

# RESOURCES GROUP NOTE OF 05.04.16 MEETING

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

**Present:** Mies, Judy, Dave, Martin, Rosie, David Monaghan (new) **Apols:** Iain, Martyn, Paul,

**Next meeting...** Tue 26 April [possibly Weds 27], 7pm at St Martins. We may have paperwork to do, then discussion based on these notes + AOB.

**Google Calendar reminder...** Spokes dates calendar by Martin <http://tinyurl.com/SpokesCalendar-v1>

## A. MEETINGS WITH OTHER BODIES

- **NHS Lothian Active Travel Strategy (for staff)** – Spokes member, surgeon and prof of Physical Activity Chris Oliver is on the LHB Committee developing a staff physical activity strategy. He wants to meet Spokes members, also with the officer leading that Committee, Jo Gordon. **Judy and Iain** volunteered. Also Emma Crowther, Ed Uni travel coordinator interested. Ball in their court to suggest a date.

## B. STALLS - Anyone who can help at stalls please contact Martyn or the person shown.

- **Farmers Market** dates - 9/4, 14/5, 11/6 [**EdFoC** – see below], 9/7, 13/8, 10/9, 8/10, 12/11, 10/12
- April 23 **PoP** – **Mies** to contact Martyn to confirm stalls at both ends if possible. **Rosie** also available. Also need volunteers to leaflet the queue with Bulletin 124 – **Dave** will be one. **More needed**.
- June 4/5 **Meadows Fest** – booked both days – may offer one day to ?Sustrans if volunteers too few
- June 14 **WCCC conference** – Dave booked as individual delegate. **Martin** to book stall+delegate position – **Dave** to email booking form to Martin. Iain may wish to go, and could probably go at student rate – **Dave** to email Iain.
- June 15 **Bike Breakfast** [see below]
- June 18 **Canal Festival** – booked
- Martyn needs more volunteers on his 'normal' list. Dave has sent full potential list from m'ship tick box.
- **Martyn** to send **Rosie** the stall helpers instruction sheet, to add any ideas and help advertise for volunteers

## C. STALL MATERIALS

- Several people have asked about our former **Map Buffs**. Paul keen for us to re-investigate. Decided to await new Edinburgh map before considering whether to order.
- **Shared Paths leaflet** nearly run out, and is valuable: at stalls, to send to new members, and for regular canal leafleting by Bryce. **Dave** to investigate reprint costs. [*Later note* – the current print was 2000 copies in late 2012, so we have used about 700 a year].

## D. EDFOC [June 9-19] / BIKE WEEK

- All events below are now registered with EdFoC, to get in the printed programme.
- Sat June 11 **Farmers Market stall**. Free 'Favourite Ride' booklet to everyone coming by bike
- Mon June 13 **Public Meeting** – Martin organising - see below
- Wed June 15 **Bike Breakfast** – Mies fixed with Council. Bike Coop also signed up. **Mies** to check still fine despite staffing changes at Council. *Speakers* – decide after May 5<sup>th</sup> Holyrood election.
- Wed June 15 **Planning-related** ride organised by Planning Group (Martin, Chris, Euan). 5pm (or 6pm?) meeting at Haymarket. **Martin** also contacting Stuart Threlfall & Mike Lewis re running free leisure rides as part of EdFoC – but too late for printed programme.

## E. SPOKES PUBLIC MEETINGS

- **Spring 2016 meeting, Mon 21 March** - Hustings mtg for the May Holyrood elections – very successful. Splitting into groups worked very well. PA from Bike Station excellent sound, and can be borrowed again.
- **Summer 2016 meeting, Mon 13 June** – registered for EdFoC week - **Martin** organising
  - Topic – *Cycling and Health* – to include both physical activity and pollution aspects
  - Speakers – Panel of 3...
    - politician - Cllr Cammy Day
    - campaigner - FOE Emilia Hanna
    - medical expert - Prof Chris Oliver
    - chair for discussion session – (to be confirmed) Helen Zealley, Spokes member, former Director of Public Health in NHS Lothian, and involved in many environmental orgs; or ???
  - Meeting to be preceded by Spokes AGM (advertised to members by email)
  - Poster – **Dave** to find someone to do it so we can advertise the meeting soon, and get into diaries of relevant organisations. David Gardiner unavailable this time.
- **Autumn 2016** – Martin suggested provisional early booking for Augustine, as they get booked up early. Most suitable week in relation to probable mailout date is week beginning 21 November. **Martin** will book 21 November provisionally at Augustine. Possible topic – policies of new govt following Holyrood election?? - try for big speaker, new Transport Minister after May 5<sup>th</sup> Holyrood election??

## F. COUNTS OF TRAFFIC & CYCLISTS

- **Barbara** organising usual twice-yearly traffic count, for 10 May. Dave has sent latest list of membership tick-box volunteers.
- **Martin** had suggested idea used in Bristol – photo every cyclist passing and then produce a multi-purpose analysis – e.g. M/F, helmets, children carried, etc, etc – the categories can be finalised after the event, by inspecting the photos. Ideally we should also do this at more than one time and location, as commuters may well be different to people who use their bikes in the day. e.g. Dalry Rd lunchtime and/or say 1-3pm.
- General feeling that this should not be done in association with our regular traffic count, so if Martin goes ahead will not do it during the traffic count sessions.
- In addition to the photo-ing, someone would need to do the analysis & prepare a report. Might be an excellent student project, having the ready-made data set of photos.
- Gogarburn RBS data, showing increase over 5 years to now 90-120 daily bike commuters (& several 100 members of bike user group). **David** will send data to **Rosie** and **Dave** for possible use in facebook &/or bulletin.

## G. SPOKES MAPS

- New **Glasgow edition** delayed since late 2014, but now being worked on by XYZ. Likely to be on tearproof paper. Electronic version already downloadable for smartphones.
- Forthcoming **Edinburgh edition** on new base map (XYZ) to allow electronic version has been badly delayed and no likelihood of appearance any time soon. 'Maps Summit' held Feb 9 (Tim/Ian/David(Langworth)/Dave) - meeting decided Peter would get involved in visiting and pressurising XYZ, but even this had not worked.
- Therefore Peter/Tim/David working on updated version of existing map. Some possible obstacles but, if all goes well, will be ready before EdFoC. Probably on water and tear-proof paper. Meeting agreed that £6.95 would be ok price, but any higher could reduce sales.
- Need to decide use of surplus existing Ed maps if we get new edition. Possibly offer to schools, as Tim did very successfully with surplus old Midlothian maps.

## H. 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/>
- Spokes objectives modifications to suit SCIO needs circulated to members, with no feedback except punctuation etc, so we can use these. **Dave** has met SCVO for advice re modification of model SCIO constitution for the working group, and now to do a draft for comment.

## J. ONLINE JOINING AND RENEWAL

- **Clair**, computing adviser at Ed Uni, hopes to do this. Further delay as the proposed software GroupSpaces now no longer has technical support (it is still operating for those who use it, but no updates or problem-solving available). **Dave** & **Christine** to meet Clair once there is further progress.

## K. MOTORIST AWARENESS CAMPAIGN – 'BIKE ALERT'

- There is 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 to all orgs and members [approx 3000], plus further (see below).
- Meeting held at Martin's – only Martin, Bryce, Dave present.
  - Video content finalised – no change except lengthen time for some slides.
  - Leaflet content – minor changes inside; major change to back page, now being discussed by email. Final instructions will then be passed by **Dave** to David G to update the leaflet, but unlikely till May at earliest as David G away and then priority working on Spokes Haymarket map signboard.
  - Printing of leaflet/ official launch of video/leaflet – best time probably August, once election, edfoc, etc over, and shortly before 6<sup>th</sup> former events begin.
  - 6<sup>th</sup> former sessions 2016 being coordinated by **Martin**, working with Brian, Donald, Martyn. Preliminary contact with WestLife already. Also to investigate Mid and East Lothian councils. We could ask for more volunteers in a member email circular if useful. Also need to discuss format with Edinburgh – less good than W Lothian (Brian has written to them about this).
  - Other uses – driving schools, police rehab, etc, etc, to be discussed at a future Resources group when **Martin** & **Mies** both present. **Mies** interested in helping – to look up previous database
  - Need a lead-person for the launch event and for the distribution to other organisations as above.
- **Mies** informing Fyfe's of use of video so far and seeking any feedback on the leaflet & video.

## L. SUPERMARKETS PROJECT

- **Iain** circulated email with 2<sup>nd</sup> version of draft good practice guide. **Everyone** – please send comments to Iain (please also read the notes below). Once we are reasonably happy with the content we'll ask David Gardiner or Tim if they have time to do a professional layout.
- **Aim of the good practice guide ... to be used as follows ...**
  - to enable members to lobby their local shops/supermarket, as an individual 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.
  - Note that 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. Sustran 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.
- **Report on our initial survey** is 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).
- See previous minutes (15.3.16) for initial Good Practice Guide ideas, mostly now in Iain's draft.

## M. SUMMER COMPETITION

- **Comp 2015 Favourite Ride** - results - [Sept 28 news item](#). Entries are on website [here](#).
- **Follow-up booklet of favourite rides** – now printed – 5500 copies, includes 500 Council, 500 Bike Stn, 800 Spokes members, 200 Mike Lewis novices pack, initial 100 Bike Coop order, and remaining ~2500 for stalls, future shop orders, etc, hopefully enough to last a few years. Main stock now at T&S storage.
- *Many thanks to all involved* – a major effort in a short time, but very worthwhile outcome.
- Launch to be held at Laidback Bikes, Thurs 12 May. Andrew Burns attending & speaking briefly. **Rosie** prepared invitee list and sent out invites.
- Press release to commercial, cycling and community press (40 addresses) posted by **Judy**, to arrive April 6.
- **Comp 2016** – theme is *Shopping by Bike*
  - Entries could be anything to do with the subject – e.g. how you shop by bike, or a good experience, or a bad one, or something about bike facilities at shops, ...
  - **Dave** has done draft entry form – comments welcome
  - Prizes as follow. Those in **bold** are now agreed.. Note: we need proof for all, on paper or by email.  
**Mies** – Bike Coop; Camera Obscura & WoI; Kalpna  
**Rosie** – Bike Trax; Filmhouse  
**Judy** – **Sustrans**; **Craigie's Farm** (£30 hamper)  
**Iain** - **Laidback Bikes** (free tour place); **EdFoC** (free hire of Urban Arrow)  
**Dave** – **ScotRail** (return for 2 between any 2 Scottish stations)

## N. NETHERLANDS CYCLE PLANNING TOUR

- **Iain** organising a group to go on a David Hembrow cycle planning tour (Assen & Groningen), provisionally Sept 13-15. Hopefully including some spokes and/or go-bike members plus ideally some councillors/officers. Martin reports that some Bristol campaigners may sign up.
- Costs fall rapidly as numbers on the tour increase (max 12).
- Article included in new Spokesworker and Iain publicising through Go-Bike & elsewhere
- Spokes (and Go-Bike) can contribute to cost of A5 flyer to advertise the tour – can be sent to all members in next mailout, also all councillors (Ed and Lothians) and possibly officials at Scot Govt and council.

## P. POSSIBLE FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Possible research projects [details in 6.11.13 notes] – census ideas; valuation of cyclist time; identification of traffic offences.

## Q. SPOKES POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENTS

- Martin suggested various ideas, following a discussion at Planning Group (which he also attends), including...
- Improved accessibility for the website, possibly a different front end like LCC. General feeling in support, but design is complex and might need professional design. Danger of losing existing links – many pages have cross-links, since Spokes information is more web-like than tree-like. Council and possibly others have links to some of our web pages. Currently much of the archive info should be findable using either the 'cloud' or the search box.
- Possibility of Spokes deciding on some campaigns with specific objectives – e.g. a target for increased membership. General reluctance with this idea, since the way Spokes operates is that, as far as possible, people only do those things that interest and engage them, rather than a committee deciding what must be done then individuals being expected to do that.