

Resources Group 01.03.22

NOTES of Spokes Resources Meeting: Tuesday March 1, 2022 at 7.30pm (postponed from Feb 22)

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

Apologies: Kate

Next meeting: Thursday 31 March 2022 at 7.30pm on David's zoom link

Spokes Public meeting (last week Feb 21):

Overall a great success: Great attendance (110 registered, 80-ish joined, 66 still at the end), honest reflections, interesting questions, good chairing, lots tweeted

Thanks to Martin for organising so much of it.

Martin still to pull together the questions that were submitted

Hustings Public Meeting March 28, All but one speaker (Cons) confirmed.

Chair?: Martin to ask Ewen Maclean, Plan B: Alex Robertson

Martin to doublecheck platform with Cycling UK.

Martin to check if we can do a breakout rooms' format.

Update on Spokes Subgroups and BEST

Spokes Party have come up with a re-designed Harry Lauder junction with lots of room for cyclists and footways. Resources to help promote it to create debate and spur on the Council when it's ready.

Rosie put it on FB when it comes out.

Cargo bike and Spokes stalls

Kate using the borrowed cargobike from Cargobike Movement on Sunday March 6, for stall at the BikeCurious event in Corstorphine Park. 10am to 3pm.

ALL: If you can volunteer at the stall, contact Kate.

Old Spokes maps:

Around 300 left to give away. Anne took 100 to Napier student group/Active travel, alongside bike bus between campuses (with inserts). **Anne to seek feedback on how they are using them.**

Mies delivering 20 to Lauriston Farm project, reaching organisations in North Edinburgh.

Anne to contact Mark Symonds re Primary schools that might want them for map reading exercises.

[Later: Spokes has [this advice note](#) how the maps can be used in schools]

(Rosie to introduce Anne to Mark.)

Mies to chase BikeStation again.

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:

Awaiting details from last applicant (**Rosie to chase**).

Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO:

David contacted EVOG, they are glad to help. Sent constitution and new one, incl. draft of purposes. They warned that bank accounts' transfers (to a new account with a new name) might be challenging - to start early with this. May also want to update our membership via an AGM. David to keep Paul in the loop.

Next steps: to take this to the subgroups.

Social media: this month's highlights

Facebook (Rosie): Highway Code changes – still on-going positive comments following article in the Spectator; more discussion about road safety (e.g. lowering speed, close passes reports)

Twitter (Dave): Publicity and follow up on our Public Meeting (retweets from organisations)

Next Spokes Competition

New Suggestions: Favourite cycle jokes, Favourite Spaces for People /best recent improvement ;

We agreed we liked this suggestion best: **Shopping by bike (would be about cargobikes)**

Discuss launch (after Easter, run till the end of the summer) and prizes in our next meeting

Projects to spend Spokes' savings

Now maps group also would like to spend surplus. Spokes income is growing and costs are reducing, so we are accumulating funds.

Early suggestions: Invite applications for around £5k, we assess and pick 2. Ensuring wide longer-term benefits (e.g. generate data by paying Master student project).

Make it easy for applicants (short outline first, shortlist then invite longer detailed applications). Reserve moneys for our own organisational needs (e.g. pay designer to sort out website portal). No need to wait till we are a SCIO.

Mies can help coordinate this project when Kate takes over organising Resources (with Mies' help at first). So we need to discuss our future strategies first, involving subgroups.

Mies and David to meet and come up with a proposal to rope in subgroups to discuss higher level strategic directions (also linked to SCIO objectives) - for discussion in our next meeting.

Dave to ask Claire to extract comments from membership forms

Spokes Zoom Account:

Following email string, decided best to get an account with Zoom (not Teams).

Martin to take this forward with Paul (with David's help if needed)

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 with this

Christmas-Easter meal? To discuss in next meeting

Kirsty (SpokesParty) sent a message about a colleague with an initiative around cycling clothing. Rosie asked details and all decided it was not our thing.

Rosie has Martin's keys for the Office – will keep them. Anne reported this to Bob at Dalry Community Centre.

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