

Hallo all,

Here you are the notes from today's meeting. Let me know if we need anything changed or added. Many thanks - see you at the next one in two week's time on Tuesday April 6 same time, same link, as posted below.

All the best

Mies

Meeting 4: Monday March 22, 2021 at 7.30

Present: Dave, Rosie, KateS, Anne and Mies

Apologies: Martin, DavidM

Next meeting: Tuesday April 6, 7.30, at the same link: <https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianResources>

- Public meeting - review: 'Spaces for People – Future' (Edinburgh focus) had been a great success. Martin reported: 108 Spokes members and 86 non-members (=196) registered.

166 thought SfP generally a good idea 20 not sure and 8 against

Just over 150 people participated in the meeting at the beginning and still over 120 were left in the meetings at the end of the meeting.

We decided that the platform had worked really well and would use it again for Hustings, if available. (**Mies** to confirm with Martin.)

Questions answered as themes worked really well and will do this again in the Hustings meeting.

- Hustings Meeting

Our preferred dates: Tuesday April 13 or Thursday 15 (not 14th). No clashes for these dates were confirmed with the WalkCycleVote email list.

Mies ask Martin to ask Cycling UK for April 15 Thursday as preferred date. If not, then Tuesday 13th as second best.

?Questions can be sent in advance and on the night. **Someone** to gather the early questions into a spreadsheet and emails them to Chair and other organisers (**Martin, Dave, Mies**) for them to highlight interesting ones?

?On the night, **Martin?** to spot other interesting questions to bring to Chair's attention.

(**Mies** to take notes and send these to **Dave** who writes an outcomes article.)

We use opt ins' email addresses for follow up with link to the meeting's report and to reinforce the Competition entry page.

Same format as previous hustings: Dave quick intro (5 mins)

Candidates invited to present on the question of what their party's stance is on transport, with particular reference to cycling (strict 5 minutes each) Dave's Spokes announcements (5 mins)

Roughly one hour for Q&A (total = 90-105 mins)

Once we have the date confirmed, invite 5 parties (with seats in parliament, as we did before)

(**Mies** to invite candidates, **Dave** to select and pass contacts, **Mies** draft message, **Dave** okay this).

Chair to invite?

- Spokes Competition on 'Cycling in the pandemic' (submit entries on anything related in any form) Form has been drafted, **Rosie** to finalise. We decided to extend the deadline for submitting entries to **Sunday May 2**.

Prizes: (**Rosie** update this list)

Spokes contribution towards cargobike purchase (£500) (wording from previous entryforms)

Spokes contribution towards e-bike purchase (£100) (wording from previous entryforms)

Spokes maps (**Rosie** to take wording from previous entry forms)

Selection of Sustrans maps (Anne still no confirmation, **Mies to chase and confirm with Rosie**)

Laidback – free bike hire (Dave confirmed)

Hart's Cyclery voucher (Dave confirmed a service voucher for £80 + £20 for parts if needed)

Edinburgh BikeCoop voucher or other (Mies confirmed £60 voucher with them)

Kim: Cargobike free hire (Mies confirmed with Kim)

~~Granton Rd Electric Bike shop voucher or other (KateS tried but still no response)~~

Newhaven BikeCraft (KateS confirmed BlueTooth head phone set)

A set of all Spokes maps plus 2 new buffs (when available)

Buff offered to 10 runner-ups in the Competition (instead of a free map of choice).

Mies to coordinate confirmation from donors (and distribution to winners after judging)

Judging: possible: Suzanne Forup?, Sally Hinchcliffe?

- Spokes Buffs: Mies checked material with Ian – acceptable as cheap buff, for sale with selected Midlothian map section initially. (Later may print Edinburgh map on cotton/more expensive material.) **Ian to go ahead** with ordering printing 250 from West Maitland Str place: 250 @ £2.40 each. (**Mies** confirm this with Ian)

Sell each buff for £7 (postage free), and offer a buff with map order for £10 (i.e. £7 for map+ £3 for buff)

Buff also offered to 10 runner-ups in the Competition (instead of a free map of choice).

- Stalls Discussed whether it is time to revive the stalls.

Felt to be too early – non-essential – FM is not for browsing (yet), people don't generally want to pick up paper, sales would be slow if only cash is taken. There may be merit in having a Spokes display (though cannot count on borrowing Sustrans' cargo bike again (too complicated and not always available). Maybe Kim's instead? **Mies** to start the conversation and check with the market co-op if they would even welcome our presence.

- new Spokes Bulletin

Maybe after Committee meeting about SFP in June (lead item), at which point we also have a new Parliament. (e)mail it to members, distribution to cycle shops, possibly email more widely.

Discuss in future meetings – not in upcoming month, too much else to do.

Update on new Edinburgh Spokes map:

Delayed due to Andy being busy and no current help. Maybe late summer instead of early summer. May need to reprint the 2019 map as we are running out –demand is still strong and there won't be foreign holidays this summer. We are also growing our membership.

Mies contact Katharine Taylor for update on this and discuss how it coincides with map distribution project (maybe widely distribute the 2019 map reprint instead of the new Edinburgh map early summer?)

- Update on map distribution project: (Mies) Katherine and Mies are working on a 200-word early interest bid for Smart Choices Smart Places . Not finalised. Will circulate to this group first and talk to Katharine Taylor first. We are also looking into other funding we might pursue (**Mies talk to KatharineT first** before submitting this as this may interact with other monies we are applying for, =map (re)-printing costs)

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