

Resources Group 16.11.21

NOTES of Spokes Resources Meeting: Tuesday Nov 16th, 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Dave dF, Rosie, Kate, Anne, David M, Martin and Mies (notes)

Next meeting: Wednesday **Dec 15th at 7.30pm** on David's zoom link

Mies to check Emma's availability

Next Spokes Public meeting:

Topic for next meeting, online mid-January (week starting 17th, depending on MSP availability) from 7.30 to 9.15pm: Meeting targets for reduction in car travel (in follow up to SGov's announcement of an action plan to reduce car travel by 20% by 2030 (expected in early Dec 2021).

Invite Mark Ruskell (Green MSP on the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee) to present the plan, Caroline Brown to speak to the plans, critique by Gavin... (Friends of the Earth), maybe Nigel Bagshaw (Transform/Green Party)?; Karen Doran (Transport Deputy) on behalf of CEC (on their 30% target for Edinburgh) – what the public can do to put pressure on gov on implementing the plans. MC/Chair tbc.

Mies to invite Mark Ruskell to establish date, then Martin talk to Cycling UK for platform

Then **Mies to invite others.**

Dave to send Mies contact emails

Hustings Public Meeting (likely face-to-face), plans tbc, in anticipation of Council Elections (2022, likely in May) in April (keep in mind Martin is away much of April).

Traffic Count:

Count done on Nov 2 from 8.00 to 9.00 am plus 12.30 to 1.30pm. Spokes Party also counted. [Numbers slightly up](#), elsewhere stabilising (according to RBS), will continue with counting these two slots in May.

Stalls:

Drill Hall (Out of the Blue) in Leith, Oct 16: did not sell a large number of maps as this was a campaigning event and it was indoors (Covid risk). But still worthwhile having a presence.

Upcoming: (with the new Edinburgh map out and new Edinburgh buff):

Farmers Market, Castle Terr (Saturdays 9.00 to 2.00), try for Dec 4 in two shifts: 9.30 to 11.30, 11.30 to 1.30. Cargobike needed for map display and attract attention.

Kate to check with Brewsters about the date and tell Mies, Rosie and Dave.

Mies to contact Kim to see if available for second shift with his Urban Arrow.

Dave to send list of cargobike volunteers to Kate (and indicate who is in South Edinburgh)

Kate to contact others from Dave's list (David also available with his cargobike if needed)

Alongside Critical Mass (Last Sat of month, = 27th November at 2.00 MMeadowWalk, to sell new Edinburgh map and buff and offer membership forms where wanted. Pop up stand with Spokes flag, offer discount price as we usually do.

Martin to check if/when it is happening

Kate to contact cargobike volunteers, Mies to ask Kim

Rosie to advertise both events on Facebook, Dave on Twitter (mention new map/buff) when dates are confirmed.

Spokes maps update:

New Edinburgh map released from printers this week (18 Nov) and launched on 23rd with councillors, press release etc. Peter Hawkins is receiving new maps at the store on Friday pm. Old maps (=600 roughly) need to be moved out of the way to make room for new maps, to the Office, along with 200 new maps that we need for stalls and order in the Office. Then we can start our actions to redistribute old maps as discussed.

Mies to contact Peter to shift 600 old and some new maps to the Office on Friday, as wanted

Mies to contact North Edinburgh organisations if they want old Edinburgh map (via Lauriston contacts)

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

New Map distribution project

Katherine Ivory dropped off, Mies agreed to carry on designing this project, now that there is a new map being launched. **Purpose of the project: to distribute the new map to an audience we do not normally reach. Mies to revive this project with Kate**

Cargo bike grants:

3 available applications have now been claimed, 1 earlier grant has been returned when owner has received new moneys and wanted to repay. This makes room for another applicant.

Dave to advertise this last grant for individuals to apply.

Cargo bike for Spokes:

Spokes to suggest buying a cargo bike for ourselves, in collaboration with Cargo bike Movement. They store it there, they maintain it and can use it for their purposes (also rent it out). We would have first call on it when booking it in advance, would need to negotiate entry to the store (key?) with them for easy access.

Kate to approach Naomi to discuss. They suggest a list of different bikes they would consider.

Tomorrow's Drivers: Outstanding action: **Martin to wind up loose ends with Andrew Abbess**

Constitution/ Spokes becoming a charity: **David and Mies to progress this**

Other business/for information:

Donation towards adapted bikes via All Ability Cyclists' organisation(s): Kirsty Lewin suggested this and is talking to 2-3 organisations on how this would be handled. They would manage the applications and allocate the bike (not us).

South Scotland Regional Transport Event – David is going there, could add to the agenda how they will implement actions towards reducing traffic targets.

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