

# RESOURCES GROUP NOTE OF 04.11.15 MEETING

- Some points from previous meetings have been retained for info and/or future possible action
- One or two points subsequent to the meeting may be included
- See also notes of previous meeting for more on some of the points below

**Present:** Paul, Martin, Iain, Rosie, Judy, Martyn, Dave **Apols:** Katherine, Mies

**Next Resources Group meeting : Weds 25 November**, 7pm at St Martins. We may have some renewals paperwork, then discussion. **Preceded by mini-social 6-7pm to meet & thank our traffic count volunteers.**

## A. GOOGLE CALENDAR

- Martin to circulate his trial google calendar to see how many people would find it useful
- [Later] Here is the link. <http://tinyurl.com/SpokesCalendar-v1>
- Send any comments on its contents and/or usefulness to Martin.

## B. MEETINGS WITH OTHER BODIES

- **Living Streets Edinburgh** – they have requested an exploratory meeting between 2 or 3 people from each of LS and Spokes. **Martin, Iain, Euan [planning group]** to attend. Issues likely to come up include ped/cyclist mutual relations [Resources Group relevance – see [Considerate Cycling web pages](#)] and physical/infrastructure/onstreet issues [Planning Group relevance].
- **NHS Lothian Active Travel Strategy (for staff)** – Spokes member, surgeon and professor of Physical Activity Chris Oliver is on the LHB Committee developing a physical activity strategy for LHB staff. He would like one or two Spokes members to meet himself and the officer leading that Committee, Jo Gordon, to get ideas how LHB could get more staff using active travel. **Judy and Iain** volunteered. Also suggestion of Emma Crowther, Ed Uni travel coordinator. Ball now in their court to suggest a date.

**C . STALLS** - Anyone who can help at any of these stalls please contact Martyn or the person shown.

- **Farmers Market** **Martyn** awaiting feedback from FM re possible xmas stall and re 2016 dates.
- Nov 12 **Cycling Scotland Conference, Dynamic Earth** **Martin** has booked stall; **Iain** also helping. **Martyn** will prepare materials for the stall, for Martin/Iain to transport.
- Nov 28 **Scotland Climate March**, Meadows->Princes St Gdns.
  - [www.stopclimatechaos.org/scottish-climate-march](http://www.stopclimatechaos.org/scottish-climate-march) Huge numbers expected (1000s).
  - Stalls will be in 2 marquees in Princes St gardens. Dave has asked for confirmation that we have a stall and that table provided.
  - Martyn will be cycling to Paris summit! Provisionally **Judy** to set up stall and **Rosie** help at it – Judy has to leave very early. We need more than one person at it.
  - SCCS also keen for us to have Spokes banner on the march. If so, we could announce at public mtg that interested Spokes members could walk together with the banner.
  - **Martyn** will also ask **Mies** if she will organise the banner.
  - Also good opportunity to hand out new Bulletin 123, which has climate+transport supplement. This could be done at Meadows end whilst people waiting.
  - **Lots of helpers needed for all the above.** **Martyn** to email helpers list to ask for help at stall and to carry banner. **Dave** also ask at public meeting. *Anyone else* – please get in touch to volunteer.

## D. STALL MATERIALS – BUFFS?

- Several people have asked about our former Map Buffs.
- Judy to check whether we can reorder exact same as before, and cost for 100 or 200.

## E. LEAFLETING AT EVENTS WITH LATEST SPOKES BULLETIN

- Nov 5 Sestran conference – **Martin**
- Nov 5 Julian Sayerer talk – **Judy**
- Nov 5 Bicycle film – **Rosie**
- Nov 7 CTC conference – **Martin**
- PS – Dave had a couple of hours to spare in Ed one dry day last week and leafleted 250 bikes(!) - Haymarket, Geo St, Rose St, Lothian Rd

## F. TRAFFIC COUNT

- Nov 10, Barbara organising.
- Small social in office for count volunteers to meet Resources Gp people 2-3 weeks after count on Weds 25<sup>th</sup>, 6-7pm prior to Resources. **Judy** organising.

## G. SPOKES MAPS

- New Glasgow edition delayed since late 2014. Likely to be on tearproof paper, but at increased cost. Electronic version already downloadable for smartphones.
- New Edinburgh edition now expected early Spring 2016 – hope March. Will be on new base map (XYZ) to allow electronic version as well as paper. **Ian** pushing XYZ for completion.
- Due to Edinburgh map delay and shops running out, **Ian** has ordered 1000 more of existing 2010 map.
- Lothians map sales – we now have local members stocking local shops in Midlothian (David W-W) and Livingston (Eric Ingram).

## H. ONLINE JOINING AND RENEWAL

- **Clair**, computing adviser at Ed Uni, working on this. Dave & Christine to meet Clair soon.

## I. SPOKES STATUS

- AGM agreed set up working group of Paul, Ian, Sandy, Dave [with power to coopt others] to progress Spokes becoming a SCIO <http://www.scvo.org.uk/setting-up-a-charity/decide-on-a-structure/scottish-charitable-incorporated-organisation/> **Dave** to organise meeting – possibly Weds 4 November lunchtime [only Weds possibly for Paul at present].

## J. MOTORIST AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – DRIVERS' CYCLE AWARENESS VIDEO

- Bryce has set up a Spokes site on YouTube and loaded this and other spokes-related videos onto it. The link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMXOa8J6LSRh7aYiZ1vN4Wg>. It is easy for us to log in and edit the wording on the site.
- Dave has set up a videos page on our website, with links to Bryce's videos – click the *videos* tab or go straight to [www.spokes.org.uk/videos](http://www.spokes.org.uk/videos).
- David Gardiner of Laidback Bikes/ Vantage Creative produced A4-folded leaflet. Once finalised it will go in a spokes mailout [Feb 2016?] to all orgs and members [approx 3000] + on stalls. Also (then or later) to other relevant orgs on list from last year, e.g. driving schools. So total order 4000/5000.
- **Edinburgh and West Lothian sixth form pre-driver sessions** August 25-27 (WL) and Sept 28-Oct 1 (Edinburgh). Both events attended, with draft video and leaflet (printed B/W by Dave). 2000 students saw it at WL, a few 100 at Edinburgh. Our volunteers were – Martin, Martyn, Brian Curtis, Donald Urquhart.
  - Format at WL v successful, less so at Edinburgh where video not shown to the whole group. **Martin** contacting **Brian** to feed back to Edinburgh Council with suggestions for next year.
- **Mies** informing Fyfe's of use of video so far.
- Report of use will be in Spokes Bulletin 123 - Dave.
- Once Mies back from Australia, we will meet to combine feedback from the above (& any from Fyfe's) and finalise video & leaflet, then decide on printing, distribution and publicity.
- We discovered the website <https://www.driving-instructor.tv/> thanks to this article... <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/bike-blog/2014/nov/11/the-film-teaching-driving-instructors-to-understand-cyclists>. Could try to get links to our materials on that site.

## K. SPOKES PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Autumn meeting** 17 Nov -*Topic: 'Climate, Transport and Cycling'* to tie in with Paris summit in early December and worldwide marches/demonstrations, including Edinburgh 28 Nov and London 29 Nov.
  - **Alison Johnstone MSP** – *Climate, Transport & Cycling: how parliament and government are responding to the challenge*
  - **Dave Gorman**, Director of Social Responsibility and Sustainability – *Climate, Transport and Cycling – how the University is responding to the challenge*
  - **Tom Ballantine**, Stop Climate Chaos Scotland – *Paris Summit and how Scotland is responding*
  - **Kirsty Lewin**, Sustrans UK trustee – *chairing QA session*.
  - **Martin** dealing with premises, equipment, chairs and other practical details.
  - Ed Sust dept providing catering & premises (no charge to us)
  - Stall – **Martyn** to organise
  - Membership table – **Judy** or **Rosie** – **Judy** to look for envelope of materials in office
  - Videoing – **Bryce** suggested videoing the speakers [not the QA, in case this inhibits discussion]. **Martin** will ask the speakers if they are ok with that.
  - Request from [walkcyclevote.scot](http://walkcyclevote.scot) to sell T-shirts before/after meeting – agreed
  - Possible SCCS stall advertising the Climate March 28 Nov.
- **Spring 2016 meeting** - Hustings mtg for the May Holyrood elections
  - Need to fix soon, to get good speakers and for [walkcyclevote.sco](http://walkcyclevote.sco) diary
  - Preferred week beginning March 22; else w/b March 29 or 15; any day Mon-Thurs
  - Expected audience 100-120
  - **Martin** inviting speakers and seeking premises. Invites sent to preferred speakers 2 weeks ago – SNP Jim Eadie; Green Alison Johnstone; Labour Sarah Boyack OR Lesley Hinds. LibDem & Con – ask party HQs for a suitable person who is standing for Holyrood in Edinburgh or Lothians.
  - Sarah Boyack accepted; **Martin** to phone Alison Johnstone office to try and finalise date soon, as these are both Spokes members. Then that date will be offered to SNP (hopefully Jim Eadie), LibDem and Con, if they have not yet replied.

## L. SUPERMARKETS PROJECT

- **Report on the initial survey** is now complete and online at [spokes.org.uk](http://spokes.org.uk) : documents : spokes projects : supermarkets or click here [www.spokes.org.uk/documents/papers-documents/supermarkets-project](http://www.spokes.org.uk/documents/papers-documents/supermarkets-project).
- **Next step is to produce good practice guide, to be used as follows...**
  - to enable members to lobby their local supermarket – this can be done by individuals on their own initiative.
  - to contact local regional managers of all supermarket chains, with the aim to find at least one willing to undertake an exemplary project covering all their stores – this would need one or more people within Resources Group (or other in Spokes) to take this on. The person could then potentially also work with locals from the above bullet point.
  - This is an innovative project for which we could almost certainly get grant assistance if necessary if we decide to take it further in a ways that needs significant funding, as we did with the tenements project – e.g. Sestran or Cycling Scotland or SCSP cash (via Ed Council). This might be particularly helpful if any supermarket chain takes up the project and works with us, or if we organise local members lobbying their stores on a wide scale.
- **Producing the Good Practice Guide...**
  - **Katherine** prepared proposed document structure – on website at the above link. It proposes taking account of different types of shops – supermarkets with car parks; onstreet small supermarkets and other local shops; shopping malls (bikes often banned but there is a good precedent in plans for the new St James Quarter development, where bikes will be allowed through the mall galleries, pushed, from Picardy Place to St Andrew Square, including in the lifts).
  - **Iain & Matt** working on filling out the detail. They feel main emphasis should be on a standard rack, and how to install it properly, rather showing a whole range of unlikely alternatives. A standard rack is also more likely to get Council planning approval without any hassle when supermarkets apply for permission. Anyone with comments/suggestions please pass to them.
  - To get details from Ed Council as to their standard rack design & installation criteria [Sheffield rack with additional lower horizontal bar]. Our recommendation could be based on that, with any changes – e.g. pointing out need for wide spacing to allow for shopping panniers [what about trailers?]. Also to find where the Council sources racks – ideal if local source.

## M. COMPETITION 2015 – FOLLOW UP, BOOKLET OF FAVOURITE RIDES

- Comp results now on website [spokes.org.uk](http://spokes.org.uk) - Sept 28 news item.
- Follow-up booklet of favourite rides would be valuable, to be used in conjunction with spokes maps
  - **Dave** seeking a spokes member skilled volunteer to do this free [no offers so far]
  - **Mies** investigating possibility of a student with suitable skills to do it as project over 1 session
  - Tim pleased to do it if funded – **Tim** to let us know his charge [i.e excluding printing]
  - Small subgroup to coordinate choice of rides and content of booklet – **Judy, Rosie & Tim** or other. No action until we are clear we have the skilled volunteer. Judy now has printouts of all the entries.

## N. EDIN COUNCIL HGV BIKE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- Iain attended demo at Heriot Watt, June 18. Cyclex equipment now on 10(?) lorries – detects cyclists, notifies driver and warns cyclist. Recently the council has decided to go ahead and equip all its hgv lorries

## P. POSSIBLE FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Possible research projects [details in 6.11.13 notes] – census ideas; valuation of cyclist time; identification of traffic offences
- **Mies** investigating some of these as possible student projects.