

Spokes Action Update 17.09.19

... 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. Global Climate Strike [including Edinburgh & Livingston] – **Fri 20 Sept**

- ◆ As you may be aware the international school children's "strikes for climate" have asked for adults worldwide to [join them on Fri 20 September](#). Many concerned organisations have supported this call, [including the TUC and the leaders of](#) the Labour, Lib Dem, Green, SNP and Plaid Cymru parties.
- ◆ The **Edinburgh event** starts at the Meadows at 11am, with a march to Parliament- several 1000 people of all ages are expected. **Spokes will be there with a cargo-bike-based stall, from 10.30 at the Meadows, then continuing to the Parliament.** Please come along and say hello. We'll also be handing out the current (summer issue) Spokes Bulletin and would really appreciate help if you are pro-active and enjoy wandering up and down doing that sort of thing.
- ◆ If you don't live in Edinburgh, there are many other events around Scotland (and [the world!](#)) on the Sep 20, including Livingston, Stirling, Perth and Glasgow. Find your nearest at ukscn.org/events.

2. Spokes Summer Competition - results

- ◆ Our summer competition, *My Cycling Inspiration*, had a great range of entries, and we found many sources of inspiration which have brought people onto their bikes, including...
 - Joy of cycling
 - Friends & relations
 - Climate & environment
 - Health & fitness
 - Children's future
 - Journey reliability
 - E-bike opportunities
 - and more...
- ◆ There were some really inspiring stories - and ideas *you* could follow up with family and friends. See the report on our website, here... www.spokes.org.uk/2019/09/spokescomp-2019-inspired-to-use-a-bike
- ◆ We've also tweeted the article. **If you use twitter, please retweet!**
twitter.com/SpokesLothian/status/1173539243534237696
- ◆ **If you entered the competition, or persuaded other to do so , thank you – it is really helpful getting these personal experiences and ideas, and particularly getting them in a collection.**
- ◆ We'd also welcome suggestions for next year's competition (if we continue the tradition).

3. For your diary

- ◆ We hope to have a **Spokes stall** (with maps at special stall prices) where stated below. Please come along and say hello, or offer to help. Please also notify us (in good time) of any local festivals/events you hear of where a good number of people are expected, in case we can manage a stall.
- ◆ **Sep 20 Global Climate Strike, Edinburgh event** – see (1) above – **Spokes cargo-bike stall**
- ◆ **Sep 28 & Oct 26 Edinburgh Farmers' Market** 10am-2pm, Castle Terrace – **Spokes stall.**
- ◆ **Nov 2 Out of the Blue Eco-Fair**, 11am-4pm, Drill Hall, Dalmeny Street EH6 8RG – **Spokes stall.**
- ◆ **November 15 [Friday] – Spokes autumn public meeting. "New Cycling Solutions for Edinburgh"**
 - ➔ Main speaker - [Richard Armitage](#) a founding director of the European Cycle Logistics Federation, and involved in cargo bike and bike-hire operations in Manchester. Also...
 - ➔ [Cllr Lesley Macinnes](#), Transport Convener, particularly on Council **cargo-bike initiatives**
 - ➔ **Edinburgh Cycle Hire**
 - ➔ and we have invited [Cyclehoop](#) (who are to install and manage Edinburgh's secure onstreet bike storage).

4. Lothians – *including some imminent dates*

- ◆ **West Lothian Thur 19 Sept** – The 20-milers group is at the Council HQ in Livingston to [encourage staff to commute by bike](#), using the 'maze' of local cyclepaths. If you'd like to help with this or similar future events, contact Ross via 20-milers using 'contact us' at livi20milers.blogspot.com.
- ◆ **West Lothian Fri 20 Sept** – [Livingston Climate Strike Picnic](#) as part of the global action in (1) above.
- ◆ **East Lothian Thur 19 Sept** – East Lothian Council Cycle Forum. Anyone local who is interested is welcome to attend. 7pm, Town House, Haddington. Details: Iain Reid, Council Sustainable Transport Officer, 01620 827710, email ireid@eastlothian.gov.uk
- ◆ **Midlothian** – Bill Kerr-Smith, secretary of Eskbank and Newbattle Community Council, is considering **setting up an Active Travel Group**, covering the Community Council area, or potentially wider across Midlothian, to lobby for improved cycling provision, and possibly apply for cycleroute project funds. This follows intensive efforts by the CC to promote 2 cycleroutes – one from Eskbank station to Kings Park in Dalkeith, which fell through; and another still requiring a great deal of administrative effort, Hardengreen to Newtongrange. Bill feels that a separate group, probably under the CC umbrella, would be useful. If interested, contact him at 0131 561 9687 or email enccmailbox@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Midlothian** – [Greening Gorebridge](#) – has Climate Challenge funding to promote a “healthier, happier active low carbon community.” This includes a variety of cycling opportunities such as bike and e-bike hire, Dr Bike sessions, led rides. If you'd like to use these facilities, or to help the project, contact [michaela.jackson\[@\]gorebridge.org.uk](mailto:michaela.jackson[@]gorebridge.org.uk).
- ◆ **West Lothian** – [Linlithgow Active Travel Hub](#) – very similar opportunities to Greening Gorebridge above. Contact Wendy at travel@transitionlinlithgow.org.uk, 01506 844182.
- ◆ **Spokes Maps** – Our website lists businesses in the Lothians who do – or did – stock the local Spokes map (and possibly other Spokes maps) as below. However, we suspect the list is out of date. If you know of corrections, please let us know. For any shop wishing to re-order, there are [bulk prices](#) for orders of 6 or more of the same map. Orders and enquiries to maps@spokes.org.uk. More substantially, if anyone would like to be a map sales organiser for their council area, we would be delighted!

East Lothian

- **Dunbar** – *Belhaven Bikes*
- **Haddington** – *Kesley's Bookshop, Mike's Bikes*
- **Longniddry** – *Nicholson's Newsagent*
- **Musselburgh** – *Ace Bike Co., Nth High St*
- **North Berwick** – *Law Cycles*

Midlothian

- **Eskbank** – *Eskbank Trading*, 2 Station Road; *Short's Self Drive*, 39 Bonnyrigg Road
- **Lasswade** – *Criterion Cycles*; and *Butterfly & Insect World* – both at Dobbies Garden World
- **Newtongrange** – *The Bike Repair Shed*, 13 Station Road; *Lowland Motorhome Hire*, Yard 3B, Newbattle Road
- **Pathhead** – [Tartan Bicycle Company](#) 136 Main St, Pathhead, EH37 5PX
- **Penicuik** – [Pen-Y-Coe Press](#), 7 Bridge St EH26 8LL
- **Roslin** – *Chapel Cross Guest House & Tearoom*, 2 Penicuik Road
- **Straiton** – *Halfords*, Straiton Retail Park

West Lothian

- **Livingston** – [Scot Cycles](#), East Dedridge Industrial Estate, Abbotsford Rise, Livingston EH54 6QD
- **Pumpherston** – *Herbie's Bikes*
- **West Calder** – *Pedal Power*, 13 Main Street
- **Linlithgow** – [Far From the Madding Crowd \(bookshop\)](#)
- **Linlithgow** – [Elevation Cycles](#)

5. Volunteer(s) needed for maps group – map sales/promotion

Our maps group people are primarily interested in producing great quality maps, but not so much on the sales side. We respond fairly efficiently to requests for maps (individual and bulk orders) but there is a huge amount that could be done to promote sales through bike shops (many shops are not good at re-ordering), through businesses (e.g. we have received orders for anything from 10 to 80 maps at bulk prices from businesses where there is an active spokes member) and in other ways. Contact us if you might be able to get involved. Might be good for someone who is retired, or someone younger who wants to add to their CV!

6. Developer planning proposals

Instructions...

- ◆ There are 2 main types of application, depending on whether the reference code ends in **FUL** or **PAN**.
- ◆ A **FUL** application is a full (and usually final) application for planning permission, on which you can object or comment on the council website below. There is not usually an exhibition or drop-in at this final stage, just the online info.
- ◆ A **PAN** is a 'proposal of application notice' consultation which developers are required to undertake for major developments before making a FUL application. It must include a public drop-in exhibition. At this stage you send comments to the developer, not the council. You can comment at the exhibition, but for major comments an email may be more reliable, and also gives you a record of what you said. The developer's subsequent FUL application must take account of comments from the PAN consultation.
- ◆ For either a FUL or PAN, you can find out more (including the email contact) by going to...
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20067/planning_applications/288/view_and_comment_on_planning_applications
- ◆ Enter the full reference code below into the 'keyword' box on the above website, then look at 'Documents.' For a **FUL** application, all details should be there. For a **PAN**, the document called 'Application Form' is likely to have time/place details of the exhibition(s) as well as contact details of the applicants, for further info. However details of PAN developments are not usually online but will be at the drop-in exhibition. **It is worth confirming date/time/place of drop-ins as developers occasionally change them without the change appearing on the council website.**

Current important developments...

- ◆ *If you'd like to contact Spokes on any of these proposals email planning@spokes.org.uk or phone Peter Hawkins 443.6712.*
- ◆ **19/03870/PAN Tower St/Bath Rd mixed-use development.** **Exhibition Leith Library, 16 Oct, 3-7pm.** Peter says *“This is quite a large site, currently a timber yard. Main entrance at the end of Tower St, at western edge of site. It will be important to gain a per/cycle access at the east end, onto Bath Rd, to enable cyclists to avoid part of Salamander St.”*
- ◆ **19/04172/PAN residential development, Mortonhall Pk Gdns, Frogston Rd East.** **Exhibition Oct 25, 2-7pm, Gilmerton Society Hall, Drum St.** *“Huge area of Mortonhall, extending past Broomhill Cottages”*
- ◆ **19/03802/PAN Iona Street, flats & student accommodation.** The exhibition is now over, but if concerned please email your councillors [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/councillors]. Peter says, *“This is currently a large timber yard. Iona St is cobbled - not suitable for cyclist. The developers should be asked to contribute to make the street more cycle-friendly.”*

7. Community Council Elections – ***nominations close 30 Sept***

- ◆ Several Spokes members are also members of their local Community Council. CCs discuss local issues and can have an impact on what happens locally. It is also a chance to chat informally to people like local councillors and the local police, who normally come along to CC meetings – even the local MSP and MP occasionally. Of course, you may have to sit through some topics that don't much interest you, and there may be some frustrating characters on some CCs, but equally may well be other people on the CC who need support and who will support you when it comes to discussing issues affecting streets, cycling, walking and traffic.
- ◆ CCs are elected on a 4-year cycle, with the next set of elections this autumn.
- ◆ To find out more and potentially put yourself forward go to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/communitycouncils.

8. Important consultations [see also (9) below, to search for more consultations]

- ◆ **National Transport Strategy (Scotland) – closes 23 October**
consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/national-transport-strategy
Spokes is likely to urge a major rethink, with transfer of resources from expanding the road network to cycling, walking, public transport and ensuring that new development is only allowed where it is well served in these ways. **Please make your own response, and send us your thoughts.**
- ◆ **Davidsons Mains Crossing Upgrade – closes 6 October**
consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/sfc/dmains-upgrade installing raised zebra crossings and other changes at the Main Street/ Quality Street junction
- ◆ **New and relocated Primary Schools - closes 7 October** Affecting Newcraighall, New Brunstane, Clovenstone, Sighthill, Wester Hailes and Maybury. It is vital to ensure quality active travel routes are possible, and are provided, between the new schools and the local population at these locations.
consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/newcraighallschool
consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/edinburghpark
consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/newmayburyschool

9. Other consultations – Check council, government & some other consultations here...

- ◆ **Edinburgh** consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk
 - includes consultations listed in (5) above
- ◆ **Edinburgh** [Edinburgh traffic orders](#)
- ◆ **East Lothian** www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk
 - includes [Dunbar north 20mph consultn](#)
- ◆ **Midlothian** www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open
- ◆ **West Lothian** www.westlothian.gov.uk/consultations
 - includes www.westlothian.gov.uk/article/6171/New-Road-Footpath-and-Cyclepath-Improvements
Note that this just lists forthcoming projects is not a consultation as such. However an email address and phone number are given, so please do submit any comments!!
- ◆ **Scottish Govt** consult.gov.scot
- ◆ **Transport Scotland** www.transport.gov.scot/consultations
- ◆ **Just in case...** Transform Scotland keeps an updated page of current transport-related consultations... transformscotland.org.uk/whats-new/action-alerts Check it out in case there's anything important that doesn't appear in the website addresses above (there often is!)

10. Finally

- ◆ Remember to check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk.
- ◆ We are active on **Twitter** [@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).