

Resources Group Meeting 7: Tuesday May 25th, 2021 at 7.30

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

Next meeting: Tuesday June 22nd, 7.30, same link: <https://meet.jit.si/SpokesLothianResources>

Hustings Meeting on 15 April

We forgot to thank people – better late than never.

Mies to thank political candidates and chair (CarolineB)

Martin to thank Cycling UK

Next public meetings:

We had discussed in late June after CE Council committee *Spaces for People* has met, but maybe not, depend on outcomes. Instead, aim for later (mid/late July?) after Council and others have digested and making new plans in context of City Mobility Plan, City Transformation Plan and Daisy has been in her position for longer, finding her feet.

Earlier topics we could consider:

1. Cross Boundary cycling (Anna Herriman (senior SESTRANS))
2. Local campaigning (we had speakers , could be Better Ed, Blackford and Newington Safe Routes groups Better Broughton...)

We should decide depending on the outcomes of June 17 meeting how we time these meetings. Meantime:

Martin to confirm constraints and possibilities with CyclingUK

Martin to ask Anna Herriman and Daisy for updates on what's happening and for ideas on what timelines might be best for us and maybe useful for them

(From earlier discussions: Maybe in November alongside the COP26, inviting 3-4 delegates from other countries to speak about their Active Travel.)

Spokes Competition on 'Cycling in the pandemic' (26 entries were submitted)

Andy Arthur helped with judging on May 10

Mies did the 10 first prize winners, **Anne offered to send out buffs and membership forms to all runner-ups in the Competition (Mies to send the addresses to Anne)**

Spokes Buffs 20 more sold through orders by Anne by email and via website since last meeting.

Mies asked Bikestation to see if they want to sell some. They buy them from us for £3 each, sell them at a price they decide. No responses to date – **Mies will keep trying.**

Store update

Mies giving store keys (not Office keys) to Guy Johnson who is delivering maps to shops whilst Peter is having heart operation (out of action May-June-mid-July).

Anne suggested we do something with a large pile of 2016 Edinburgh flat maps. **Mies to speak to Mark Symonds about this.**

Kate to see if anyone at College might want them.

Stalls Enquiry from Rosanna Rabaeijs received about a stall at Leith Links near Earth in Common on Sat Aug 14 for the Edinburgh Climate Festival 2021 organised by ELREC with others. She suggests using SHRUB cargo bike. **Mies to encourage Rosanna to offer Spokes stall in other places.**

Mies asked FM if interested and at what price for a stall – no response to email. **Next time persist with queues at the Brewster's stall.**

Mies asked Paul about electronic payment device, he responded and DavidM also suggested one option.

Mies to circulate both options so we can progress this by email.

New Spokes map

Dave suggested West Lothian maps need reprint as only 70 copies left. Dave talking to WL Council about significant updates (that Andy could do, if needed, quickly) and about bulk orders for them. Andy will do reprint soon (end of June likely).

Phil's Signs project

Phil mentioned they could do with help on identifying faulty and missing bike path signs.

Mies to ask Phil more about what they actually want (full survey?) and likelihood of Council fixing them after we spend time doing this. Concerns that reporting individual problems does not lead to action.

Difficulty reporting things that are not on roads, noted.

Traffic counts

Barbara organised this year's count which took place on Tuesday May 11th. Mies talked to Phil Noble to discuss what he thinks Spokes could do to help the case for *Spaces for People*.

This resulted in DavidM coordinating additional counting in bike lanes on main arterial roads, on Saturday 10-11 and Tuesday 10-11. Findings: fewer bikes, more cars, bike roughly every 90 secs, few kids, more cargo bikes, fewer bus travelling going on, lots of variability.

Results going to Planning Grp delegation to *Spaces for People* committee, who can pick out what they need from David's summary report with headlines.

Question of whether we still need to count George Str and Princes Street? Not at the moment – **Martin to investigate a bit more first.**

Update on map distribution project **no progress**

Katherine and Mies worked on an outline pilot project (decided not to go for big project application but smaller pilot first) which Mies circulated. Discussion took place about our main objectives. Agreed that we want to expand map distribution to audiences we do not normally reach. The Spokes map is our unique contribution to potentially influencing Active travel in low-inc neighbourhoods, and we should not be treading on other organisations' toes. Felt that carrying out map distribution with follow up surveys via schools/working with teachers, as suggested in the outline proposal, might be good but that this needs more thinking through in detail. Decided also that time is too short to carry out a project of this kind before the summer, especially since working with schools takes time.

Going forward: keep this on the agenda to develop into something we can do in the Autumn.

Mies to meet with Katherine during the summer.

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