

## DAVE MONTHLY REPORTS 2010

Please note - this is not a complete list of activities. There are a great deal of small items, and the usual general admin - responding to many queries, managing database updates with our volunteer updaters, organising many small developments, adding downloads to website, etc, etc.

### January

#### MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS

##### \*\* Circulars to membership...

- to all emailable members re current budget situation + various website items [also put on website and tweeted]
- West Lothian members re Uphall plans and other items
- West Lothian members re locations for town bike parking
- North Ed/Leith members re Granton sur Med public meeting
- Linlithgow/Falkirk members re Whitecross sustainable village plans

##### \*\* Grant applications...

- Working with Katherine on tenements application to CCF

##### \*\* Databases..

- Liaison with Christine over database improvements - eg new email list procedures for delivery helpers
- Various updates to organisations database, partly working with Mies
- Working with Christine and others towards improved methods for Spokes joining and donations

##### \*\* Spokesworker

##### \*\* Website/ twitter

- Various news items to website
- Spokes twitter updates
- created new page and news item for 2009 competition results & entries
- new links pages for council contacts, workplace cycling, local links
- downloads page created for onroad problems - Philip McD's report

##### \*\* Competition 2010

- Working on ideas and contacts for the proposed art comp

\*\* Liaison with Judy and others over admin stuff as I can't get to office meantime due to knee injury from crash with van.

#### LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS

##### \*\* Submissions/Consultations -

##### \*\* Scottish draft budget 2010/11

- Email to Go-Bike members to write to Charlie Gordon MSP [Lab transport spokesperson], plus follow-up correspondence with various Go-Bike people
- Letter to MSPs on TICC Committee re Jan 20 budget debate
- Letter to Herald re funding and budget

##### \*\* Princes Street and Tram

\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...

- Leith Community Council, transport subgroup, info re tram/cycle

### February

#### MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS

##### \*\* Circulars to membership...

- to members involved in the law, re our strict liability paper

##### \*\* Factsheets...

- Liaison with Bill Neilson drawing up strict liability draft

##### \*\* Grant applications...

##### \*\* Databases..

- Continuing clean-up of inaccuracies and minor problems, with help from Christine, Mies, etc - data now in very good state
- Improving Planning Group data to ensure relevant non-pl-gp members get minutes

##### \*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker

- Preparation of Bulletin 106 [major task]
- Spokesworker 24.2.10 [to go out with mailout]

**\*\* Mailout 27.2.10**

- All the usual pre-organisation - volunteers for stuffing, Lothians deliveries, Edinburgh deliveries; coordination of inserts; preparation of labels, sorting of envelopes, etc, etc.

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- New pages on strict liability, folders on buses, local links - also news item and tweeted about them

**\*\* Competition 2010**

- Working on ideas and contacts for the proposed art comp

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

- Comments (email) on CEC draft road safety plan - needs a per-km target, plus other problems  
- Comments (email) on CEC proposals to install parking places in some yellow line roads  
- CEC cycle forum 23 Feb, and preparation re. CEC budget, road safety plan, St JamesCentre/PicardyPlace, cycling indicators, ...

**\*\* Scottish draft budget 2010/11 + funding general**

- Circulated TICC members, commenting on the Minister's funding evidence to Active Travel Inquiry

**\*\* Princes Street and Tram**

- Meeting with TIE (+ peter, sandy) re many onroad details, and risk assessments

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

- Setting up for Cllr Mackenzie to visit Bike Station  
- Meeting with Essential Edinburgh (+ Mark, Peter, Katherine) + lots of preparation

**March**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership...**

- Morningside area re public and residential bike parking  
- Members offering photography, for map cover & bulletins  
- All members - public meeting reminder + other items  
- All members in CPZ area re draft CPZ TRO

**\*\* Factsheets...**

**\*\* Databases..**

- Liaising with multiple delivery people for corrections to data

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Spokesworker 9.3.10  
- Spokesworker 21.3.10 [produced soon after, as good opportunity to distribute at public meeting as well as for renewals]

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Uploads and articles for B106 and spokesworkers  
- Lots of small updates/ links added e.g. re TICC inquiry  
- added section in left column for links to events  
- added section in left column for links to recent updates

**\*\* Competition 2010**

- Working on ideas and contacts for the proposed art comp

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

**\*\* Scottish draft budget 2010/11 + funding general**

- Letter to Local Transport Today re. Minister's poor TICC evidence on funding  
- Phoned Herald and Scotsman contacts re TICC report on active travel

**\*\* Princes Street and Tram**

- Notes for next tram meeting, and paper on Hanover St to Mound

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

- NRIE craigmillar path - continuing correspondence with members who are submitting objections based on the car park proposals  
- Essential Edinburgh - letter following up meeting last month

**\*\* Annual funding survey**

- Form, email, contacts etc updated from 08/09 and sent out

**\*\* Edinburgh Council policy**

- Attended Action Plan board with Richard; Richard to prepare draft member survey for our public meeting
- Finalised survey form, with comments from others, and printed for public meeting
- Public Meeting with Cllr Mackenzie and Phil Noble on CEC Cycle Action Plan
- Objection to TRO for revised CPZ rules, as Sandy very busy, also emails to Cllrs Mackenzie and Burgess

**April**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership...**

- West Lothian members, various local issues
- Members in Lanark Rd area, to lobby for new WoL bridge
- Leith area members re GL bike breakfast + more
- EL/ML members re spokes/sustrans stall at megacycle
- All members re new car spaces & Open Spaces strategy
- Medical members re RHSC relocation - also on website
- canal area members re Harrison Park consultation

**\*\* Factsheets...**

**\*\* Databases..**

- Sorting updates to orgs database via Mies

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Spokesworker 20.4.10 prepared, put on website, posted, etc

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Liaising with Stuart re backups of old sites now being shut down
- Added new download page for Inspirational papers and documents
- Page for CEC cycle action plan
- New spokes flyer added to website
- Added links for relevant depts of Lothians councils

**\*\* Competition 2010**

- Organising prizes and finalising entry form, with Res Gp members

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

- Submission to Scottish Govt Independent Budget Review [on website]
- Urgent submission re Holyrood North&South development [too late for Planning Group]

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

**\*\* Annual funding survey**

- Form, email, contacts etc updated from 08/09 and sent out

**\*\* Edinburgh Council policy**

- Prepared action sheet for Action Plan board 22 April
- Attended Action Plan board 22 April

**May**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- Midlothian & Borders re MDC Access Forum + Broughton rly path
- Wide area round canal, re Harrison park consultation
- Linlithgow area re paths adjacent to new commuter car park
- East Lothian members re. North Berwick trains
- Midlothian members re proposed route towards Shawfair

**\*\* Spokes projects**

- Liaison/work with Katherine on tenement project
- Prizes, entry form etc for 2010 competition, with Res Gp members

**\*\* Databases..**

- getting near the end of annual membership renewal activity

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Great deal of work preparing Bulletin 107, including doing analysis from annual cycle funding survey

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Uploaded and article about public meeting Richard's ATAP survey
- Put together Spokes traffic count data, uploaded plus article
- Continual update of events, dates, etc
- New downloads - London cycling documents; Local research page

**\*\* Competition 2010**

LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

- \*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**
- Member crash on tramlines - follow up bad reply from TIE
  - East Lothian & Ewan re North Berwick train lobbying
  - Tram consultation meeting & preparation

**\*\* Lobbying**

- Connecting Communities active travel conference - question re. funding to politicians panel

**\*\* Annual funding survey**

- Reminders continuing to non-respondents
- Queries to unsatisfactory responses
- Analysis

**June**

MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- Advance delivery organisation for mailout, Lothians and Edinburgh
- All members re bike breakfast and other updates
- West Ed members re tramline crossings site visit

**\*\* Spokes projects**

- Liaison/work with Katherine on tenement project; meeting with TPi consultants
- Spokes stall organised at Linlithgow bike fun day

**\*\* Databases..**

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Bulletin 107 completed and sent to printer
- Spokesworker 8.6.10 completed and to copyshop
- Mailout and deliveries organised, Edinburgh and Lothians

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Various updates to news, links, downloads

**\*\* Competition 2010**

- Finalised competition entry form

LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

- Letter to Cllr Mackenzie and others re. Picardy Place - also features in new Bulletin as Pic Pl/Princes St emerging as a critical area for the future
- Jackie's letters inviting to bike breakfast expanded - to all councillors re Princes St/ Picardy Place; and to all MSPs re funding
- CEC Active Travel Action plan - notes prepared for CEC on first draft of Plan
- CEC draft ATAP put on website for comments, and notified to members

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

**\*\* Lobbying**

- Press briefing sent to Herald and Scotsman on funding survey and TICC Inquiry
- Parliament Active Travel debate 9.6.10: email relevant MSPs on bike/rail
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- Handout explaining issues to be shown/discussed on bike ride for politicians
- Email to Cllr Mackenzie and others for follow-up on above handout

**July**

MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- All members re. draft CEC cycle action plan, tenements, etc

- W Lothian members re WLC use of CWSS money, stalls and many other things
- E Lothian members re assorted items
- Canal and portobello members re new development exhibitions

**\*\* Spokes projects/ representatives**

- Fixing up with David Liddell to deal with WL planning applications
- Liaise with Bill Neilson re attending CEC road safety meetings
- Thinking for meeting re future structure, constitution, etc

**\*\* Databases**

- Big update to orgs database for input by Mies

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Spokesworker 21.7.10 prepared, website, SAEs etc

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Various updates to news, links, downloads
- Maps page re-written
- Tenements project page set up

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations**

- Liaising with Richard re ATAP consultation, doing final edits, adding to website

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

- Tram/cycle liaison mtg - many issues including Mound crossing, crash reporting, etc
- Objecting to proposal to 'direct' Princes St cyclists to George St
- Member contacts re zoo website; emailed zoo suggesting cycle access wording
- Napier MSc mature student re research on ASL compliance - put on website

**August**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- West Lothian members - big development plans; towpath upgrade, etc
- East Ed and E Lothian re Newcraighall developments
- South West Ed members re Inglis Green supermarket & bridge

**\*\* Spokes projects/ representatives**

- Meeting with David Liddle, new contact for WL planning applications
- Working with Katherine & others to stir up competition entries

**\*\* Databases**

- Orgs & m'ship databases updates/checking

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Prepared special leaflet for 10,000 Pedal for Scotland goodybags

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- Added results of past competitions to competitions page
- Reorganised Lothians into one page
- Assorted updates to links, pages, etc
- New page on considerate cycling
- Working with Bill Neilson on tramline crash claims notes

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions/Consultations/Lobbying**

- ATAP draft - attending Board; working with Richard on pre & post meeting points
- Liaising with Richard/Peter re canal consultation working party
- Major submission prepared for SESplan consultation

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of issues, including for example...**

- CEC officer re including cycling in Edinburgh 'town centres' action plans

**September**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- Leith area re NP grants for community projects - bike storage??
- Wide area centred on Russell Rd re cycleroute closure

- East Lothian members re North Berwick rail/bike usage survey
- West Lothian, Fife and local members re Haymarket station PA

**\*\* Spokes projects/ representatives**

- Working with Resources Group to generate more competition entries, to ensure useful outcome
- Working with Katherine on organising entries and judging procedures

**\*\* Databases**

- Various updates sent to input volunteers

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Spokesworker 8.9.10, written, website, tweeted etc

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- News/download re Balbirnie Place cyclistroute closure
- Public meeting and other tenements info
- North Berwick rail survey
- Tenements storage project survey and article
- Article re attacks on N Ed paths
- Big article on ATAP for website
- Article on new SPICe report

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

- Helped design North Berwick bike carriage survey
- Tram liaison meeting and preparation

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of smaller issues, including for example...**

- Duddingston Village pavement-cycling problems

**October**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- SQF & Fife members re A90 cyclistroute - and considerable follow-up
- East Ed and East Lothian members re newcraighall consultn
- E Lothian members re cycle forum attendance + council proposed route maps

**\*\* Spokes projects/ representatives**

- Working with Katherine on organising entries and judging procedures; combining entries into single pdf's
- Competition - prize distribution; follow-up on possible artwork implementation with Sustrans

**\*\* Databases**

**\*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker**

- Bulletin 108 preparation; mailout; organisation of deliveries throughout Lothians & Edinburgh
- Spokesworker 25.10.10 preparation

**\*\* Website/ twitter**

- SPICe Briefing report
- Holyrood elections manifesto e-action article
- Competition results, article, etc

**LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS**

**\*\* Submissions**

- CEC response on revised maintenance procedures to reflect ATAP
- PPT and written preparation for Cycling Scotland conference

**\*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of smaller issues, including for example...**

- Cycle officer and local members re A90 proposals - much correspondence

**November**

**MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS**

**\*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]...**

- South Edinburgh re consultations on QBC and 20mph zone
- All members, re public meeting, storage project, Ride Planet Earth, etc...

**\*\* Spokes projects/ representatives**

- November traffic count - analysis and website article

- \*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker
- follow-ups from mailout - database corrections, copyshop problems, etc
- Spokesworker 10.11.10
- Spokesworker 24.11.10

- \*\* Website/ twitter
- Downloads page and news item re. QBC and 20mph consultations
- Cyclenation post-conference downloads page created

#### LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS

- \*\* 2011/12 Scottish Budget
- Immediate response prepared on budget day for Transform, other orgs, and page on website for members
- Nov 18 - several hours sending emails to & liaising with relevant NGOs, COSLA reps, MSPs, etc re future of CWSS, which is uncertain post-budget and needs high profile immediately as could depend on imminent COSLA views
- Article for spokesworker - for public mtg and online, to encourage lobbying
- Budget submission to TICC prepared, sent to MSPs etc

- \*\* Submissions
- PPT presentns prepared for Cyclenation conference [Edinburgh session & funding workshop]

- \*\* Other lobbying
- At Cycling Scot conference Nov 5 spoke to Marshall P who agreed to set up meeting on Princes St and the Mound crossing
- Also spoke to David Middleton, Transport Scot Chief Exec, who suggested a meeting re our TS complaints (as in Bulletin 108). To arrange with Ewan (Spokes bike-rail rep).
- Attended CEC Princes St future mtg with Jan Gehl architect - made follow-up arrangements

- \*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of smaller issues, including as examples...
- arranging people to respond to consultations, QBC, canal lighting, etc
- helmets - member complaint re too much helmet coverage; also email from public health professor seeking views
- Path art - met Sustrans path art officer, with Tim Smith, to discuss possible implementation

#### December

#### MEMBERSHIP/INTERNAL THINGS

- \*\* Circulars to membership [suggesting they take action]
- south-central edinburgh re meetings on QBC + Dick Vet consultation
- architects, sust consultants (20-30) etc - urging response to govt consultn on sustainable buildings labels (below)

- \*\* Spokes projects/ representatives
- New 'internal' web page set up with draft storage project reports and materials
- Layout for online storage factsheet [long job!]
- Draft prepared for revised constitution

- \*\* Databases
- Annual membership DB update 2010->11
- Preparing updates for organisations database

- \*\* Bulletin/Spokesworker
- Spokesworker 30.12.10

- \*\* Website/ twitter
- Article on Spokes response to QBC and 20mph consultations
- Ditto for houses sustainability house labelling
- Articles on storage factsheets and on council purchase offer
- Article on need for letters to MSPs on funding

#### LOBBYING, SUBMISSIONS, EVENTS

- \*\* 2011/12 Scottish Budget
- Submission on the draft RPP document which accompanies the budget
- Listening to TICC John Swinney budget evidence - followup emails to Patrick Harvie and NGOs
- Lobbying of Sarah Boyack and Patrick Harvie at SDC event
- Circulating Local Govt Circular (specifying draft CWSS) to relevant NGOs etc
- Welcome letter to new Transport Minister + budget issues

- \*\* Submissions
- Response to govt consultation on new houses sustainability labelling - bike treatment bad

- \*\* Liaison with other bodies/individuals on a wide range of smaller issues, including as examples...
- Mark Beaumont RCPE event: Distributed Bulletins & asked qn re everyday bike travel
- 2 more tramline crashes
- Liaison with Euan re. events wanting spokes support but not sustainably accessed