

Autumn Public Meeting Cycling for All ... Diversity Rules Thursday 15 November 2018

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West Lothian Bike Library



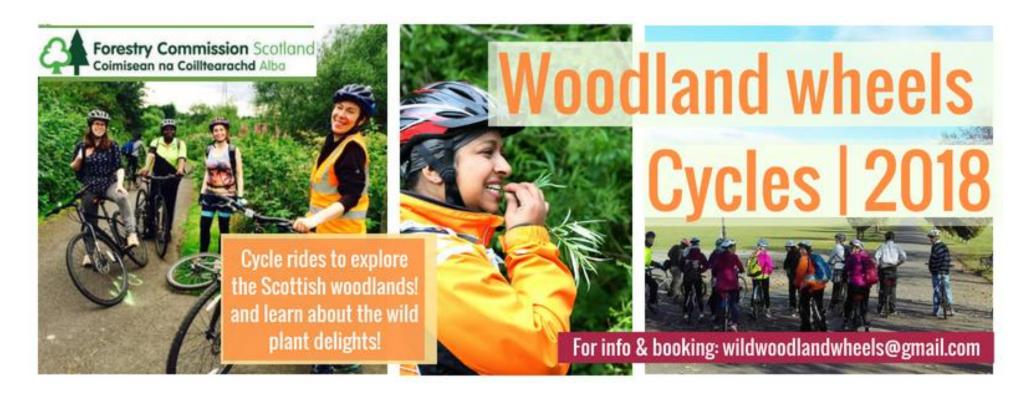
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Cllr Mark Brown and Horatio the e-bike





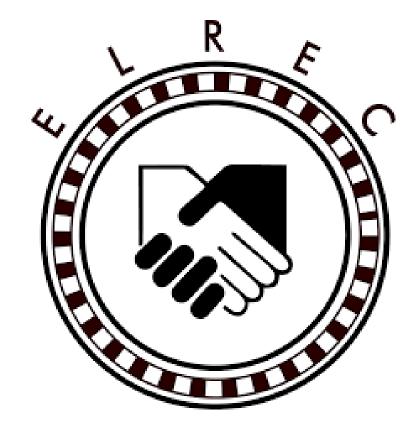
Ageing Well

https://www.edinburghleisure.co.uk/activities/be-active/ageing-well





ELREC (Edinburgh and Lothians Regional Equality Council)



http://www.elrec.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/ELREC



Bikes for Refugees

https://www.facebook.com/BikesforRefugeesScotland/



All-Ability Cycling & VIE Velo

https://www.cyclinguk.org/blog/davidglover/edinburgh-abc-first-riders https://twitter.com/Edinburgh_ABC https://twitter.com/vie_velo





Knox Academy

https://www.ka-net.org.uk/







Alison Johnstone MSP



https://twitter.com/AlisonJohnstone



Round Up of the Year

40th Anniversary



Spokes was founded in autumn 1977. We marked our 40th anniversary in autumn 2017. We held a reception at the City Chambers attended by volunteers, Councillors and MSPs. "Spokes led that charge, which was a lonely position when Spokes began ... but they were right," Adam McVey, Leader of Edinburgh Council.

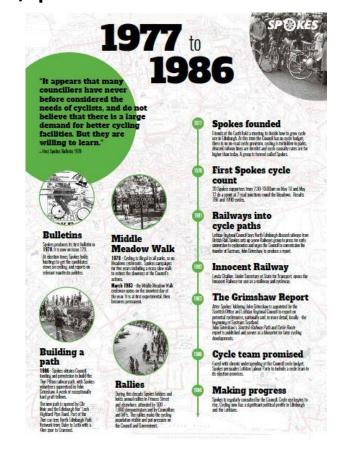


40th Anniversary



For our anniversary we produced 3 videos and 6 exhibition boards. The boards show the present, past and future.







40th Anniversary

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The exhibition has been shown at over 20 venues.



Exhibition at Out of the Blue Drill Hall

Recent worksheets



Spokes produces worksheets on cycling related topics.

WORKPLACE CYCLING

MAKE YOUR WORK BIKE-FRIENDLY



Think your workplace could be more bike-friendly?

This factsheet is for you if you cycle to work (or would like to).

It explains how to work with colleagues and your employer to improve facilities for cyclists at your workplace.

The ideas here mostly come from a large site, but will also be very useful in a smaller workplace.

Workplace Cycling was distributed to Bicycle User Groups (BUGs).

There are BUGS in Edinburgh

Edinburgh University

Bush Estate

Queen Margaret University

Heriot Watt

West Lothian Council

RBS

Recent worksheets



Supermarket Parking and Access

Leaflet to give to your local supermarket to install more cycle parking spaces, with guide for design.

Why improve bike parking and access?





Recent worksheets

E-bikes

How e-bikes have transformed lives and practical tips on using and accessing



WHY E-BIKE?

A recent Spokes competition asked...

"What has transformed your cycling life?"

Five entries came from people of middle age or over who had bought an e-bike.

Some had not cycled for years or decades, but all now cycle remarkable distances, for work and/or leisure. Four of the five had lost weight: three had lost 1-2 stones, one had lost "a ton of weight" and the fifth was slim already! For all five, their e-bike had transformed their lives.

This factsheet tells some of their stories and shows how you can do the same!

What is an E-bike?

 Basically, it's a bicycle with electrical assistance which can only operate when you are pedalling

The E-Bike Smile!!

Although she didn't enter our competition, Edinburgh City Council's Transport Convener, **Councillor Lesley Macinnes**, could have been in line for a prize too!! In May 2018, not having cycled for 35 years, she bought a lovely red e-bike - and took to it like a duck to water (yes, even on some rainy days!) - so much so that she now enters the office with an e-bike smile!



photo and quotes courtesy of The Edinburgh Reporter



Bike Alert/Operation Close Pass SP WKES

The police are still distributing 15,000 Bike Alert Leaflets for Operation Close Pass.

"A great tool for both close pass ops and educational type events," the police.

The leaflet and video are also used at Young Drivers Events in August and October.
Brunton Theatre
5 High Schools
Big event at Corn Exchange



Edinburgh Festival of Cycling



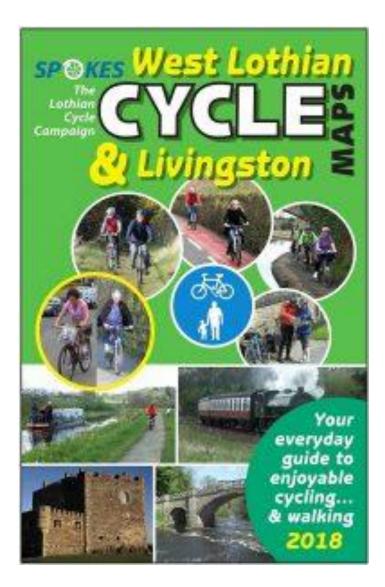
4 events – Transforming City Centre – public meeting; Spokes Bike Breakfast; Velorution Tour; 40 years of cycle campaigning





2018 West Lothian Map





Our West Lothian map came out in June 2018

Every km square on the map was surveyed by local volunteers, co-ordinated from Balerno and LivIngston.

2018 West Lothian Map





Official launch of map with West Lothian Council

Public Meetings

Spokes holds 3 public meetings each year November 2017 - Cycling Plans in the New Councils

March 2018 - Cycling and the Tram Extension

June 2018 - City Transformation

The public meetings in March and June were "big news" meetings

March - plans for the tram extensions presented

June - exciting city transformation project revealed by **Daisy Narayanan**, seconded from Sustrans to head the project

Over 100 people attended.

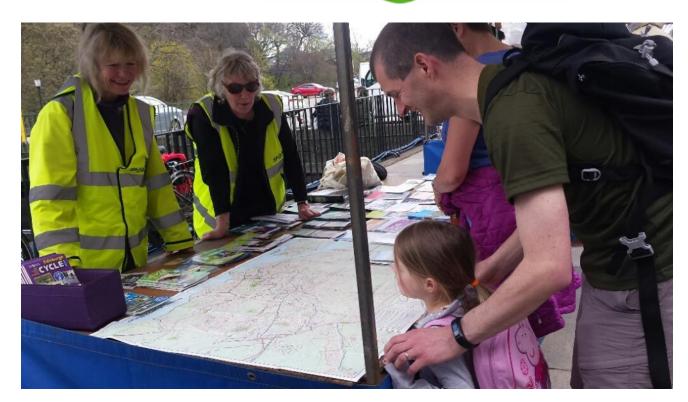




Stalls

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30 – 40 active volunteers 30-40 stalls in different venues



Stall at Castle Terrace Farmers' Market

Cargo bike grants

CARGO BIKES – GRANTS

Spokes offers grants to local community groups towards the cost of a cargo bike.

Hearty Squirrel food coop £500— food transport to stalls at Edinburgh University campuses and outside events

<u>Food Sharing Scotland</u> £500 each for up to 2 cargobikes for <u>Tyred of Food Waste project</u> to collect and distribute surplus food from supermarkets

<u>Bikes for Refugees</u> - £500 used to replace journeys where travelling by van or taxi to repair bikes or to deliver joint bike repair workshops

Minikindy – £250 for pick ups and drop offs in Edinburgh, taking children out into nature





Local Groups

LOCAL LOBBYING

Starting to grow. Spokes members involved as individuals.

Valuable as the Council is devolving some transport responsibilities to 4 Localities instead of all being done from the centre.

Roseburn Route Support Group
South Edinburgh Group – Stella Thomson
Portobello Spokes 'cell' - Kirsty Lewin
West Edinburgh - huge amount of local lobbying by Henry
Whaley and Graeme Hart of Hart's Cyclery in individual
capacities

Also cycling advocates are joining the committees of Community Councils



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, Oxgangs Brae

Traffic counts

Spokes does 2 traffic counts per year.

Our November traffic count, averaged over our 4 regular count points, found bikes forming 16.5% of all vehicles – our highest ever November percentage, just over last year's 16.4%.

Our May traffic count showed a reduction of bikes from 19.1% to 16.9% of all vehicles.

Plateau in cycle use – levelling off unless step change in infrastructure.





Thanks to **Barbara** and her team of counters

Consultations

Much of Spokes's work is examining plans, major and minor, and presenting submissions to include better cycling provision.

They also attend relevant meetings organised by City Edinburgh Council and lobby for extra cycling staff.





Current Significant Consultations SP & KES



CITY CENTRE WEST TO EAST LINK (CCWEL)

The most radical cycling infrastructure in Edinburgh so far has taken up a good chunk of the Planning Group's time. It included consultations on Melville Street, Randolph Place, George Street and First New Town.

It passed the TRO and RSO 7 to 4 at the Council Transport Committee meeting in June. Lab, SNP Greens, yes, Lib Dems, Cons, postpone.

Date of Scottish Government hearing is not yet fixed. It is hoped that work will begin late 2019.



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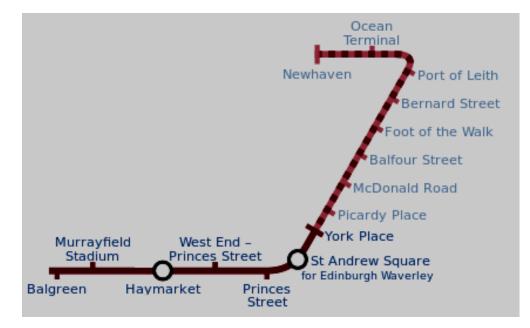


TRAMLINE EXTENSION

Extending the tramline to Leith and Newhaven. Preliminary design had no cycling considerations. Council designing a tram corridor not a transport corridor. Not linking to existing cycling infrastructure. Road space extending, squeezing out cyclists and pedestrians.

Spokes did a big submission in April.

8,000 separate pieces of feedback led to a series of dedicated design workshops. New plans on display in October 2018. Leith Walk will now have segregated cycle lanes for the whole route.



Uncertainties remain - (a) beyond the foot of the walk and (b) the 18-month closure of Leith Walk for construction, when the road will be totally closed northbound and no cycle route in either direction unless council re-thinks.

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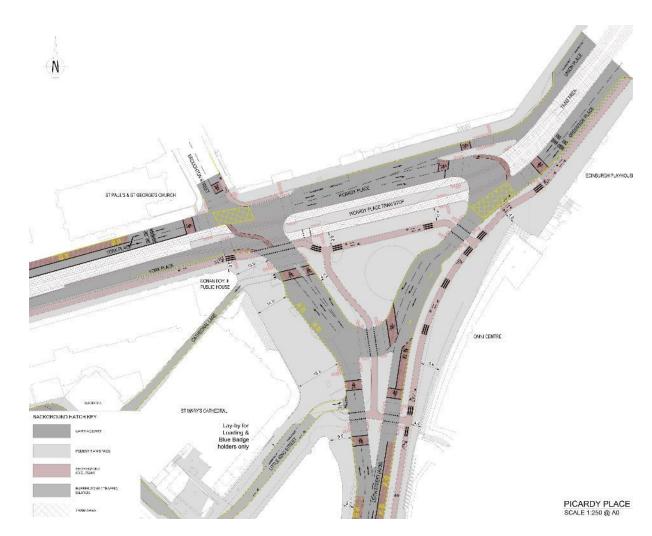


PICARDY PLACE GYRATORY

Spokes opposed the whole gyratory concept, however that was passed, albeit with some major improvements for cycling and walking.

New design provides significantly more useable public space than the earlier designs and cycleroutes which are far clearer and more direct.

Under construction.



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TRAM SAFETY MEASURES

Spokes has been consulted on improvements to the present design.

Red surfaces showing better angles to approach the tracks.

Signs – "Give Cyclists Space"

Advanced Stop Lines

Short length of new segregated cycle lane on Princes Street and red screeded surfacing and road markings to guide cyclists crossing the tram tracks at South St Andrew Street.

Measures still to come

- Princes Street short segregated lane at South St Andrews St
- Haymarket Station, moving island
- Grosvenor St, cycle lane and later (if TRO succeeds) making it exit only
- West End junction rebuild but this awaits City Transformation



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SHERIFFHALL ROUNDABOUT

First plans didn't mention cycling. Pushing for connected cycling from Midlothian to other populated parts.

Consultation still on-going with stakeholder meetings for non motorised transport. The plans are an improvement on the status quo.





ROUND EDINBURGH...

The use of **e-bikes** spreading, including one ridden by Cllr Lesley Macinnes, the Transport Convener.

Bike Life Survey – 80% of Edinburgh residents support building more protected cycle lanes, even at the expense of other road traffic

More Cargo bikes appearing



BIKE STORAGE

Secure on-street cycle parking to be rolled out across the city

Members of the City of Edinburgh Council's Transport and Environment Committee agreed on plans to extend a scheme, which has been successfully trialled in the city's Southside and West End since 2014.

The covered bike storage containers provide muchneeded cycle parking in densely-populated and tenemented areas of Edinburgh, which was the first local authority in Scotland to offer the facility to residents.





EDINBURGH CYCLE HIRE SCHEME

began September 18th. Sponsored by Just Eat. 2,075 trips in 2018 (30.9.18)







Councillors with the shared bikes

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CITY TRANSFORMATION

Daisy Narayanan, of Sustrans has been seconded to head the City Transformation role. The project is not just transport, but working across departments including input from housing, transport, planning & economic development. **Daisy** outlined her vision our public meeting in June 2018.

The plan includes:City Mobility Plan
Central Edinburgh Transformation
Low Emission Zone

Public Consultation – to November 2018.

August 2019 – Agree finalisation changes informed by consultations.





General developments



CAR FREE DAYS

Car free day in June 2018. Council chiefs have stated that they wish this to be a regular event.

The City of Edinburgh Council wishes to develop an 'Open Streets' programme of vehicle-free days on the first Sunday of each month (10am–5pm) in key parts of the city centre and town centres.

Consulting until end November.



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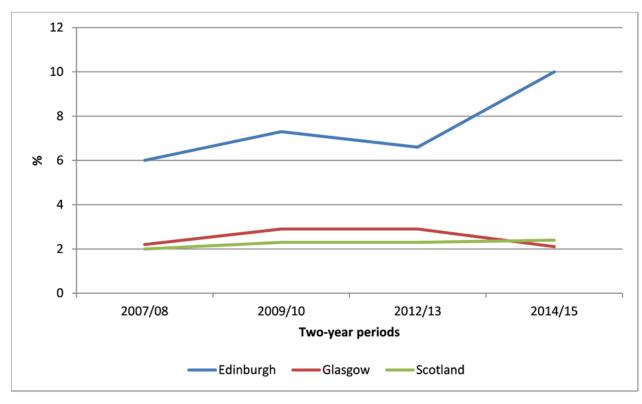
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

The **Scottish Parliament Information Service** study shows Edinburgh has the highest proportion of journeys to work by bike of any Scottish Council.

Scottish Government - doubling of **annual investment for active travel** from £39m to £80m, or £15 per person.

Active Travel Commissioner to be appointed.

Figure 1: Proportion of commuting trips made by bike in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Scotland



Data from Transport and Travel in Scotland: Local Area Analysis and Scottish Household Survey: Household Transport (Transport Scotland) 2009-2016

GILMERTON – SHAWFAIR – ROSLIN PATH EXTENSION Opened June 2018.

Ramp for better access to Gilmerton - provisional completion November 2018.





LEITH STREET

Multiple lanes of mixed traffic, cyclists travelling uphill surrounded by lorries, cars and buses; and heavily-used footways which at the top are way below Council standards

Motor traffic prioritised. A few cycling tweaks

Spokes's campaign to get the Leith Walk cycle lane continued all the way to top of Leith St has so far failed as it ends on Calton Road. A few tweaks.

We can hope City Transformation project will introduce changes.





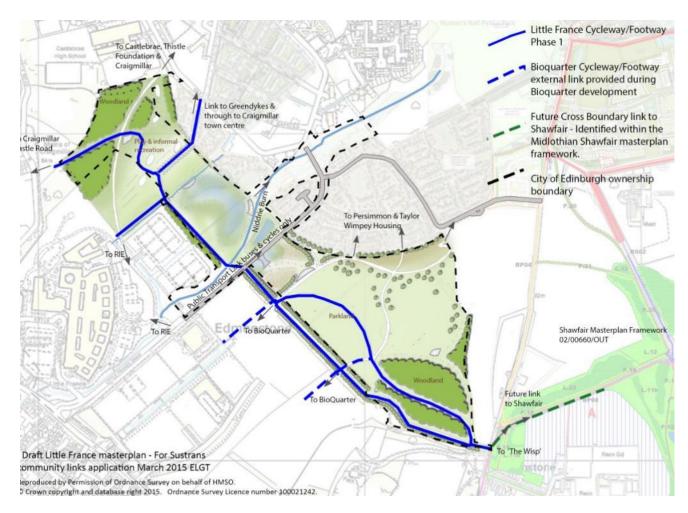
LITTLE FRANCE PATHS

Runs through the new park, behind the Bioquarter and up towards the Edmonstone Estate.

The new route will link the new and proposed housing developments in the south east of the city and beyond to the city centre and Craigmillar.

Linking the new neighbourhoods as they come on stream to existing residential and employment areas as well as the new Shawfair railway station on the Borders rail line.





NEPN MAINTENANCE

£900,000 spent on improving drainage, access, signage and general look of the NEPN, including installing benches.







A71 FOOTWAY

Big splash in the Daily Record about **Peter Hawkins** of the Spokes Planning Group
clearing the pavement running alongside
the A71, starting at Curriehill Road (April
2018). The Council had scheduled to start
maintenance in the summer.





LEITH WALK

After consultation with Spokes the orcas have been replaced by 'kerb splitters' (mini islands).

2 stage right-turn on McDonald Road

Bus-stop bypass



Bike Rail



Dedicated carriages for cycles and other outdoor sports equipment on rural routes in the north and north west.

Class 153 diesels to form dedicated bike/luggage carriages for northern routes. Spokes involved in this process. Spokes part of the stakeholders offering feedback on the design. Stakeholder consultation.



Future developments



WHAT NEXT?

Many projects were put on hold because of staff shortages. With more staff in the Active Travel team we can hope that some of these projects will move on.

City Centre West To East Link (CCWEL) – Scottish Government Hearing

City Transformation Project June – August 2019 – Agree finalisation changes informed by consultation

Meadows to Canal – construction 2019

Completion of tram design

Onstreet storage - expected to go out to tender shortly, for a company to install and operate the system. Units should be in place some time in 2019.

Consultation/planning continuing for:-

Meadows-George.St

West Edinburgh- George Street

Roseburn to Canal

About Spokes



Spokes has been promoting cycling as everyday transport for forty years in Edinburgh and the Lothians.

We are non-party political.

We are funded by donations and map sales.

We have a membership of 1200.

We produce a bulletin 3 times a year with a 13000 print run, delivered by 50+ volunteers by bike.

www.spokes.org.uk

Twitter:- Spokes CycleCampaign@SpokesLothian

Facebook: - Spokes the Lothian Cycle Campaign

Thanks to...

Martin – main organiser Kate and helpers – stall Kenny – membership stall

Judy and helpers – teas and coffees

Shane - electronics

Dave - promotion

Rosie - presentation

Meeting tweeting @SpokesLothian – hashtag #SpokesMtg



Autumn Public Meeting: all welcome: Thu 15 Nov 2018

Cycling for All .. Diversity Rules

Age, high or low Fitness, or not Gender, whatever Ethnicity, whatever etc, etc

Getting about by bike should be — and can be! - for almost everyone. Hear from the people who have achieved it, and discuss what is needed! Infrastructure ... Suitable bikes ... Buddies ... Confidence ... and ???



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A wide range of organisations fostering diversity in cycling will each speak for 5 minutes on what they do and why it matters ... then a 1-hour panel discussion and Q/A chaired by Spokes member Alison Johnstone MSP

West Lothian Bike Library David Liddell	Woodland Wheels Anna Canning
Horatio the e-bike – our journey so far Councillor Mark Brown	Ageing Well Morag Bryce
ELREC [Ed & Lothians Regional Equality Council] Ruth Mutyambizi	Bikes for Refugees Marjan van de Weg
All-Ability Cycling & VIE Velo David Glover	Knox Academy, Haddington Archie Goddard, S6 pupil

Starts 7.30 Ends 9.30 Doors Open 6.45



Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, EH1 1EL

Meeting tweeting [@SpokesLothian] - Use hashtag #SpokesMtg Facebook [Spokes Lothian] - We hope to live stream the meeting

🔞 Come early 🚷 coffee 🚷 Spokes stall 🚷 exhibition 🚷 chat

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