

SPOKES RESOURCES MEETING

MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023 7:30pm

Present: Rosie, Dave dF, Anne, Kate (notes), James

Apologies: David M, Martin, Emma, Mies

1. Spokes Public Meeting (Martin)

Date: Wednesday 24th May 7.30

Councillor Scott Arthur and Adrian Davis (Napier, Professor of Transport & Health) have confirmed. Daisy's deputy Phil Noble will attend. Caroline has confirmed she can chair.

Martin – can you confirm the venue – St Augustine's?

From 6.30

Stalls: Maps etc. (Rosie) and membership (James)

Coffees and teas: Anne/Kate but still need someone to buy and bring these (Mies?)

2. Spokes stalls (Kate)

Pedal on Parliament – ad hoc stall using Spokes cargo bike

Kate to pick up bulletins from office on Friday afternoon.

James meet Rosie at office at 11.45 on Saturday morning to collect remaining bulletins

Kate will be on Chambers St near National Museum of Scotland from 12.15

Dave dF to recruit leafleters to give out bulletins from 12.15

3. Bike Breakfast (Kate)

Tues 13 June – Deadlock at present with budget set at £1,200 but cost of council breakfasts for 200 at £2,020. Judith says Daisy is not happy to pay £2,000 for breakfasts but in 2019 they paid £1,895 for 250. Final decision still pending.

Kate will ask Paul if Spokes can pay the difference if needed.

Bike Coop have confirmed that they will provide chain clean and lube service and donate a £50 voucher for a prize draw

Invited and able to attend

Cycling Scotland

Cargo Bike Movement

Sustrans

Bike Bus Initiatives (Jarlath Flynn)

East Lothian Council (Shona Macintosh)

Infrasisters/Spokes Party

Critical Mass (need to address Dan Abrahams' concerns)

Will suggest alternative banner text: "Edinburgh Council please move faster on bike lanes. Join our monthly ride."

Invited and unable to attend

Transform Scotland

Kim from EdFoC

Invited but not yet responded

Midlothian Council

Cycle Law

Kate to invite

West Lothian Bike Library

Living Streets (David Hunter)

MC: Dave dF/Kirsty L

Councillors: Scott Arthur

MSPs: Mairi McAllan (Kevin Stewart)

4. St Martins Office Disruption (Anne)

Office cleared and work still in progress no update.

5. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

Report has now been sent to Frances Galashan

Organisations

Nicolas Compagnion Plumbing have now received their money for their cargo bike. We are waiting on their report. Grant - £2000, £1000 Galashan

MG Handyman – we have accepted his application and he is looking into buying the bike. He will receive £1000 Galashan and the other part of the grant tbc, depending on the kind of bike.

SW20 - £1000 from Spokes, £1000 Galashan. Laidback is in the process of acquiring the bike.

Individuals (funds from Maps account)

2 bikes supplied - Gaetan Baillieul (£1500) and Alasdair and Fiona Ford (£1250)

6. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (David)

Dave M reported back:

1. We do need to choose a name for the organisation going forward, which must be unique on the Companies House register. 'Spokes' is taken, [as are many other variations of it](#). I'd suggest we go for **Spokes Lothian** to be the official name on documentation and our bank account, but happy to take a steer.
2. There is no limit on the opening number of trustees, so we could have one to represent each sub-group and area.
3. We need a statement of accounts to submit with the application to OSCR. This would need to include Maps finances as well as central funds as all is coming under the purview of the new SCIO.
4. Each nominated trustee needs to fill in a form with personal details (attached).

So I think the next steps are to approach each sub-group and ask for them to nominate a Trustee to represent them, and for them to confirm that they are happy for those Trustees to take over (as a body) the running of the organisation.

Discussion re wanting 'cycle' in the name. Could use *Spokes Lothian* as official name for bank & SCIO, with a secondary optional line as at present *Spokes Lothian, the Lothian Cycle Campaign*. Also in practice, other than these official purposes, most people will probably just continue to use 'Spokes.'

David M to formulate email to make clear the responsibilities of a trustee to all working sub-groups and invite applications.

7. Social media: this month's highlights (Rosie/Dave)

Facebook

The first section of Flexipave goes down near Colinton. This surface will be installed from Balerno to Slateford. (29)

Amazon van parked in Leith Walk cycle path (43)

Martin's picture of the CCWEL works in York Place (27)

Not much activity while Rosie was on holiday.

Twitter

- I. Council consultation on conservation areas net zero plans – tweet highlighting bike storage
- II. Tramline safety at South St Andrews St roadworks
- III. Humza Yousaf's positive record on cycling from his time as Transport minister
- IV. Craighleith Retail Park bad access and parking – has prompted constructive responses

8. Maps Update (Anne)

East Lothian map ready to be sent to printers – most likely 3rd week of May 2023 (in time for Public Meeting?)

Katharine (from Maps) to arrange details of EL map launch

Possible initial discount as per Edinburgh map in December 2021.

9. Traffic Count

Traffic Count - banner

Tim is looking into plastic sheeting as alternative to fixed board.

Rosie to liaise with Barbara about this as she will be using them

Barbara confirmed traffic count on 16 May.

10. Zoom Meetup (Dave)

Not in the immediate future.

12. Summer Competition 2023

Same people to contact prize donors as last year (see Anne's email)

Kate to check if Mies can still do this

Plus these changes:

Rosie to ask Cameo as replacement for Filmhouse and Dower House

James to ask Civerino's and Hart's Cyclery

13. Other

Next meeting Wednesday 17th May 7.30