

# Resources Group 19.01.22

## **NOTES of Spokes Resources Meeting: Wednesday Jan19th, 2022 at 7.30pm**

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

**Next meeting: Tuesday 22 Feb 2022 at 7.30pm** on David's zoom link

Introductions: Emma joined us for the first time.

### Next Spokes Public meeting:

Postponed to w/o Feb 7 or 14<sup>th</sup>, depending on Patrick Harvie's availability (=main speaker) and pending Cycling UK Platform is okay then) from 7.30 to 9.15pm. SGov announced action plans to reduce car travel by 20% by 2030 [as a consultation](#) that closes on April 6.

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.

Caroline Brown (to speak to SGov's presentation)

Gavin (Friends of the Earth) to critique CEC's

MC/Chair tbc.

**Mies to update speakers on postponement and ask for dates, starting with Patrick Harvie.**

**Martin to talk to Cycling UK for platform for availability in the two identified weeks.**

**Hustings Public Meeting** 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.

WWCV donation Dave to ask them how much they would want from us.

### Update on Spokes Subgroups and BEST

BEST was very active when Spaces for People was initiated, now less active (still working on a Manifesto?) : CEC has renamed and SfP has reappeared as *Travelling Safely*, working to make schemes permanent.

**Mies to ask for an update on their activity from Caroline Brown/Kirsty Lewin**

### Cargo bike box for Spokes:

Kate contacted Rhino (German company) about bike box to be built for us for the cargobike borrowed from Cargobike Movement, and they offered it for free if we pay for customs. Could be done soon (in a month or so). They want to know colour (yellow?), tax identity (from Paul), insulated (no, unnecessary), size (medium).

**Kate to check colour with Naomi (to match Cargobike Movement colours), and take forward formal agreement around the use and access to the bike.**

Stalls:

**Farmers Market, Castle Terr** Saturday 9.00 to 2.00. Restart maybe in April with new cargo bike box.

**Upcoming:** Critical Mass PopUp on Jan 29 , (2.00 start ride), stall from 1.30 to 2.15.

**Mies to check date/time, Kate to organise stall (Mies and Emma (provisionally) help Kate run it)**

### Old Spokes maps:

Around 3-400 left to give away. Other destination: Napier student group/Active travel, alongside bike bus between campuses (with inserts).

20 went to Thrive at the Royal Ed (Mental Health initiative)

North Edinburgh Arts out of action (rebuilding), which makes North Edinburgh organisations hard to reach.

**Anne to check roughly how many left in the Office**

**Anne to deliver to Napier person, Mies help if in South Edinburgh.**

**Anne to chase Wendy Graham EVOG promoting Active Travel.**

**Dave to contact Learning for Sustainable Development (colleges, unis, schools) newsletter to include a paragraph offering maps.**

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

### New Map distribution project

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 update:

Last application deadline was end of Jan, one applicant on-going.

### Constitution/ Spokes becoming a charity:

David met with Mies to progress this last week. Work has been done on deciding the purposes /objectives, and that we prefer a one-tier SCIO as it reflects how we operate currently. Agreed to take this forward with subgroups (asking for trustees and ask them to select a chair).

**Mies to ask Nourish on restrictions on 'political work' and report back.**

**David and Mies to take this to subgroups.**

### Social media highlights- To be added to the future meetings' agenda

Facebook (Rosie): Highway Code changes – people were delighted. Few seemed to know – was not well publicised by others

Twitter (Dave): Garden sheds planning permission – cropped up again.

### Next Spokes Competition

Suggestions: Missing infrastructure/links; Worst chicane; Encouraging teenagers to (keep on) cycling (involve schools in this competition?),...

**All: think of topics.**

### Projects to spend Spokes' savings

Invite applications for around £5k, we assess and pick 2.

Make it easy for applicants (short outline first, shortlist then invite longer detailed applications).

Reserve moneys for our own organisational needs (pay designer to sort out website portal, meetings to talk about future strategies...)

Involve subgroups in this project (i.e. design criteria, share applications)

Ensure wide longer-term benefits (e.g. generate data by paying Master student project)

Wait till we are a SCIO? – Could be a year. No reason why we cannot do this with subgroups, including sorting organisational things, before we are a SCIO.

**ALL: Think about this more and also who wants to volunteer to coordinate this initiative. (Paul willing to be involved)**

### Other business/for information/ items carried forward from last meeting:

**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).**

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

Kirsty (SpokesParty) sent a message about a colleague with an initiative around cycling clothing. **Rosie to ask details.**

Rosie has Martin's keys for the Office – will keep them.

**Anne to report this change in keyholders to Bob at Dalry Community Centre.**

**Next meeting: Feb 22 at 7.30, on David's on Zoom link**