

SHOTLEY PENINSULA CYCLING CAMPAIGN Newsletter No.17, December 2015

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Season's greetings to all our members and supporters.

The recent wet and windy weather has not been the best for cycling; let's hope that we soon get some of those lovely colder, brighter days when it's a joy to be out on a bike.

The Shotley Peninsula Green Way

We are continuing to concentrate our efforts on creating the first section of the new path coming out of Ipswich from Bourne Bridge up to the top of Freston Hill, and are currently discussing details with the landowners concerned. We are, however, also hoping to meet up with Woolverstone parish council shortly to discuss the best way of trying to link Woolverstone with Chelmondiston without having to cycle, or take a wheelchair or buggy, on the road.

Meeting with our MP

We recently met with our new South Suffolk MP, James Cartlidge. James is a cyclist himself, and was very supportive of our wish to create a new community path from one end of the peninsula to the other. He will be happy to give his verbal and written backing to our proposals at key stages, especially when we are trying to raise funds to carry out the work.

Meeting with James Finch

In October, we also met with James Finch, who is the County Council's new Portfolio Holder for Highways and Transport, who was equally supportive. We discussed ways in which the County Council would be able to help us, despite their ever-diminishing budgets.

Cyclists Touring Club (CTC)

Many of you will probably know of the CTC, the national cycling charity. The SPCC is affiliated to the CTC and we now have details of our campaign on their website. Do have a look. Also, as a member of an affiliated group (the SPCC), you can join the CTC as an affiliated member at a discounted rate of just £16 p.a. For this modest amount, you get third party insurance cover for any cycling accident where you could be deemed to be at fault, and could be sued for damages by the other party. Well worth considering.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and New Year,

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