

Spokes Holyrood Hustings, 21.3.16 - Group 4

Tweeted report of the group discussion, by [@walkcyclevote](#)

Emma Farthing-Sykes, LibDem

We're now into groups and we're tweeting from Group 4! First up is [@emasykes](#) and we're talking bikes on trains.. [#SpokesMtg](#)

Need to join up routes - particularly for utility cycling - not just address needs for tourism
[@emasykes](#) [#SpokesMtg](#)

Now talking weather, hills and the need/attitudes towards 'cycling clothes' and sweating [@emasykes](#)
[@scotlibdems](#) [#SpokesMtg](#)

Discussion moving onto changing public attitudes - drivers/cyclists - that would make a difference.
Cyclists make better drivers? [@emasykes](#)

We want less cars - [@emasykes](#) campaigned against new Forth Road Bridge [#SpokesMtg](#)

Alison Johnstone, Green

Now [@AlisonJohnstone](#) - [#activetravel](#) neglected by current government - [@scotgp](#) committed to 10% of transport budget [#SpokesMtg](#)

Need for investment in segregation along a couple of key routes - quick and direct - [#SpokesMtg](#)
[@AlisonJohnstone](#)

Many more people walk than cycle - comment from floor - why can't investment be made in quality pavements first? [#SpokesMtg](#)

Apparently a £billion has been spent on education to get people out of cars already
[@AlisonJohnstone](#) [#SpokesMtg](#)

[@AlisonJohnstone](#) - cycling is a social justice issue. YES. Huge societal gains from the bicycle that our gov needs to tap into [#spokesmtg](#)

Jim Eadie, SNP

Now we have [@JimEadieSNP](#) - responding to spend hierarchy infographic from [@POPScotland](#)
[#SpokesMtg](#)

Working together to get a City Deal sorted for Edinburgh will have huge benefits for integrated transport [@JimEadieSNP](#) [#SpokesMtg](#)

Question from the floor about role of [@transcotland](#) - feeling they are cutting on [#activetravel](#)
[#SpokesMtg](#)

Why isn't cycling the obvious answer to politicians? [@JimEadieSNP](#) feels it is harder sell in constituencies with less cyclists [#SpokesMtg](#)

Sandy Batho, Conservative

Over to [@SandyBatho](#) - more chat in bikes on trains. Design of trains, rail franchises the issue?
Higher capacity required [#SpokesMtg](#)

Need to holistic view of our cities and streets and how to use them, not just from particular agendas
- comment from the floor [#SpokesMtg](#)

Sarah Boyack, Labour

Final round is [@SarahBoyackMSP](#) - talking integrated transport and how to encourage people to make sustainable choices [#SpokesMtg](#)

Congestion charge was unpopular in Edinburgh - need to move to low emission cars and better active travel options into city [@SarahBoyackMSP](#)