

## Resources Group 19.8.20

Present: Anne, Rosie, Martin, Paul, Dave

Apols: Kate, Mies, David

	Topic	Comment	Action
1	Coordinator	Mies interested in a joint coordinatorship	Someone needed to share this with Mies
		Chart needed showing calendar of normal past Resources activities through the year (though future is up to the group and new coordinator)	Dave to do this for new coordinator(s)
2	Spokes structure	With growth of local groups, in addition to existing groups, more central support/coordination needed. SCIO board could help, so we should progress this	David
3	Autumn mailout & renewal reminder	A restricted mailout should be possible – post to all members, deliver to council & Parliament, bulletin piles for shops, libraries, etc. Stuffing then much reduced	Dave to think
4	Public meeting	Possible future large online mtg – Martin has 100 zoom license. Start by trialling an internal mtg to which we invite spokes group members only	Martin
5	Stalls	Public outdoor events are beginning. e.g. Police recently coded 130 bikes in 4-hour session and invite us to have stall at future sessions – possibly 5 Sept. Also a Farmers' Market started at Leith Links. We could email tickbox members to ask who would be happy to help at such an outdoor event.	Kate to consider
6	Competition	Suggestion: My Covid Cycling Experience (any aspect, e.g. when roads were empty, or new SfP projects). Spokes could provide voucher prizes (e.g. £100 towards an ebike) + bike shops might offer prizes	Dave could publicise but need someone to receive/organise entries & online(?) judging
7	Family cycling factsheet	New edition, combining & updating existing two factsheets	Anne

### Background from Dave

A lot has changed in Spokes in the last year, with a more active maps group, active new Party and South Ed groups, and an emerging Dalkeith Group. Even more so with the lockdown and Edinburgh Council's drastic and remarkable internal change to rapid implementation of Spaces for People (SfP) 'temporary' projects - in complete contrast to the interminably slow 'permanent' projects to which we have been accustomed.

Largely by default, my own Spokes time has changed so that I do a lot more communication between groups, ensuring consistency, putting people in touch with contacts and materials, etc. Again largely by default I have a coordinating role for the SfP project consultations that the Council is sending us *several times a week, with deadlines of 5 working days* - ensuring there is someone in Planning Group, or one of the local groups, to coordinate a response to each consultation - and getting all the material onto our website. You can see the extent here... <http://www.spokes.org.uk/documents/members-campaigning/edinburgh/edinburgh-covid-schemes/>. This is unlikely to end any time soon - we expect more schemes - then the Council is hoping to modify and make permanent many or all.

I am very happy to continue this, which effectively is a new role for Spokes, but it does entail a lot of time. Therefore I have to drop some other responsibility, so I am stepping down as Resources Group coordinator. However, I will remain an active member of the group and continue the main tasks I currently do, such as Bulletin and organising mailouts. Since the lockdown I am very aware that I have not properly fulfilled the coordinator role because of all the above linking/central tasks which were very urgent, and so we really need a new coordinator to ensure Resources Group continues its vital role.