

# Spokes Action Update 26.05.14

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... This is a circular to emailable Spokes members. If you recently sent us a change of email address it may not yet be in our database, so this message may go to your old address or possibly to both.  
... When using email addresses below, replace AT by @.  
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## A. EVENTS

- **June 7/8 Solway-Forth trailblazing ride** [www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2014/03/free-solwayforth-c2c-map/](http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2014/03/free-solwayforth-c2c-map/)
- **June 12-22 Edinburgh Festival of Cycling** [www.edfoc.org.uk](http://www.edfoc.org.uk) Members will also get the programme in their summer mailing – pass it on if you have one already. The week includes the *Spokes Bike Breakfast* and our *Thanks for Shopping by Bike* event... [www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2014/05/spokes-bike-breakfast-june-18](http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2014/05/spokes-bike-breakfast-june-18)  
Lots of other interesting events by other organisations during the week - rides, talks, maintenance, family/child events, women's cycling forum, etc, etc.
- **May 28 FoE meeting on Edinburgh Air Pollution** [www.foe-edinburgh.org.uk/events/details/38-air-pollution-it-makes-you-sick.html](http://www.foe-edinburgh.org.uk/events/details/38-air-pollution-it-makes-you-sick.html)

## B. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We are in need of reliable volunteers for a range of activities/events, some of which may not otherwise happen.** Despite our large membership, many events/activities rely on a small number of people. Please contact the relevant person below if you can help with anything below. The list is not in any order of importance, so please volunteer for whichever you feel best suits your likes and availability.

*Note* - this list doesn't include our highly-valued stuffing-and-delivery tasks – the volunteers for that (who ticked the relevant membership form boxes) have been emailed separately about the summer mailout; obviously that is a priority!

- **June 21 - Farmers' Market Event.** In addition to a Spokes stall we are running a 'Thanks for Shopping by Bike' Event. Details here... <http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/2014/05/spokes-bike-breakfast-june-18/>  
We need one or two additional volunteers to help. Sessions 9-11 or 11-1, or all 4 hours. If you can help, email [mknottenbelt1ATgmail.com](mailto:mknottenbelt1ATgmail.com).
- **Ongoing volunteer.** Our Resources Group could do with one or two new regular members. We run a lot of 'behind the scenes' activity without which Spokes could not function as well as it does – organising stalls, our annual competition, public meetings, preparing envelopes etc for the mailout, and one-off projects when there is someone in the group who has a relevant special interest (e.g. tenement bike parking). *Your commitment* is to attend an evening meeting roughly every 3 weeks, as regularly as possible, and sometimes do one or two tasks between meetings (often in conjunction with others) – e.g. helping at stalls, getting competition prizes, etc, various things needed for ongoing activities. If interested, email [davedufeuATgmail.com](mailto:davedufeuATgmail.com).
- **Now till June 18 - Bike Breakfast feeder-ride organiser.** For the last 2 years we have had 'feeder rides' to the Bike Breakfast from a few parts of the city, usually with some of the local councillors or MSPs joining in. The rides were organised around this website... <http://www.spokes.org.uk/bikebreakfast/>  
Unfortunately, Mike Smith, who coordinated this, has left Edinburgh. After several requests, no one has volunteered to take over, so it looks as if **there will be no centrally organised/advertised feeder rides this year.** A volunteer would liaise with local ride leaders, encourage and/or help them

to contact councillors etc, update the website as details became available, and so on. Familiarity with social media is important, ideally including a Bike Breakfast Q/A thread on [www.citycyclingedinburgh.info](http://www.citycyclingedinburgh.info). Mike is available to advise by email. We can help the volunteer by asking in a circular for local ride leaders, but we need the overall coordinator first. If anyone can do this, please contact davedufeuATgmail.com

- **Bike counting – various sessions now till mid June.** As you may know, the council's George Street experimental segregated cycle route is to be installed this summer. [Incidentally, our submission to the council is on this page... [www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/documents/members-campaigning/edinburgh/princes-st-city-centre/](http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/documents/members-campaigning/edinburgh/princes-st-city-centre/)

At our suggestion the council intends to monitor cycle use not just along the street, but also on Princes Street and at junctions along George Street. They need to do counts before and after the route is installed. Because of the number of counts/locations they are looking for volunteers [i.e. unpaid] to help with counts. Volunteers are mainly needed for sessions between 12-2, May 26-June 7, but there may also be other times/days.

*If you can help please email **as soon as possible** to Iain.MacPhailATedinburgh.gov.uk.*

- **Leafletting conference attendees, various June dates, usually first thing a.m.** The summer spokes bulletin (no.119) will be out on Sat 31 May. There are a number of conferences coming up in June where it would be useful to leaflet delegates with the new Bulletin as they arrive [We have often done this – we just stand on the pavement outside the venue]. Spokes will probably not be organising this centrally for any of these events, but if anyone can volunteer for any of the conferences below we can supply Bulletins, a Spokes tabard if you would like one, and also put you in touch with anyone else who volunteers. The events are...

- June 3 [Glasgow, Grand Central Hotel] [www.centalscotlandgreennetwork.org/news-and-events/csgn-forum](http://www.centalscotlandgreennetwork.org/news-and-events/csgn-forum)
- June 11 [Dynamic Earth] <http://greenps.holyrood.com/>
- June 25 [Dynamic Earth] <http://foodandhealth.holyrood.com/>
- June 25 [Royal Society bldg, 22 George ST; 6pm] <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/enterprising-transport-economic-opportunities-in-sustainable-transport-registration-11681231879>

If you can leaflet delegates arriving at any/some/all of these please email davedufeuATgmail.com.

- **Edinburgh Heritage cycling routes.** The Council's Culture & Sport Dept is interested in developing some (fairly traffic-free) cycle tours which visit locations important to Edinburgh's *cultural* and/or *sporting* heritage. If anyone can suggest such routes please email spokesATspokes.org.uk.
- **Spokes in-email** The person who handles email to the spokes address and messages left on our website is wanting a change, so we need another person to take over. This is an important and responsible task. Obviously a handover and advice can be provided at first. If at all possible we need somebody who has been a member for some time and who expects to be able to do the job for some time. Ideally also willing to attend either Planning or Resources group (meetings of both are every 3/4/5 weeks) so as to be in good touch with spokes activities. The task involves passing on emails to the relevant person/group as appropriate, and also responding directly to some enquiries, ensuring that people contacting us are not left without a reply for longer than necessary.

## C. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND PAN EXHIBITIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Check out our page of cycling-relevant planning proposals, to see if any affect areas where you live, work or otherwise cycle, and for information on how to look them up on the council website ...

[www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/documents/members-campaigning/current-pas-and-pans](http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/documents/members-campaigning/current-pas-and-pans)

NB – as explained on that page, a PAN is when the developer of a large proposal is required to hold a public consultation and exhibition, the results of which must be taken into account in their subsequent planning application.

*Some particularly important current proposals are below – see the above web page for more.  
If you want advice or more info from the Spokes perspective, contact Peter Hawkins, email  
peterhawkATphonecoop.coop*

- **Craighouse housing development 12/04007/Sch3** [Previous application was **12/04007/FUL**]. After their first 2 applications were turned down, the developers are submitting yet another application. At this time the details are not yet on the council website, but should be soon. There will also be a physical model of the plans available 'from early June.' This, and the revised plans, will be viewable at *Planning and Building Standards Enquiry counter, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG*. This is open 8.30 - 5.00 Monday to Thursday and 8.30 - 3.40 Friday.
- **New Sick Kids Hospital [at new Royal Infirmary] 14/01796/AMC** plus landscape/parking plan **14/01797/FUL**. Closing date for comments **6 June**.
- **Cammo Walk/ Maybury Rd 670-space residential development 14/01776/PPP** Greenfield site. However one could ask that if permission is granted then Cammo Walk to be closed to motor traffic (at least the section south of the right-angle bend).
- **Craigmillar Town Centre 14/01696/PAN** Mixed-use development in the large cleared area north of Niddrie Mains Road. The site cuts across the existing Peffer Place, a quiet road closed to through motor traffic. This is a PAN, not yet a planning application. Therefore there will be a public exhibition for comments.... 11 June, 3-7pm, at The White House, Niddrie Mains Road.
- **[West Lothian – Linlithgow] Cemex Site Kettlestoun Mains, major residential development 0249/PAC/14** This is a PAN, so will be an exhibition ... Thursday 05 June, 2014 at the Linlithgow Burgh Hall, 1pm-8pm. We could possibly suggest a segregated cycle route to and beside the site alongside the adjacent A706 and the link road north to Linlithgow Bridge. Developer contact is [alan.farningham@farnmac.co.uk](mailto:alan.farningham@farnmac.co.uk).

## **D. OTHER CONSULTATIONS**

Remember to check your council website periodically, for council consultations. The links for the 4 Edinburgh and Lothian councils are...

- [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20029/consultations\\_and\\_participation](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20029/consultations_and_participation)
- [eastlothianconsultations.co.uk](http://eastlothianconsultations.co.uk)
- [www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open](http://www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open)
- [www.westlothian.gov.uk/Council\\_and\\_government/consultations](http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/Council_and_government/consultations)

Unfortunately these lists are not always complete – for example you may have to look elsewhere to find Traffic Regulation Order or Planning Proposals that are open for comment/objection.

### **One important current Edinburgh Council consultation is...**

#### **STREET DESIGN GUIDANCE – CONSULTATION ENDS 30 JUNE**

- The Council has prepared new guidance to be used in street design by the council itself and by developers. This is a large but vital document which replaces many previous documents including the Council's Cycling Design Guide. From a first look it seems pretty encouraging, but there may well be issues of detail which need improved. More information and the draft document are at... <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetdesign>  
**HOW YOU CAN HELP...**
- **Complete the survey** at the above council web page
- **Submit detailed comments** – and any **queries** – to [streetdesign@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:streetdesign@edinburgh.gov.uk)
- **Please – send Spokes your thoughts** [large or small] so that we can include them in a Spokes response

## E. CYCLING ON EDINBURGH COUNCIL WEBSITE

*New on the council website...*

**Cycle Forum papers** [not yet fully up to date]

[www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20087/cycling\\_and\\_walking/457/cycle\\_forum](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20087/cycling_and_walking/457/cycle_forum)

**Map of Cyclerroutes and of Family Network**

<http://217.174.251.127/atlas/cecatlas.html>

This is a great council facility showing a huge range of opportunities, not just cycling. To see cyclerroutes and/or the family network, tick the relevant box in the Legend. To see the meaning of the different route colours for the family network, click the '+' beside *family network*, then click the '+' beside *Timescale*.

## F. TWITTER @SPOKESLOTHIAN

We have an active twitter presence <https://twitter.com/SpokesLothian>. Please check it out every so often, and RT any tweets you support. The latest Spokes tweets now also appear on our website in the right-hand column.

Dave du Feu, Spokes 26 May 2014

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To campaign effectively Spokes needs as many supporters as possible. If you are not already a member, you like what we do, and you'd like to keep in touch with developments, please join Spokes. For details of membership benefits and to download a membership form go to [www.spokes.org.uk/membership](http://www.spokes.org.uk/membership).