

We have 3 main communications. Our flagship **Spokes Bulletin** is 3 times a year – printed, and on our website under the Bulletin tab. Our electronic-only **Action-Update** goes to all emailable members “roughly monthly,” when there are enough important developments, with stop-press news of forthcoming events, and road, traffic and planning matters. **Spokesworker** is now a very occasional document, basically a souped-up Action-Update, but on paper as well as online. It is usually produced only for occasions when paper is useful – for example at public meetings. Action-Updates and Spokesworkers both also appear on our website under the Spokesworker tab. To keep in touch with events, developments and opportunities, be a Spokes member and make sure we have your email address.

Mobility Plan & City Plan 2030 ... act now!!

Edinburgh City Council has published for consultation its draft [City Mobility Plan](#) (basically the future of transport till 2030) and draft [City Plan 2030](#) (basically the future of land use till 2030). Alongside the already approved City Centre Transformation approved last year, these proposals represent a big moment in the future of the City. It is vital that there are plenty responses to the consultations from people concerned about sustainability and active travel – there will certainly also be opposition.

Spokes responses to both consultations are at spokes.org.uk. Click the [consultations tab](#), then the relevant *Spokes Pages* entry. For the **Mobility Plan** we especially emphasise doing more on car restrictions within the city and on high quality arterial bike routes. For **City Plan 2030** we especially emphasise the need for compact towns and cities and use of brownfield land before greenfield.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ◆ Submit your own response – either by email or via the Council's online site. All details at.. consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk
 - [Mobility Plan](#) – closes **27 March**
 - [City Plan 2030](#) – closes **31 March**
- ◆ Don't feel you have to make a lengthy or time-consuming response. It is important to express general support (assuming you agree!) as there is also opposition to both proposals.
- ◆ The Council is holding staffed drop-ins. Do try to get to one of these. The remaining sessions are...
 - Wed 4 Mar, 4-7pm, **Blackhall** Library 56 Hillhouse Rd EH4 5EG
 - Thu 12 Mar, 4-7.30, **Ratho** Comm Centre, 1 School Wynd, EH28 8TT
 - Mon 16 Mar, 4-7pm, **Currie** Library, 210 Lanark Rd West EH14 5NX
 - Thu 19 Mar, 1-8.30pm, St Brides Centre, 10 Orwell Terr EH11 2DZ.

Public Meeting, 23 March

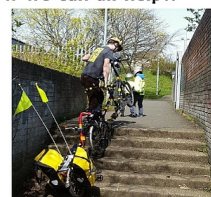
Local Bike Campaigning

Campaign Group
Community Council
Bike Bus
Demo / protest
Online community
Individual campaign

People want decent conditions for getting about by bike – for climate and the environment, for health, for towns and cities not dominated by the car and for a happier life. Find out and discuss how we can all help!!



Option 2:
Reduce the number of parking spaces and connect the Seafield and Portobello Promenades



People involved in bike campaigning will speak for 5 minutes about what they do and why it matters ... followed by a 1-hour panel discussion and Q/A. Background stories in our *Local Campaigning* factsheet [spokes.org.uk : 22.1.20 blog]

Spokes Planning Group David French	Corstorphine Bike Bus Diana Farrell
Spokes Porty Kirsty Lewin	Drem-Gullane path campaign Iain Monk
Spokes South Edinburgh Stella Thomson	Roseburn support group Henry Whaley
City Cycling Edinburgh, online forum Sara Dorman and/or Ewen Maclean	QA / discussion chaired by Spokes member Cllr Scott Arthur

Starts 7.30 Ends 9.30
Doors Open 6.45



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

Meeting tweeting [[@SpokesLothian](https://twitter.com/SpokesLothian)] - Use hashtag #SpokesMtg
Facebook [[Spokes Lothian](https://www.facebook.com/SpokesLothian/)] - We hope to live stream the meeting

☼ Come early ☼ coffee ☼ Spokes stall ☼ exhibition ☼ chat

CARGOBIKE OFFERS

Thanks to a kind, large, anonymous donation we have another offer to Spokes members needing a cargobike; as well as continuing our ongoing grant offer to local Community Groups.

Community Groups in Edinburgh or Lothian

- ◆ Spokes offers the least of £1500 or 50% of the cost, towards a **cargo bike** or **bike trailer**, subject to various conditions. Full info and application form, at [spokes.org.uk : documents : advice : cargobikes](http://spokes.org.uk:documents:advice:cargobikes).
- ◆ This offer remains open until further notice
- ◆ Please pass this to any possibly interested groups
- ◆ In East Lothian, you might get extra help: see over.



Spokes-supported Nihola cargobike for The Green Team - environmental work and education with young people

Spokes Members needing a cargo bike

- ◆ Spokes offers £1500 or 50% of the cost, whichever is least, towards a cargo bike (e.g. child transport) for up to 3 Spokes member households. If more apply we will select at random. This is a *time-limited opportunity* - applications close 10 April.
- ◆ The following conditions will apply...
 - a) The cargobike must be bought from a local bike shop in Edinburgh/Lothian (not mail order or a major chain store)
 - b) Our grant will be paid to the shop, not to you
 - c) Your choice of model must be OK'd by David Gardiner of Laidback Bikes as being suitable for the purpose you wish to use it for [but you need not buy from his shop]
 - d) Within 3 months of purchasing you send us 2 or 3 photos and a few paragraphs about your use of the machine.
- ◆ **To apply**, email spokes@spokes.org.uk stating that you accept these conditions. **Closing date 10 April 2020.**
- ◆ You don't need to tell us make, model, costs etc at this stage, but please only apply if you are definite about wanting this.

IF YOU ARE AT THE PUBLIC MEETING...

If tweeting use hashtag #SpokesMtg; If you make notes or blog, send us a link

Join Spokes at the membership stall – or see spokes.org.uk/membership

SPOKES MAP OPPORTUNITIES

FOR YOUR WORKPLACE, CLUB OR GROUP OF FRIENDS

Did you know? - you can buy Spokes maps at a big discount if you order 6 or more of the same map direct from Spokes! Then you can...

- ♦ Sell them on to friends/colleagues at a cheap price, or
- ♦ Sell them on at full price and use the profit to support a local cause close to your heart.

Several members have collected orders at their workplace, either through a Bicycle User Group, or just chatting to colleagues, and then bulk ordering. One large workplace even ordered **70 copies** thanks to a Spokes member in their Bicycle User Group, whilst members in smaller workplaces, or for a friends group, have ordered say 6 or 10.

For details see spokes.org.uk, [Spokes Maps tab](#), section C (bulk orders).

EDINBURGH SPOKES MAP

Due to stocks selling out, we ordered a reprint in autumn 2019, but added the new big cyclerroutes at Granton and Shawfair plus many smaller corrections. This revised 10th edition should now be in the shops and will be sent when you order direct from Spokes. We hope to re-survey the city for a completely new edition in 2021.

NEW MIDLOTHIAN MAP - SPOKES OFFER

Midlothian is our oldest map, and the only one not yet on tear- and water-resistant paper. Spokes volunteers have now entirely resurveyed Midlothian and we hope to publish in late Spring or early Summer.

If you pre-order the new map from Spokes for £7 (includes postage) we will *now* send you the existing map *and* we will send you the new map as soon as published. **This offer only applies for orders sent to Spokes by post or at Spokes stalls, including at our March 23 public meeting.**

MIDLOTHIAN SPOKES MAP PHOTO COMPETITION

We need a superb picture for the front cover, giving the message *cycling is for everyone*. Could it be your photo?

REWARDS

Your reward will be having your name acknowledged on the map, 2 free copies of the map, and the pleasure of seeing your picture every time you go into a local bike shop which sells the maps!

We only need one superb photo, but if there are several really good, we will send a free map to up to 3 runners-up.

For details of exactly what we need, and how to enter, go to spokes.org.uk, click the *Spokes Maps* tab, then see *section G* (special offers).

It is important to follow the rules, or your photo may have to be eliminated.

Closing date – April 30th 2020

A strong and durable all-weather map specially designed for cyclists



Midlothian Cycle Map



1:30,000 (approx)
3.3 cm to 1 km
2 inches to 1 mile

For route planning and use on the road
For experienced cyclists and those just starting

Off-road paths
Suggested quieter roads
Places of Interest
Cyclists street plans of the main towns

This is a **DRAFT** of the front cover of the new map - but it would use your picture

POLICE DROP-INS

The Edinburgh Police Division is divided into 4 Community Policing Teams, with the same areas as Edinburgh Council's 4 'Localities.'

At www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/edinburgh you can find your area (and your council ward) by clicking on a map, and also get info, contact details and twitter account for each team.

All the teams have drop-ins where you can meet local police to talk about local issues that concern you. Unfortunately it's often hard to find advance dates; they are usually advertised on team twitter accounts, some at short notice. Here are some we've seen:

[@EdinPolSE](#) Police Surgery - Morrisons at Gilmerton 4.30-7, Mar 12, Apr 23, May 14, Jun 25

[@EdinPolNE](#) Coffee with a Copper – occasional times/places

[@EdinPolNW](#) Police Drop-In - Granton Library 2-3pm, Mar 16, Apr 6, Apr 27; Newhaven Cafe, 7 Craighall Rd, 11-12am, Mar 11, Apr 28, May 14

[@EdinPolSW](#) Coffee with a Cop – Currie Corner Cafe 10.30-11.30, first Monday of each month

BIKE PARKING/ACCESS/INFO

... volunteer(s) needed

Bike trips are often frustrated by poor access or parking at destinations, and no or inadequate info on *How to Get Here* web pages. Our planning group has recently written to Murrayfield where all three aspects are pretty pathetic - but the same could be said of many public buildings, supermarkets, NHS sites, etc.

There is now a possibility of a major project to tackle this, prepare advice material and engage with site managers.

Changeworks has applied for a huge lottery grant to work with community groups to reduce Edinburgh's carbon emissions, and their application has reached the final shortlist. The grant would support many projects, probably including a Spokes one on this topic. There could be cash for consultants to do the donkey work, surveying sites and engaging with employers, but we need a group of 3 or 4 people to run the project. Already one person from Spokes Planning Group and one from Resources Group have volunteered. **If you could offer time and enthusiasm for this very important topic**, please email spokes@spokes.org.uk.

JUST E(AT)-BIKES

Edinburgh Cycle Hire has launched its e-bikes, with some great reviews from those who have tried them [see some of the tweets at twitter.com/cyclehire *edi*]. There is a 10p per minute charge in addition to the usual £1.50 unlocking charge, but until 16 March there will be no per-minute charge for the first hour.

More info in the Feb 25 article at www.theedinburghreporter.co.uk.

EAST LoTHIAN GRANTS

Grants up to £8000 are available for small sustainable transport projects in East Lothian, from a local community interest company *SpareWheels*. For more info, contact Spokes member Christine Dora via ccd.sparewheels@gmail.com.

CONSULTATIONS

- ♦ Check the websites below for current (and past) consultations. Please respond to all consultations that concern you
- ♦ Send us a copy of your responses asap, so we can take them into account in the official Spokes response.
- ♦ Edinburgh consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk
- ♦ Edinburgh [Edinburgh traffic orders](#)
- ♦ East Lothian www.eastlothianconsultations.co.uk
- ♦ Midlothian www.midlothian.gov.uk/consultation/open
- ♦ West Lothian www.westlothian.gov.uk/consultations
- ♦ Scottish Govt consult.gov.scot
- ♦ Transport Scotland www.transport.gov.scot/consultations
- ♦ Just in case... transformscotland.org.uk/whats-new/action-alerts
Check the Transform link in case there's anything important that doesn't appear in the earlier website addresses (there often is!).

HELP SPOKES!!

- ♦ We have plenty copies of new [Spokes Bulletin 136](#). Could you take some to leaflet bikes at your work, shops, etc? Either one-off for this bulletin or regularly (3 times a year). This is a vital means of spreading knowledge of Spokes, of what is happening in cycling policy, and how people can help.
- ♦ Like our [facebook](#) posts and RT our tweets [[@SpokesLothian](#)]. Check our twitter 'favourites' for important or interesting tweets. Recent tweets are also on our website in the RH col.
- ♦ Check out our **website** every so often www.spokes.org.uk
- ♦ To campaign effectively Spokes needs as many supporters as possible. If you like what we do, and to keep in touch with developments, join Spokes! See www.spokes.org.uk/membership.
- ♦ **Local Community Events** – if you hear of a local festival or other event likely to attract a good number of people, please let us know in case we are able to organise a Spokes stall – and if at all possible also volunteer to help at the stall!!