

Resources Group 12.10.21

Meeting 11: Tuesday Oct 12th, 2021 at 7.30

Present: Dave, Rosie, Kate, Anne, David M, and Mies

Apologies: Martin, Emma

Next meeting: Tuesday Nov 15 or 16, depending on Emma's availability at 7.30 on David's zoom link

(thanks David, that worked much better than jitsi)

Mies to ask Emma for her availability to next meeting and send her these notes in advance

Public meeting Sept 22 report:

Local campaigning meeting attracted 48 people (plus the panel). Feedback very positive: good topic, speakers enjoyed it themselves and it was felt that it had generated benefits for the local groups who spoke. The Chair Alix Davies was great, can be considered for a future meeting.

Dave did [a report here](#) and the recording is on YouTube [here](#).

Decided to cancel the idea of a next public meeting in Nov alongside COP26 – too much going on already.

Instead, **topic for a next meeting:** alongside or in follow up to SGov's announcement of an action plan to reduce car travel by 20% by 2030 (expected by the end of 2021 or early 2022). Might then invite Greens, Mark Ruskell MSP, who is the Green MSP on the Scottish Parliament's [Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee](#).

And perhaps a next meeting in anticipation of Council Elections (2022, likely in May).

Traffic Count:

Next count is Nov 2, Barbara coordinating. Commuting traffic at rush hour is showing lower number of cyclists (evidence from London), so counting times changing to 8.00 to 9.00 am plus 12.30 to 1.30pm. Spokes Party also counting at these times on that day. A Sciennes School /Newington group also counting on Findhorn Place.

Stalls:

Stall done at Spylaw Park, Colinton, a cargobike try-out event in collaboration with Cargobike Movement. Good support from local group (tea, biscuits, tables, gazebo...), good weather, good event in terms of promoting cargobikes. Many families turned out with bikes, some to do business, good networking and fun rides and races with lots of kids. Not many maps sold (£42) as few passers by. Money machine not working (user error!) but did not affect sales.

Upcoming: Drill Hall, Out of the Blue 10-2.00. Volunteers helping in the morning. Kate covering after 12.00. Using last stall's map money to cover deposit (£40).

On hold, TBC, till after Kate's away weekends: Farmers Market (Saturdays 9.00 to 2.00) and Middle Meadow Walk (by Sainsbury's) on Saturdays am 10.30 to 12.30, with Transition Edinburgh. Cargobike needed for map display and attract attention. Mies happy to stand in where needed.

Tomorrow's Drivers:

Report from Martin by email: Martin spoke to Andrew Abbess to discuss handing these events over into future to better resourced organisations (Cycling UK and Cycling Scotland are already involved and doing safety issues work). Midl was covered by Robert who enjoyed it. **Maybe they can print the leaflets themselves in future?**

Spokes maps update:

New Edinburgh map will be released from printers at the end of October and launched after COP is out of the way in an event that is being discussed (possibly involving councillors, press release etc.).

Remaining actions for after release:

Mies to contact North Edinburgh organisations if they want current Edinburgh map

Mies to chase BikeStation if they have a project to give them away with, alongside bikes

Update on map distribution project – no progress to date

Katherine Ivory and Mies agreed to carry on designing this project, in time for new print run map order.

Mies to revive this project

SfP Summer Challenge:

Received 6 entries, one especially is very good and recruited Chris for Planning Group. Will keep promoting this Challenge till the end of the year. Might make this a permanent thing: inviting comment (e.g. minimum 500 words plus two photos) on local cycling facilities/infrastructure in return for a free buff or similar. Perhaps make up a checklist of points to comment on. Will be good input for consultations that take place later.

Cargobike grants:

Two of the 3 available applications have now been claimed, 1 still waiting for response (form has not been returned). **Rosie to chase. If no response, Dave to readvertise this last grant for individuals.**

Other business:

For discussion at our next meeting: Spokes to buy a cargobike for ourselves, perhaps in collaboration with Cargobike Movement. Store it there, also for their use?

For discussion in next meeting: Constitution (which was stalled before the pandemic)

Remaining action for Dave(?): In Oct: plan to email all members for renewing their Spokes membership.

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