

Spokes Action Update 02.06.18

... This is a circular to emailable Spokes members. If you recently sent us a change of email address it may not yet be in our database, so this message may go to your old address or possibly to both.
... Please check below carefully for everything that concerns you, then follow it up.

1. Spokes Bulletin #131, Summer 2018

Most members will have received their summer Spokes mailing by this weekend. If you have not, the **Bulletin** (and its supplements on **Edinburgh Bike Share** and **Edinburgh Transformation**) is now online – see the article on our website spokes.org.uk [here](#). We've also [tweeted it](#) – please retweet!

Mailings also include the EdFoC Festival of Cycling brochure. If you've not yet received it, go to their website at edfoc.org.uk. And do remember the 4 great events that Spokes volunteers are putting on during EdFoC. Please come along to chat/ debate/ listen – see below and posters at end of this circular.

- ◆ [Our 4-event poster – click to download pdf with times, places, etc](#)
- ◆ June 13: **Public Meeting** – City Centre Transformation [if tweeting, use #SpokesMtg]
- ◆ June 13: **Bike Breakfast** [tweets: use #SpokesBB] – latest news is that we now expect some demo Edinburgh bike share bikes to try out!!
- ◆ June 12: **Tour of local cycling infrastructure** - past, present, future [tweets: use #SpokesInfra]
- ◆ June 18: **Seminar with video & exhibition** – from zero to 200 miles of cyclerooute [tweets: use #Spokes40]

As usual we have extra Bulletin copies printed to use for various purposes including leafletting bikes. If you could leaflet bikes at your workplace or local shopping area, please let us know how many you need, and whether it is just for this bulletin or if you could do this regularly (3 times a year). The whole central area George St/ Princes St/ Lothian Rd / south central including Waverley and Haymarket is already largely covered, but it would be great to get more bikes leafletted in the suburban 'town centres' and the Lothians.

2. Other Dates [* = Spokes stall expected at this event - helpers needed!]

- ◆ **June 3, 2-4.30pm: Climate Workshop** by FOE Scotland and Stop Climate Chaos Scotland. More info on this workshop (and others in Scotland) at foe.scot/climate-action-workshops-film-tour.
- ◆ **June 7-24: Edinburgh Festival of Cycling**, including 4 Spokes events instead of our usual two – see section (1) above.
- ◆ **June 15: Loanhead Path Extension to Lasswade Road** – 10am official opening of [new 3km Sustrans route](#). Meet at Shawfair Rail Station EH22 1SE at 9.45, from where you will be directed (10mins if you are walking).
- ◆ ***June 16: Pop-up Events in George Street parking bays** 11am-2pm. **It is important to support this event, as if successful it adds to the case for bigger events such as car-free city centre Sundays.**
- ◆ **June 19: Causey Development Trust public meeting** (following their AGM) with speaker Daisy Narayanan about the [Central Edinburgh Transformation project](#). Buccleuch Church, 10 West Crosscauseway, 7pm.
- ◆ **June 23-24: Bikes for Refugees weekend fundraiser** NB - there's a brief item about BFR in the [new Spokes Bulletin](#) on page 3.
- ◆ *Edinburgh Council Locality offices are organising 3 walk/bike festivals with local communities this summer; as below. There may be another in Portobello, details not yet known ...*
- ◆ ***Aug 12 Liberton/G'ton Walking/Cycling Festival** 11am-4pm. Tom.I.Scott@ed.edin.sch.uk 664.3793
- ◆ ***Sep 2 Inverleith Walking/Cycling Festival**, 1.30-4, Inverleith Park. Elaine.Lennon@edinburgh.gov.uk
- ◆ ***Sep 23 Drumbrae Walking/Cycling Festival** Steven.Kipanda @edinburgh.gov.uk 529.5050
- ◆ ***Sep 22 Spokes stall** at Castle Terrace [Farmers' Market](#), 9am-1pm.

3. Safe Cycling South Edinburgh – *public meeting, June 5, 7-9pm* **Pentland Community Centre, Oxfangs Brae, EH13 9LS**

Spokes member Stella Thomson, along with a colleague, Harry Huyton, has organised a public meeting to start a fight for safe cycle infrastructure for South Edinburgh – basically the whole area from south of the Grange, through to the City Bypass – Liberton, Gilmerton, Gracemount, Colinton, etc. Stella says, *"South Edinburgh often seems forgotten when it comes to cycle infrastructure. To change that, local cyclists need to come together and put the pressure on our local councils and elected officials."*

Although the area is very hilly in places, the advent of e-bikes may start to make quite a difference, so the demand for better cycling provision could well rise substantially.

At the meeting a Council officer will outline current developments and initiatives, then you can put forward ideas to develop a strategy for safe cycling and cycleroutes in South Edinburgh. We know that a few other Spokes members already intend to go along, including Cllr Scott Arthur, so please join them if you cycle in the area. More details...

- ◆ Twitter [@Cyclesouthedin](#)
- ◆ Facebook [Safe Cycling South Edinburgh](#)
- ◆ Email stellathomson@blueyonder.co.uk
- ◆ Poster see end of this circular

4. Lower Granton Road Redetermination Order RSO/18/04 – *by 7 July*

The RSO 'Redetermination Order' required for this project to go ahead has now been published. ***It very likely there are going to be objections*** and so it will be really helpful if people supporting the project send in a brief (or lengthy!) email of support.

A sheet describing the project, and with an outline map, is on the Council website [here](#). More information, including the results of the recent public consultation, are on [this page](#).

The Order and how to respond are on the Council website [here](#). However the Order itself is in legal language, and you will get a better idea of the project from the links in the paragraph above.

To respond, all you need to do is...

- ◆ email trafficorders@edinburgh.gov.uk
- ◆ Include the Order name and number (as in the heading of this section)
- ◆ Include your own full name and address
- ◆ Say whether you support the proposal and explain why, in a sentence or two (or more if you wish).

5. North West Locality Improvement Plan – *comment by 29 June*

The North West Locality includes **the whole area between South Queensferry, Trinity, Warriston, Stockbridge, Roseburn, Corstorphine, Ratho Station and Kirkliston.**

Details and an online survey are on the Council website [here](#). The survey allows you to select and look at only those areas that interest you. For example, there is a section called *Place* which covers transport and environment, and there are other sections covering specific geographical areas (e.g. Queensferry). Just go to the section(s) that interest you unless you have a lot of time and interest available!

6. Other Actions

- ◆ **Rural Quiet Roads** Clackmannanshire has earned a name for itself by making certain quieter rural roads [more bike/walk-friendly](#), with reduced speed limits and special signs at entrances. Now other councils are following their example including [West Lothian](#) and [East Lothian](#) [para 3.4 of the report] – the latter thanks to the [Drem/Gullane safe route campaign](#). If **your council** has roads you use which you think would benefit, ask your councillors to take up the idea – find your councillors at [writetothem.com](#).
- ◆ **Fair Funding for E-Bikes** The UK govt gives up to 35% off (via the supplier) to people buying EVs, but there is no such grant for e-bikes or e-cargo-bikes (and no attempt to combine incentives for EVs with modal shift). The UK Parliament's All-Party Cycling Group is calling for change – see [article](#). If you think this important, please support the Campaign for Better Transport, who are campaigning on this - they have an e-action [here](#) with a template letter to send to your MP (and a look-up to find your MP). Note that if you live in South Edinburgh constituency your MP, Ian Murray, is a Spokes member.
- ◆ **Cargo bikes locally** Spokes is now offering possible support to local community groups, in Edinburgh or the Lothians, considering buying a cargo bike – for details see [spokes.org.uk](#) : documents : spokes projects : cargobikes. *If you know a group that might benefit, please pass this on.*
- ◆ **Scottish Government Climate Bill.** The Scottish Government has published its latest Climate Change Bill (this has to be done every few years to update the government's climate objectives and actions) but environmental groups are very concerned that it is too timid. A brief Guardian article gives both sides of the story, [here](#). Stop Climate Chaos Scotland and FOE Scotland have created an online e-action which you can use to push for a stronger Bill. Go to [act.foe.scot/SCCS-climate-change-act](#).

7. Spokes office manager/organiser

Our volunteer office manager, Judy, who has looked after the office and related matters for a good many years, wants a change after the summer, so we need a replacement. Initially you could work alongside Judy, to pick things up. If interested, please email spokes@spokes.org.uk. The job is vital to Spokes!!

Judy says, *"This is a very varied job, with the chance to meet a range of Spokes volunteers, to get an inside view of how Spokes operates and to contribute to its effectiveness. It does not require any specialised knowledge or skills though it helps to be organised and to be able to get on with a range of people."*

The **time commitment** is roughly one half day per week on average. Attendance at some of the evening Resource Group meetings held in the office or a member's house (every 3 weeks or so) is also needed.

There are two fairly distinct aspects, as below, so an option would be two volunteers...

1. Dealing with mail received at Spokes Office

Processing new member and membership renewal forms, small map orders, miscellaneous enquiries relating to the above. Recording and banking payments by cash and cheque and liaising with Treasurer, membership database team, Resources Group Co-ordinator etc

2. Office Manager role

Ensuring supplies of materials in the office for new member packs, stalls, Resource Group meetings, including replenishing stocks of Spokes maps from the map store. Frequent liaison with Resources Group Co-ordinator, Stalls organiser, St Martins Community Resource Centre (our Landlords).

8. Other consultations – *Check out council, government & some other consultations here...*

- ◆ **Edinburgh** [consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk](#)
- ◆ **Edinburgh** [Edinburgh traffic orders](#) includes...
 - **Lower Granton Road** RSO Order – see (4) above.
- ◆ **East Lothian** [www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk](#)
- ◆ **Midlothian** [www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open](#) includes...
 - *proposed Guidance on Special Landscape Areas. Ends 6 June*
- ◆ **West Lothian** [www.westlothian.gov.uk/consultations](#)
- ◆ **Scottish Govt** [consult.gov.scot](#)
- ◆ **Transport Scotland** [www.transport.gov.scot/consultations](#)

9. Finally

- ◆ Remember to check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk.
- ◆ We are active on **Twitter** [@SpokesLothian](https://twitter.com/SpokesLothian). Follow us and RT tweets you support. Check our 'favourites' for important or interesting tweets. Recent tweets also appear on our website.
- ◆ If you use **Facebook**, please like, share, etc the [Spokes Facebook page](#). We hope soon to restart the automatic twitter feed to Facebook.
- ◆ The **Spokes Bulletin** is one of our main means of spreading knowledge of Spokes, of what is happening in cycling development, and how people can help. Can you use a supply (large or small) to leaflet bikes at your workplace or on bikes parked around any areas of the city [not Haymarket or Waverley which we already cover] – or would your local cafe, barber, etc like 5 or 10 copies? If you'd like a supply of the current bulletin, and/or if you'd like a regular supply of future copies, email [updates AT spokes.org.uk](mailto:updates@spokes.org.uk).

Dave du Feu, Spokes 2 June 2018

South Edinburgh Cycle Infrastructure Public Meeting

Edinburgh Council has been making cycling safer in the City Centre and North Edinburgh but we **urgently** need investment in cycle infrastructure for **South Edinburgh** and **we seem to have been forgotten!**

We want them to create a **safe cycling environment for residents**. This should enable everyone to:

- cycle confidently within the area
- **safely** cross main roads to reach local shops, schools, library, etc
- connect to routes in the City Centre and beyond



At the meeting we will:

- Hear about cycle infrastructure development in Edinburgh
- Identify **our** key asks to make cycling safe **in South Edinburgh**
- Explore how we **work together** to make it happen

Local councillors will be invited

Tuesday 5th June 7pm to 9pm

Pentland Community Centre, Oxbgangs Brae

Enquiries: e-mail to stellathomson@blueyonder.co.uk

Join us on your bike, June 2018

Wednesday 13 June

Transforming Our City Centres – public meeting

TIMES 19:30 - 21:30 (doors open 6.45)

VENUE Augustine United Church,
George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

- Daisy Narayanan, Leader of Central Edinburgh Transformation Project
- Prof David Begg, Leader of Glasgow Connectivity Commission
- Cllr Adam McVey, Leader of City of Edinburgh Council

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Tuesday 12 June

Spokes Cycling Velorution Tour

TIMES 18:15 - 20:00

VENUE Meet top of Middle Meadow Walk

- Guided tour of local infrastructure evolution
- Past, present, possible future
- Slow & fairly central

Numbers limited;
advance booking
essential. Email:
bycyclinged@gmail.com



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Wednesday 13 June

Spokes Bike Breakfast 2018

TIMES 07:45 - 09:00

VENUE Edinburgh City Chambers,
High Street, EH1 1YJ

#SpokesBB

- Free breakfast
- Free Spokes map for first 20 arrivals after 7.45
- Bike Security marking, Police Scotland
- Chain clean & lube, Edinburgh Bicycle
- Councillor & MSP speeches, 8.30-ish
- Wide range of stalls and attractions



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Monday 18 June

From zero to 200 miles of cycle route: 40 years of cycle campaigning – seminar

TIMES 19:00 - 21:00

VENUE Augustine United Church,
George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

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- From eccentricity to everyday transport
- Work trips from 1% to 2% to 4% to 8% to ?
- Talk/exhibition/video/discussion



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More details of all events at: spokes.org.uk + edfoc.org.uk

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EDINBURGH FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

Spring Public Meeting : all welcome : Weds 13 June

City Centre Transformation!

Edinburgh City's Transformation Project aims to *"prioritise access for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users"* in the city centre.

Glasgow City's Connectivity Commission seeks to *"get more people onto public transport, walking and cycling"* in the city centre.

Both see these transport measures as central to an improved public realm, creating a city centre more attractive for business and leisure.

- ◆ What transport changes will we see in practice? - and when?
- ◆ What will be the role of cycling as a transport mode?
- ◆ What happens to the cars?
- ◆ What can the cities learn from each other - and from other cities?

Daisy Narayanan

Leader, Edinburgh Transformation Project
seconded from Sustrans Scotland (Deputy Director)

Prof David Begg

Leader, Glasgow Connectivity Commission
CEO of transport consultancy Portobello Partnership, publisher of Transport Times, and Transport Convener of Lothian Region and Edinburgh City Councils in the 1990s

Response to the presentations
Cllr Adam McVey

Leader, City of Edinburgh Council
Former Transport Vice-Convener and Cycling Champion at Edinburgh City Council

Audience QA / panel discussion chaired by **Kirsty Lewin** Sustrans UK Board

Starts 7.30 Ends 9.30

Doors Open 6.45

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Augustine United Church, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

Meeting tweeting [@SpokesLothian] - Use hashtag #SpokesMtg

Facebook [Spokes Lothian] - We hope to live stream the meeting

 **Come early**  **coffee**  **Spokes stall**  **exhibition**  **chat**

Organised by **Spokes The Lothian Cycle Campaign**
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