

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group

18 September 2013, 7:30 PM
Shepreth Village Hall Meeting Room
(round the back side entrance)

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence and welcome
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Updates:
 - Meldreth Station accessibility campaign
 - Concessionary bus passes on trains
 - Foxton Level Crossing Feasibility Study – footfall count needed?
 - Dept for Transport ‘Cycle Links to Foxton Station’ £300K grant
 - Community Rail Partnership signing: 25 October 11:15, Meldreth
 - Station updates
4. Thameslink Franchise Aspiration wish list to amend
5. Date of next meeting: Dec 11 (Meldreth)

Foxton Level Crossing Feasibility Study synopsis – from Foxton Parish Council June 3 meeting, Chairman’s Infrastructure Report

On Friday 10th May Susan and I attended a meeting at Shire Hall for an advanced look at the Foxton Level Crossing feasibility study network rail have commissioned. The study comes to the conclusion that the option of doing nothing should not be considered particularly in light of the overriding safety concerns. Thus the considered options are to bypass the level crossing to the North, South or on a direct line of the A10. A bypass to the South and on a direct line were rejected on grounds of effect on housing and infrastructure so the preferred options would be a bypass to the North. Three possible routes are given and the options for the road to go over or under the railway were discussed in relation to effect on the railway, land owners and cost. The cost of having the road go over the railway is significantly less and is less disruptive to the railway so this is Network Rail’s preferred option. A pedestrian/cycle bridge/subway would be provided at the Station along with car parking. Equestrian crossing would be accommodated at the bypass. The existing A10 would become a cu de sac from the North and exiting Station Road would be by a left turn only.

It is of course early days and implementation will naturally depend on funding which could come from government/network rail or the County Council or a combination of the two. It is true to say though that the mere fact Network Rail have commissioned this study shows how serious they are in dealing with the level crossing.

Draft Community Rail Partnership Agreement

Community Rail Partnership agreement between First Capital Connect, Meldreth, Shepreth, and Foxton Rail User Group, Cambridgeshire County Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, and Parish Councils

- To recognise, maintain, and develop the community engagement programme, which aims to promote the local rail and the surrounding environment at Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Stations
- To involve in our efforts other community groups with whom we share common ground
- To recognise the key role of rail to the local community and to promote it as a sustainable mode of transport
- Improve and enhance the station environments and promote green projects
- To support the initiatives developed jointly with First Capital Connect and Cambridgeshire County Council in integrated travel plans
- Recognise and promote the importance of local business in the community
- Work with local schools and young people in caring for our station environments
- Work together to generate funding for all associated projects
- Encourage open communication with all groups involved