

Resources Group 31.03.22

NOTES of Spokes Resources Meeting: Thursday March 31, 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: DavedF, Kate, DavidM, Martin and Mies (notes).

Apologies: Rosie, Emma

Next meeting: Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 7.30pm on David's zoom link

Spokes Public Meetings (Hustings on 28 March):

Good attendance (70 joined, over 60 at the end), honest reflections from speakers (not just manifestos (only one party's manifesto was out) and personal opinions matter in the end), good chairing, good discussion, they said they had enjoyed it. Evening News covered it - early event attracted good coverage (later might not have done as well as competing with other hustings). Martin posted the YouTube video of the event [here](#). Thanks to Martin for organising so much of it.

Next Public Meeting? Maybe in September (there is not likely to be a BikeFestival week in June), to get newly elected Transport Convenor to speak about transport & cycling policies under the new council.

Update on Spokes Subgroups and BEST

BEST has not been meeting as there is little activity around Spaces for People (being made permanent through formal planning processes) - around which they had mobilised originally.

Cargo bike and Spokes stalls

Kate used the borrowed cargobike from Cargobike Movement on Sunday March 27, at stall in Musselburgh. Few maps sold, wrong East Lothian map taken and machine not working properly (out of internet reach), but some interest in bikes, and good conversations.

Next stall possibly West Lothian Almondvale Park around mid May tbc . **Dave to put Kate in touch with Angus from Love to Ride West Lothian, who is probably the main organiser**

Contact Ross Hendry to encourage him to re-engage.

Farmers Market in early June?

We might have the new bikebox then. Bikebox design is being taken forward by Berlin Rhino people.

Old Spokes maps:

Mies has 100 for the BikeStation. Around 200 left to give away. **Anne to seek feedback on how Napier are using them. Dave to print 150 more of the inserts to go in old maps**

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

Anne to contact Mark Symmonds re Primary schools that might want them for map reading exercises. **(Rosie to introduce Anne to Mark.)**

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:

Both women who have been given grants have been in touch to apologise for the delay, but will be getting the cargobikes. One had got pregnant and caught covid! For the other, Laidback has been slow to get the right bike.

Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO:

EVOC looked at our new draft Constitution, has small minor queries only. Mies and David did the course on Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities on Tuesday.

Next steps: to take this to the subgroups, select 3 Trustees to take this forward. Perhaps to fill Secretary, Chair and Treasurer roles. Paul, David and perhaps a female chair: Caroline, Mies or Kirsty as first suggestions? Perhaps a shared role? These would have to be people who understand how Spokes operates currently and be trusted to take it forward as wanted. They would recruit a next set of Trustees to come on board (at least one from each subgroup).

Early stages require lots of work, then up and running straightforward.

Lots of benefits discussed: legal entity in its own right, safety net for things going wrong. Concerns discussed: the work involved, groups losing autonomy? (depends on Purposes and the operation mechanisms we design). After high-level Purposes: discussion between new group of Trustees how we want to implement these (more detailed strategies). These then inform what we spend money on, what the portal of website looks like, etc.

Taking this forward: David, Mies and Dave to draft email to introduce the idea to other groups in Spokes.

Once the proposal is out, we organise an all groups' meeting to discuss and, if possible, to agree, the proposal and potential trustees.

Social media: this month's highlights

Twitter (Dave): 1. Gov Consultation for Traffic Reduction Plans is due on April 6: Dave posted a draft which was commented on and got lots of engagement, including from wide range of organisations.

2. Election article with background information for Hustings meeting, retweeted a lot. Dave expanding it with more information as it emerges before the elections in May.

Next Spokes Competition

Shopping by bike. Launch after elections in May, discuss prizes in our next (early May) meeting

Projects to spend Spokes' savings

Discuss our future strategies first, involving subgroups / Trustees group. Expected timing: mid-late June. If SCIO has not progressed by then, we will progress this idea regardless.

Spokes Zoom Account:

Martin to email Paul to take this forward.

Traffic Count

Next one due in early May but Barbara not around to organise on May 10 (ideal date). Dave to suggest she asks her regular counting volunteers to organise the count (e.g. Guy Johnson).

Spokes Website

Charlotte Maddix offered to help with the website. Dave (and Rosie?) have an initial chat about when she would be able to do this work and how long for. Would need to be done after we have Trustees strategic conversation (i.e. in 4-5 months, not now) and for a while - to help with tweaking and adding new features after initial design, and maintenance.

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

Donation towards adapted bikes via All Ability Cyclists' organisation(s): Kirsty Lewin suggested West Lothian group. **Mies to email these to follow this up**

Road safety

Council Road Safety Action Plan - delayed again

Road Safety Partnership for East Scotland (David attended). Discussed the content of the most recent forum and ensuring effective consideration of cyclists' perspective.

David to review the minutes and raise issue of inviting representative cyclists' organisation along.

Spokes Meal? Picnic in June?

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