

Resources Group Tuesday 14 03 23

Attending – Rosie (chair), Dave dF, Martin, Anne (notes), David M

Apologies – Emma, Mies, Kate

1. Spokes Public Meeting

Next public meeting – Friday 24 Feb was cancelled and new date is Wed 24 May. Council officer Daisy has not replied to agree new date yet, but Councillor Scott Arthur and Adrian Davis (Napier, Professor of Transport & Health) have confirmed. Daisy's deputy might speak instead of Daisy. Caroline still to confirm she is OK for new date.

Martin to check venue for 24 May and chase Daisy and Caroline. Ask Caroline to chair whole meeting to ensure better male/female split for speakers.

2. Spokes stalls

Update from Kate:

Pedal on Parliament Sat 22 April – no information available online with details of this year's event but I have requested the Spokes-box cargo bike from CBM

Farmers Market: I saw from the bulletin that the East Lothian map launch is now predicted for May. I'll book a Castle Terrace market stall as soon as a launch date has been fixed.

3. Bike Breakfast

Tues 13 June – Judith Cowie has communicated with talk of attendees booking through Eventbrite, costs of using the City Chambers Quadrangle and the use of the council's project-planning spreadsheet and work-flow.

So far confirmed, breakfasts agreed for 200 (including vegetarian options) and access to the Quad from 7.30 -9.30 (wedding starts have been postponed to 10am so we have 30 minutes to clear the Quad). Estates will provide tables and a sound system. Police will attend to oversee registration (using app).

Invited but not confirmed: Bike Coop to provide free chain check and lube – if they can't make it, I can try the Bike Station.

Here's the current shortlist of those invited previously plus CBM & Diane Wilkie

Cycling Scotland

Cargo Bike Movement

Transform Scotland

Sustrans

Midlothian Council (Diane Wilkie)

Friends of the Earth

Scotrail

Enterprise Car Club

Other suggestions from meeting:

Critical Mass and Infrastesters, and someone to represent the bike buses (Contact Jarlath Flynn).

East Lothian Council (try the Green councillor who is a Spokes member (Shona Mackintosh), but would have to be in a non-party-political role), CycleLaw or other relevant law firm

Councillors: Scott Arthur

MSPs: wait until new First minister appointed in case change to who is transport minister.

Kate to invite the more locally-based groups first, and then other organisations if still spaces. One exception being Transform Scotland as we are quite involved with them. Also wondered if some could share tables, or not need a table.

Also discussed possibly to have a stall again at Critical Mass, as we did once before – possible one or two a year?

4. St Martins Office Disruption

Office cleared and work still in progress.

5. Cargo bike grants update

A couple of new applications from individuals which have been approved.

Nicolas Compagnion Plumbing have now received their money for their cargo bike. Frances Galashan has asked for a report on the use of money from his donation last year. Dave sent an initial report and **Rosie to check and update if needed.**

6. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO

David M advised that the revised constitution has been agreed and will now proceed to form a SCIO. A founding board of trustees is required, with a minimum of 3 members who will take charge of all Spokes assets. Suggest a chair, treasurer and secretary appointed as first step, and if no maximum limit on board numbers then ideally a rep from each of the main Spokes groups, ie Planning, Resources, Maps, Party and possibly Spokes South.

Dave M to check if there is a maximum limit for board of trustees.

7. Social media: this month's highlights

Facebook

Not much activity while Rosie was on holiday.

Twitter

Council by-election in Murrayfield, statement from lib-dem candidate (now elected) on bollards raised retweets and interest.

8. Maps Update

East Lothian map still in progress – most likely launch May 2023

Saartje Drijver from EL suggested putting the new EL map in all stations. Sounds a good idea, but we suggest this is a project for the maps group to liaise with Scotrail to progress this idea.

Discussion of EL map launch details for future meeting

9. Traffic Count

Traffic Count - banner

Tim is doing a road test to get a good size for the board text.

Martin and Tim to meet to discuss the procurement of both traffic count and conference banners

Rosie to chase Tim to see if he has done this. Also to contact Barbara to ask her to set a date for the May traffic count. Hopefully new boards will be ready by then.

10. Bulletins and flyer

Membership renewal mailout was done on 11th March – Anne and Dave to check office over next 3 weeks for renewal letters and Anne will contact Resources if help needed to post out letters. Dave to do an update to include with the letters, so wait 2 weeks before sending any out.

11. Cover for Rosie (3 weeks in February)

Rosie back now and will resume email and facebook.

12. Zoom Meetup

DavedF to consider inviting alternative suggestions for timing of meeting in a member circular. Try doing 2 or 3 meetups this year, see how they go.

13. Summer Competition 2023

Suggestion received to do 'Bike storage – issues and solutions'. Keep very open for any topics, encourage any humorous stories, not just complaints. Anne to send round last year's list of prizes before next meeting.

Rosie to ask Mies if she will coordinate this year's prizes (sourcing and distribution) and check she can come to next resources meeting.

14. Other

Various requests received for grants.

We have granted funds to Jarlath Flynn who has been very involved with setting up school bike buses. He is going to use the money for 3 Dr Bike sessions at the next 3 primary schools to start a new bike bus and to set up Edinburgh Bike Bus website. This will also help the Bike Station who provide Dr Bike sessions.

Bike station has also asked us directly for financial help, but agreement that the above donation is appropriate at the moment.

Cargobike movement is now not getting a council grant so needs funding help. They are applying to PathsforAll but need to secure 25% match funding, so as they store our cargobike, agreement to give them a donation towards their 25% target.

15. Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April (to be confirmed) [Later: probably April 17 or 18]