

Spokes Cargobike support – Application form

Before completing this form, please read the cargo bike info sheet on our cargo-bike web page...

www.spokes.org.uk/documents/advice/cargo-bikes.

2. Organisation name and website

Tupiniquim.co.uk

4. Your organisation – its purpose and how long it has existed...

Since we first started trading back in 2010 Tupiniquim mission has always been to offer freshly made meals and nutritionally well balanced street food for the people. All prepared from the smallest kitchen in town (all made from a tiny unique Edinburgh Police box). Our main focus is to tailor the meals according to one's dietary requirements. All the dishes are naturally gluten free, made to order and hand crafted. Since 2012 we have been looking after the public garden behind our kiosk (top of Middle Meadow walk). We have been given permission from Edinburgh Council to care for the area for the common good. At the beginning we created a sort of bamboo bandstand where artists and locals could perform and share some stories. It is now a Kids Garden and comprises of fruit bushes, a pond, 4 gold fishes, a bamboo tent cinema used for short films screening, storytelling, workshop, theatre and sitting area for all community. Right now the Kids garden project is intrinsic aspect to all our operations.

5. For what purpose would the cargo bike be used, including how frequently?

Transport all supplies for Tuiniquim, such as vegetables, groceries, flour etc. Provide more home food deliveries; Transport all the garden stuff during the spring and summer for the seasonal improvement of the Kids Garden (soil, bark, plants, logs, toys, wood, etc.). Continue to collaborate with zero waste hub and refugee community kitchen and offer to collect surplus food from supermarkets to be redistributed to various projects. The bike will be used at least 5 days a week.

6. How do you currently undertake the above purpose, or is it a new activity?

The bike will replace Matilde Bamboo (our beloved old tricycle: the cycle 33 Pashley). Matilde has been working really hard for the last 13 years. From carrying heavy loads, Juice bar bike, barbecue bike, cinema bike... you name it, she has been super versatile. We are considering to make Matilde a permanent feature of the Kids Garden and create either a pedal powered cinema or a community oven on Matilde's platform. Lately Matilde have been providing space for Refugee Community kitchen, they provide free upcycled food reclaimed from supermarkets and bakeries.

