

Spokes Resources Group

Meeting 5: Tuesday April 6, 2021 at 7.30

Present: Dave, Rosie, KateS, Anne, Martin and Mies

Next meeting: Tuesday April 27th, 7.30, same link: <https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianResources>

- Hustings Meeting Confirmed to be on Thursday 15 April on the Cycling UK online platform. Questions can be sent in advance and on the night. **Rosie** gathering early questions into a spreadsheet and emails them to organisers (**Martin, Dave**) for them to highlight interesting ones for the meeting's Chair. **Mies** to take notes and send these to **Dave** for an article.

Programme:

Martin explain the technology and tell us all how many people are attending (2-3mins)

Dave quick intro (5 mins)

Candidates present on the question of what their party's stance is on transport, with particular reference to cycling (strict 5 minutes each, no slides) (5x5=25 mins)

Dave's Spokes announcements (5 mins)

roughly one hour for Q&A

(= 90-105 mins)

Mies invited candidates and chair, 3 confirmed (Sarah Boyack (Labour), Ash Denham (SNP), Jill Reilly (LibDems), 2 (Greens and Tories) tbc. **Mies** to chase the two remaining soon. **Dave** to chase Chair. **Martin** to update us on the number of registrants in the run up to the event.

Dave to email round interesting questions if he thinks of any, for us to ask and Martin to highlight. No advance questions have been posted yet, but there is no concern about there being interesting questions from the floor on the night.

Not felt it to be important to strictly allocate time to candidates answering the questions: chair can decide and interrupt if candidate goes on and on.

- Spokes Competition on 'Cycling in the pandemic' (3 entries already submitted). Deadline is Sunday May 2. Prizes: Rosie updated the list. **Mies** to email Sustrans on our decision to remove the shop voucher (instead ask about two vouchers for Sustrans e-shop)

Rosie to invite Suzanne Forup for judging on either May 10 or 12 in the evening for two hours.

Rosie collating the entries and email them to judges with instructions (= **KateS, Dave, Mies and Rosie** and Suzanne if she accepts the invitation)

- Spokes Buffs Ian ordered printing 250 from West Maitland Str: 250 @ £2.40 each.

We will sell each buff for £7 (postage free) individually, and offer a buff with map order for £10 (i.e. £7 for map+ £3 for each additional buff), or £6.95 for each additional map.

Anne processes orders through the office email.

When buffs are ready, they need to go to the office (**Mies** to take them there from Ian, if needed)

Buff also offered to 10 runner-ups in the Competition (instead of a free map of choice) and 2 offered alongside the Spokes maps prize.

Publicity for buffs: via Twitter, in members' emails, alongside the competition promotion, at Hustings, if ready then.

- Stalls Discussed whether it is time to revive the stalls. **No update.**

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 even welcome our presence.

- New Spokes Bulletin – no update

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.

- New Edinburgh Spokes map

Andy has help again but still thinking print will be early September at the earliest.

Will need to reprint the 2019 map as we are running low and orders are increasing again. Quote for reprint has been sourced. **Anne** to chase Andy and Katharine about this.

- Update on map project: No update

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 printing costs)

- May traffic count: In 2019 count was on May 14th (no count last year May 2020 due to pandemic).

Provisional date this year: Tuesday May 11th. **Mies** to ask Barbara to organise and confirm date. **Mies** to check school long weekend/bank holidays are not on that day. Back up date May 4th if necessary.

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