

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

**Held at Ipswich High School, Woolverstone at 9.15 am, on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

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

MC opened proceedings by welcoming Tony Gould, our new webmaster, to the meeting, and then noted that Mike Havard was on holiday, and that Rosie Kirkup was unwell. The meeting wished her a speedy recovery.

### **1. Cycle Route:**

#### **a) Consultations:**

MC briefly outlined what has happened to date with our consultees, for the benefit of Tony Gould, who was attending his first meeting as SPCC Webmaster.

Apart from the responses from Mr. Colwill (Farmer), Shotley, and the Environment Agency, both reported at the last meeting, two further responses have been received from:

- Tim Yeo, MP who made supportive remarks, and
- Babergh District Council: a face to face meeting took place in September between 4 BDC officers, and MC, CC, and RK. The officers were very positive and supportive, and agreed with our assessment that the first section to concentrate on should be the Bourne Bridge to Freston Boot section.

Other consultees whose approval will be crucial, and who need to be chased up are:

- Ipswich Borough Council: owns the fore-shore of the R. Orwell, and will be vital to engage with if improvements to the route into the town centre for cyclists are to be achieved.
- Natural England: the saltings along the Strand are part of the R. Orwell Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and Special Protection Area (SPA).
- Suffolk Coasts and Heaths Partnership: the long distance Coastal path follows the B1456 along the Strand, but without a safe footpath or footway.

#### **b) Surveys:**

The committee expressed gratitude to all those members and others who helped with the traffic surveys in August and September.

Once the data has been put onto spread- sheets, these will be emailed, together with a brief report of our initial conclusions, to all those who took part, and to SCC, BDC, IBC, and the peninsula Parish Councils. This information will also go onto our website, and a summary of these findings will go into our forthcoming newsletter.

MC will also contact the N.E. regional office of Sustrans, who we propose to commission to assess, from our data, what future increase in cycle journeys could be expected were a cycle route to be in place.

#### **c) Questionnaires:**

A good number of completed questionnaires have already been received.

RK has supplied HHS with Q's for years 7 and 8 to complete, as agreed with Nickey Shelley. As these are still to be returned, it was decided to extend the deadline for all returns to the end of October. TG will amend the date given on web site.

Once the number of completed Q's is known, a decision will be taken on whether to make further attempts to get more completed. The target number is at least 250 (5% of the peninsula's population).

**2. Publicity / communications:**

TG and RK met Paul Warren and his technician for the handover of the website to TG.

TG has successfully loaded all the files from PW, and now has the administrative rights. He can be contacted at: [webmaster@spcc.info](mailto:webmaster@spcc.info) .

Our present web host, Microsoft 365 is going to become much more expensive after the start of February 2012. TG will investigate alternatives.

TG is pretty confident that he has resolved the problem that a few people have experienced with the cycle route maps being unopenable.

TG will also investigate the feasibility of using PayPal for membership renewals online.

JG will see if she can set up a means of renewing membership by DD.

MC will check the current content of our website, and let TG know changes / updates need to be made.

**3. Schools update:**

Shotley Primary School has had a personal letter from JG inviting the school to become a group member. If this still fails to get a result, David Mullett will be asked if he will approach the Head.

Stutton PS has also been invited to become a member.

**4. Treasurer's report:**

JG reported:

- a balance of £3942.46 in the bank,
- JG to advise at next meeting our exact membership numbers (though they are already in excess of last year's figures). We now also have 7 organisations with group membership.

She suggested that we should aim for 200 members, and that we could ask all existing members to try to recruit a new member.

**5. Minutes:**

The minutes of the August meeting were signed as a true record.

**6. Matters arising:**

Confirmation is needed from RK that the report to the Suffolk Foundation has now been sent.

**7. Newsletter:**

MC will coordinate the production of a newsletter by the end of October. Topics to be included: consultations, traffic surveys, web site, venue for next AGM, recruiting more members, etc.

**8. AOB:**

MC will find out from Anthony Wright what progress he is making with Sustrans' southern route, and try to arrange a meeting with Sustrans' regional director.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 9.15 am. Fennel Cottage, Harkstead.