed from Sustrans, and pay for the Final Study to be produced.

It has been hard work for JG to gather in all the subs. However, only 7 of last year's members have so far not renewed their subscription.

Including these 7, membership stands at 168, comprised of 66 households, and including 50 under-18's.

JG still has to find out about the feasibility of payment by direct debit or standing order.

GJ suggested offering 5year membership for £20. This would have to be approved at next year's AGM.

8. Pop-up poster:

This will be displayed at Suffolk Food Hall during September, then be moved to local schools, Holbrook High Sports Centre, etc.

9. Minutes of the last meeting:

The scheduled July meeting was cancelled. The minutes of the meeting held on 27.06.2011 were agreed and signed as a true record.

10. AOB:

RK has finished the report to the Suffolk Foundation regarding the use of their £4000 grant, and will email it to MC before sending it off.

11. Date of next meeting:

26th September 2011, at 9.15am, at Ipswich High School, Woolverstone.