

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership

Wednesday 10 June 14:00

Teacake, Meldreth Road, Shepreth

1. Apologies: Philippa Hart (SCDC Cllr), Clare Gibbons (South Cambs District Council)
2. Present: Lisa Steeples (Groundwork), Larry Heyman and Karen Gregson (Govia Thameslink), Peter Wakefield (Railfuture), Marcus Jones (Network Rail), Natasha Hincks (Cambs County Council), Susan van de Ven (Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton RUG and Cambs CC Cllr)
3. Minutes of the previous meeting approved.
4. Station gardens – volunteer efforts continue to keep all stations looking lovely.
 - Thanking volunteers – travel vouchers for regular station gardeners. **Action: Susan to send list to Karen**
 - Station gardening account at Phillimore (up to roughly £200 per year). **Action: Susan to send list to Karen.**
5. Cycle and car parking
 - Meldreth Station car park: count, growth, rumour of leased car park spaces for new development: Rumour squashed. **Susan to ask Keith Jipps for overall update and strategic plan.**
 - Cycle restrictions – conflicting information from Twitter and website teams. **Larry and Karen to sort**
 - Station cycle parking Larry. **Karen and Susan to meet July 3, 10:10, Shepreth and Meldreth Stations to discuss all parking issues**
6. Community work with young people
 - Groundwork's proposal November 2014: This particular proposal would be difficult to action, so unfortunately not awarded funding. However, scope for other activity identified, including a mural at Foxton Station Waiting Room. **Lisa and Karen to discuss scope for future activity.**
7. Tickets and fares
 - Senior rail card and concessionary bus pass scheme: **Susan to contact Julie Ryan**
 - Ticket machine issues: Concern about people approached for not having tickets when they had made a good faith effort to purchase via ticket machines. Staff always aware when ticket machines not working. Continuing problems with vandalism of slots.
8. Network Rail
 - Meldreth access – huge effort locally to find funding for DDA compliant adjoining path to London bound platform, unfortunately not successful. Will take a breather but intention is to pursue. Larry explained that arrangements are in place to provide lifts to Royston station for disabled passengers.
 - Shepreth ramp looks great - thank you. Less costly than originally feared. Effort to create structure that blends in with historic building.

- Foxton LC gates: A mess. Company that created the relatively new gates and all its spare parts now out of business. New order must be made, at least 8-week wait. So far, station-side gate out of action since March, and Barrington side since May 17. Before gates chained shut, continuing alarming accounts of pedestrians caught inside, including during the passage of train (Peter Wakefield experienced this at Foxton). For local people and passengers, wholly unacceptable. Urgent action required.

9. AOB

10. Date of next meeting: to be circulated, for autumn.