



The Lothian Cycle Campaign

<http://www.spokes.org.uk/wordpress/>



Tackling Cycle Storage for Flats and Tenements

- A significant barrier to mass cycling in Edinburgh
- Climate Challenge Fund grant, May 2010
- Work with TPI consultants

*Project info on Spokes website – downloads –
technical & research - tenements*

Spokes Online Survey:

- 86%: storage is problematic to some degree.
- 32%: storage problems stopped them from cycling as much as they'd like.
- 92%: clear practical information of interest.
- 85%: would discuss options with neighbours
- 41%: would look at buying equipment for own home.
- 52%: would lobby councillors etc. for action

Project aims:

- Produce practical information for residents on improving storage (in-flat, stairwell, external, on-street...)
- Disseminate this widely and stimulate local self-help actions by individuals / groups
- Lobby the Council for action, e.g., piloting on-street storage

Typical Edinburgh Tenements **TPI**



Do come in.. and through to the
backgreen

TPI



Some typical storage solutions just now!

TPI



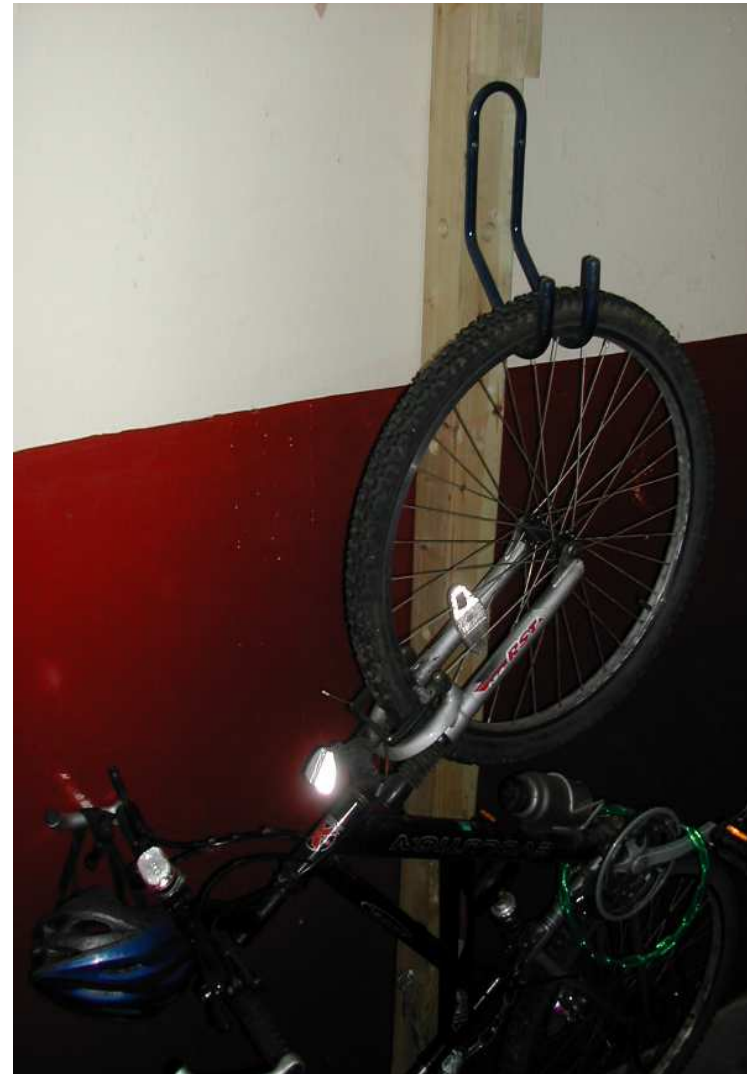
...and some external solutions
just now

TPI



Some simple in-flat space saving devices....

TPI



.....and some not so simple
in-flat devices

TPI



Communal internal areas TPi



A couple of typical external solutions



So what is **TPI** delivering?

1. A database of different manufacturer's and retailer's products to go on SPOKES website

Including info on:

- Type (wall mounts, pulleys, stands, lockers, shelters)
- Internal or external
- Relative expense
- Ease of installation
- Overall positives and negatives of each 'type'

Nb. Many interviewed have bespoke facilities made for them. What does this tell us about what's on the market?

What different agencies say...



Issue	Planning permission	Listed building consent	Building regulations	Fire	Police
<i>Summary</i>	<p><i>Internally –</i></p> <p>Not required</p> <p><i>Externally –</i></p> <p>Required in a tenement for <u>any</u> type of storage feature, fixed or otherwise</p>	<p><i>Internally and externally</i></p> <p>Do nothing to adversely affect the character of currently well preserved features (as judged by the Listed Buildings officer)</p>	<p><i>Internally -</i></p> <p>Store nothing in the stairwell or access to front door in event of fire.</p> <p><i>Externally –</i></p> <p>No ‘<i>enclosed</i>’ storage within 3 metres of the building walls and 1m of boundary in event of fire</p>	<p><i>Internally</i></p> <p>Keep access routes, ie. stairs, landings, access to front door, free from obstruction in event of fire</p>	<p><i>Internally and externally</i></p> <p>Keep bike securely locked if in communal areas.</p> <p>Ensure security of access to communal areas generally.</p>

Some Issues

- Building standards, esp for stairwell storage
- Developing good relations with neighbours
- Engaging landlords - 'Cycle-Friendly Landlord' accreditation??
- Abandoned bikes
- On-street storage – design, Streetscape, residents' reactions...
- Funding for communal storage improvements
- New-build flats ('Cycle-Friendly Developer' accreditation?)

Some Outcomes so Far

- Engagement of other organisations: interest and enthusiasm to participate.
- Raising the profile of this issue – with residents and other stakeholders. Capacity-building, and increased momentum amongst interested parties to take follow-up action.
- Substantial evidence base – (a) issues from residents' perspectives and (b) possible solutions to these.

SPOKES AUTUMN PUBLIC MEETING – THURS 25 NOVEMBER 2010

“Bike Storage at Home and Work”

- Speakers - TPi, Bike Station, Tollcross Energy & Carbon Saving
- Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge.
- Meeting starts 7.30; doors open 6.45.

If you would like to make
comments etc

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