

# Resources Group, Monday 25 November 2024

## Meeting Notes

**Attending:** Dave dF, Emma, Helen, Kate (notes), Rosie (chair)

**Apologies:** Anne, David M, Ian, Martin

**1. Spokes stalls: (Kate)**

Drop-in at St Martin's 31<sup>st</sup> October with new Sumup payment device

Public meeting – 21<sup>st</sup> November – stalls pannier locked in office at St Augustine's

Had to cancel October Castle Terrace Farmers' Market stall, now rescheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> December 9am-2pm

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December Roseburn-Canal launch – possible cargo bike stall, Ian? Dave, Rosie, Helen to attend

Shared stall with Cycling UK at Scottish Parliament reception Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Kate to drop payment device off at office. Dave & Helen to attend.

**2. Office (Anne):** No updates

**3. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)**

An application from SW20 approved for a second-hand bike, but they have not got back to us

**4. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (David M)** no update

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

Facebook Peter Hawkins's competition entry (33 reactions and 3 shares); the first prize winner Josh Turner got 26 reactions and 7 shares.

BlueSky – photo of new sign explaining cycle path closure at Foot of Leith Walk and Public Meeting post

Over 500 followers already and more cycling posters joining, including councillors

**6. Maps Update (Anne):**

Andy is nearly finished updating the Edinburgh map to send to the printers. He and Eric have both also been working on the West Lothian map, all surveys are complete, and the aim is to send it to the printers in April.

There has been discussion about increasing the cost of the new maps, to £7.50, given increased cost of printing and also for using the Jenners store. I think someone mentioned increasing the price of all maps, but I don't think you can do this if they have £6.95 printed on them (ie East and Midlothian).

Otherwise, maps sales generally steady or a bit slow.

Possible increase in stalls' map price for revised Edinburgh and West Lothian maps to £6

**7. Public Meeting (Emma)**

Fewer attendees (around 50) than the usual 60-80, but went well and considered worthwhile.

An upbeat meeting with all 4 local speakers making very good contributions and raising question of whether Spokes (or someone else) should organise a workshop-style event where campaigning groups could network and encourage synergy/cross-pollination.

More attendees tend to come when decision-makers are speaking or new information about plans are being shared

Report will be available on website shortly

Suggestion for next meeting in early March – New Transport Convenor Stephen Jenkinson to speak to Active Travel Plan etc. and Caroline Brown (Heriot-Watt) to hold him to account

Emma to book St Augustine's (increased fees) and invite speakers

Possible future topic around cycling and business (delivery cyclists/ use of commercial cargo bikes / bike shops)

**8. Traffic Count**

Done – report and analysis on website

**9. Competition**

2025 - possible new version of favourite rides to be turned into new booklet.

Dave to put out call to members if anyone has the skills and time to put together a booklet

How I use Spokes maps (save for future use). Possible future competition: why I think cycling campaigning is important

**10. AOB - meal in the New Year (Kalpna?) – Rosie to email with possible dates**

**11. Date for next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025