

SPOKES RESOURCES UPDATED NOTES 27.9.23

We had a meeting scheduled for 27 September, but there were not enough attendees. People did send in notes about various topics.

1. Action points from last meeting

Dave to send Kate personalised EVOC email address if he finds one
Moment has passed to send Caroline a map

2. Spokes stalls (Kate)

PAST

Porty Community Energy – 16 September

Hippodrome event –16th September

Rosie had a successful stall selling 15 maps and 3 buffs

Coalie Park funday on 3 September.

CCWEL stall 09 September

Kate unable to attend at last minute, Dave dF improvised a stall

BANZAI (Brunstfield Area Net Zero Action Initiative) event 23 September

Kate had a cargo-bike stall and sold 8 maps

FUTURE

I have spoken to Rosanna about taking on some responsibility for stalls. She has access to the CBH and would consider taking on a stall if I know in advance that I can't make a date. However, as she is so busy, her availability at short notice would be unlikely and she would need access to maps & stalls paraphernalia. No stalls in the pipeline at present but Rosanna is also proving a helpful source of information about community events.

The annual Cycling Scotland conference; - October 26.

3. Office (Anne)

Nothing major

4. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

Murray Gibson Handyman - £1000 from Galashan, £90 from Spokes funds

Cargo Bike Movement – bike they applied for not suitable so application not going forward.

West Lothian Co-Lab – improving chances for children in deprived areas – approved grant of £2,000 though not taken up as yet.

Dalry Bicycle Depot – new bike repair service. Application for £2,000. We asked about the business viability and the applicant said they should hear about a start up loan soon.

5. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (DavidM – on hold)

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

Facebook (Rosie)

Sadly, Chris Oliver's obituary got the most responses (31)

A reply to Cllr Munro's (Morningside) remarks that cyclists were people who had time on their hands, not busy people commuting etc. Someone wrote an eloquent email about how he used to commute from Morningside and how quick it was. (21)

Twitter (Dave)

7. **Maps Update (Anne)**

270 old EL maps delivered to Louise Hastie, Ibike officer in East Lothian, who will distribute to various groups and organisations, including some for outdoor education colleagues.

Ongoing discussions re archiving previous versions of all maps.

-Map Photocopies (Martin)

I got a quote of £240 for 20 copies at 300dpi and a warning that this would create very large files but would provide high quality prints.

We need to decide what we might want to use them for to agree appropriate dpi. Maybe 2 versions - a print quality and a view on line lower quality. Andy should probably be involved in a dpi discussion and both groups re what we would do with them.

Eg do we publish them all online? Are they solely for archive!

Also, I tried ironing some older ones flat to get a better copy but it can affect the paper.

I mentioned to Andy about talking to National Library to see if they were making digital copies or whether they could for us! They can also create versions than can be digitally overlaid on one another to see what has changed but Andy said that as we change the scale and backgrounds etc this may not work very well.

This has been my original intention when getting copies!

8. **Summer Competition 2023 – Dave/Kate/Anne**

Rosie posting a daily entry on Facebook.

(Kate) All prizewinners and runners-up have been allocated prizes. All details (postal and email addresses) of those due to receive maps or buffs have been passed on to Anne. All virtual prizes have been passed on and Mies has sent on her physical vouchers.

9. **Spokes members checking route signage (Martin – on hold)**

ATT have been in touch again. We need to look at what postcodes they are interested in and then Dave can see what members we have in the area. Will pick up when I'm back.

9. **Other business**

Next public meeting Mid-November/Early December. Possible topics: Cycling for all ages and abilities
Martin to focus on Planning Group and hand over Resource Group responsibilities. Emma willing to take on public meeting organisation when available. Tech support on the night can be paid for.

Rosie to take on approval of Resources Gp emails (Martin to forward notifications to Rosie's Spokes email) – (Rosie – not finished – Martin and Rosie will sit over her laptop when he gets back from hols to see why it isn't working.)

11. **Date for next meeting 31 October 2023**