

Resources Group 15.12.21

NOTES of Spokes Resources Meeting: Wednesday Dec 15th, 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Apologies: Emma Wild Wood, Martin

Next meeting: Wednesday January 19th at 7.30pm on David's zoom link

Mies to check Emma's and Martin's availability

Next Spokes Public meeting:

Topic for next public 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)).

Mies invited speakers: Mark Ruskell (Green MSP on the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee) who recommended Patrick Harvey (who has not yet responded).

Caroline Brown to speak to the plans (says she wants to do it but uncertain of dates in that week), and a critique by Gavin... (Friends of the Earth) who confirmed he is keen to do this.

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. She also has not responded.

MC/Chair tbc.

No plan has been announced and speakers that were invited have not confirmed a date, possibly because they know about this delay in the Plan. Since Plan has been delayed, we should postpone the meeting.

Mies to update Gavin and Caroline who had responded, to say that the meeting is probably postponed, and we will get back to them with revised plans after the Plan has been announced.

Dave to let Mies know when the Plan is published.

Martin to talk to Cycling UK for platform after new dates have been confirmed.

Hustings Public Meeting (~~likely face-to-face!~~), in anticipation of Council Elections (2022, May 5) in last week of March, before Easter and before Martin is away in April. Spokes subgroups talking about a Manifesto, which could be part of the plans for this meeting.

Update on Spokes Group-coordinators meeting

Discussed elections upcoming in May, for which we would do the usual campaigning via website and social media and Hustings, and email members to contact their councillors.

Also: drawing up a Manifesto that includes:

Reserve 10% of transport budget for cycling, expand and connect up Spaces for People, replace hire-bike scheme and add cargobikes, roll out parking on-street to lower-inc areas (NorthEd), accelerate implementation of existing plans.

Stalls:

Farmers Market, Castle Terr Saturday 9.00 to 2.00, Dec 4. Terrible weather but sold loads of maps (over 60), made £400, mostly paid contactless but still £170 in cash.

Critical Mass PopUp on Nov 27 – sold around 25 maps. Critical maps would like us to come to that with stall on next rides.

Upcoming: End of Jan Critical Mass ride?

Spokes maps update:

Mies and Katharine helped Peter reorganise the store with arrival of new Edinb maps and new print run of East Lothian maps. Took about 600 old Edmaps to the Office. Anne took 80-100 to Bikes for Refugees with slips inserted. Around 500 left to give away. Other possible destinations: organisations in North Edinburgh, EVOC, schools in deprived areas?

New Edinburgh maps are selling well. 300 more moved to the Office from the store.

Dave to put message on social media. **Mies** to liaise with anyone who responds, **Anne** to help if this picks up to be busy.

Dave contact Wendy Graham (former Bikestation) who now works for EVOC to promote Active Travel.

Mies to contact North Edinburgh organisations if they want old Edinburgh map (via Lauriston and old Bikestation 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:

The last remaining grant was advertised and we have had one application. Application deadline is end of Dec.

Cargo bike for Spokes:

Kate talked to Cargobike Movement about them storing a bike we buy. They don't have the capacity to store one for us. Instead, we could borrow one. Also we could consider investing in a box with a sliding panel, ideal for a stall, that would fit on one of their bikes. We could buy it (EU600-EU1000), upgrade their bike, they would store it and give access to the bike and box. There would have to be a formal agreement about this if we are spending that amount of money.

Kate to ask Naomi to see if Rhino (producer in Berlin) has one in store or what the cost of a new one would be.

Constitution/ Spokes becoming a charity:

David to contact **Mies** to progress this over Christmas hols.

Other business/for information:

Local history project on cycling – for information, in Kate's email. Kate pursuing this with Tourism department at College. Rosie interested. Perhaps we could feed in Anniversary stuff we dug out. Rosie to also contact Andy Arthur about this.

Favorite Rides booklets – Recently there have been lots of requests for them, and Ed BikeCoop ordered 25. Could update with new rides in a next competition? Perhaps in a couple of years when SfP have extended the network?

Donation towards adapted bikes via All Ability Cyclists' organisation(s): Kirsty Lewin is talking to 2-3 organisations on how this would be handled.

Mies to chase how she is getting on (there is no rush).

South Scotland Regional Transport Event – David went to their meeting and will attend the next one in March.

Christmas meal: due to new pandemic concerns, early February was suggested as a provisional time.

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