

Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

Held at Swiss Cottage, Chelmondiston, at 9.15 am, on Monday 5th March 2012

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

1. Community Path:

a) Shotley section:

Following the committee's decision to try to progress the development of the two sections of path at either end of the route, MC attended the recent Shotley Parish Council meeting, in order to gauge the views of the Shotley Parish Councillors re. our proposals. Shotley PC is delighted that the SPCC is wanting to make the improvements to the route between Shotley St. and Shotley Gate a priority.

The next step is to arrange to meet on site with Suffolk County Council Highways and Shotley PC representatives to try to agree the details. County Councillor Dave Wood has indicated that he will be happy to attend this meeting as well.

MC will contact Lucy Robinson at SCC to update her and to ask whom it is best to contact at Highways.

b) Ipswich to Freston Section:

On 2nd March, MC, CC, and RK met with 3 representatives from the Environment Agency. Because of Natural England's concern that the use of the sea wall adjacent to the River Orwell is likely to cause unacceptable disturbance to the birds using the estuary, the SPCC is now looking to use the inner sea wall adjacent to the B1456 on the Strand, from the end of Fox's Marina to the Orwell Bridge. The EA could see no problem with using this for the community path, subject to a suitable porous surface being used. They do not own the sea defences, but are responsible for them. The ownership rests with the Paul Family, who have also raised no objections.

A greater problem may be getting the footpath diverted between Redgate Lane and the bottom of Freston Hill. MC will contact Norman Hammond of the Ipswich and District Branch of the Ramblers Association and invite him to meet with SPCC to look at our proposals on site.

A further meeting will also be needed with Natural England, the Paul Family, the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership, in due course.

The main issues to resolve are:

- Footpath diversions
- Type of surfacing.

c) HMS Ganges Planning Application:

BDC have still not received a planning application from the Ganges Developers. MC and RK have concluded that we will have to get our response in very fast, so MC will draft a response (to be emailed out to all the committee) for discussion at the next SPCC committee meeting.

2. Web Site:

The new web host arrangements have all been completed.

3. Treasurer's report and other financial matters:

Membership: 208 individual members, and 10 group members.

Last bank statement shows a balance of £4164.94 (but payment to Sustrans still to come out)

The committee approved payment of £9.59 to Tony Gould for the transfer to the new web host.

4. Publicity etc:

At the next committee meeting thought will need to be given to timing and location of AGM.

5 Minutes of last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16.1.12, and also the minutes of the extra meeting held on 13.2.12, were signed as a true record.

6. AOB:

Mike Havard offered to accompany RK to Shotley PC's Annual Parish Meeting.

7. Date of next meeting:

Because it is only 3 weeks to the next scheduled meeting, it was agreed to cancel it and meet instead on 30.4.12, when there would be more to discuss.