

Resources Meeting Notes

Tuesday 22 April 2025, 7:30

Attending: DavedF, Emma, Helen, Ian, Kate (notes), Rosie (chair)

Apologies: David M, Martin,

1. Spokes stalls (Kate)

Lizard King cargo bike with Spokes box currently on extended loan with North Edinburgh Arts

Upcoming stalls – Saturday 17th May North Edinburgh Community Festival, Pilton

(<https://www.facebook.com/northedinburghfest/>)

Saturday 28th June Climate Festival, Meadows (awaiting confirmation of availability of spokes box cargo bike from North Edinburgh Arts Centre)

Possible additional stall Meadows Festival either 7/8 June – Kate to check cargo bike availability and Helen to forward contact address

Possible outdoor gala at Wester Hailes Mobility Hub / Community Centre

Sept 10 – Cycling Scotland conference, Dundee. Helen has booked stall.

2. Office (Anne) still no named contact, Anne will pursue this

3. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

Application from a new delivery company (CADI, website cadi.scot) which we have agreed to and has been approved by Paul

Paid SW20

4. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (David M) on hold. Ian to contact David M and try to revitalise this

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

Facebook – unresponsive this month – the best a post with the dubious statistics of 10% bicycling commuting in Edinburgh and best in UK (18)

BlueSky – latest Spokes bulletin and Edinburgh Council's new management rules for parks – hidden among them one saying bikes cannot be locked to anything

6. Maps Update (Anne): Revised Edinburgh map in process of going to printer but decision needs to be taken re number to print given downward trend in map sales.

New West Lothian map – final draft being double-checked by surveyors

Changes in Map Group – looking for replacements for Peter Hawkins (managing map stocks, distribution and account) and Katharine Taylor (chair)

7. Public Meeting (Emma /Helen) – everything in place, just awaiting final response from Councillor Jenkinson.

8. Traffic Count – Guy has emailed to say it will be May 13

9. Competition

2025 - new version of favourite rides to be turned into new booklet by David Gardiner and Mike Lewis

Re the competition, [here](#) is the entry form from when we last ran this subject. See the second half of page 2 for what we asked. Not making the use of mapping software obligatory will make the competition more accessible and will not affect the judging.

Awaiting confirmation of Hart's Cyclery, Lantern Rouge, Society Cycles, Dowerhouse/Rosebean and Scotrail prizes. See list attached.

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

10. AOB –

a) Pedal Power exhibition – will go to Norton Park on 23 April

b) Email from Dan Abrahams of Critical Mass:- (no further action taken as yet)

"I'm getting in touch to see if Spokes might be interested in helping to fund the music video for my new cycling song. I think you have seen the previous one I made, [Our Streets](#).

The new song is called Amsterdam, and invites the listener to question why we couldn't make our cities more like the Netherlands. You can listen to the song here:

<https://on.soundcloud.com/Fw16bavZCREzuv8p9>

I am touch with Jan Kamensky from Visual Utopias, about making a video which would show the possibilities of a transformed Edinburgh, as part of a fun music video. I imagine you have seen Jan's work, but here is his website:

<http://www.jan-kamensky.de/>

Let me know if this is something Spokes might be able to help with funding for, if you have any ideas of people who might be able to fund it. If so, I can of course provide more details."

Ian to investigate possibility of Edinburgh-themed music video before deciding if this might be something worth sponsoring (Ian)

c) Ian to meet with Richard Grant re issues with e-bikes (stations/housing) and possibility of collecting statements from authoritative sources to explain risks involved. Also to discuss the difficult issue of non-standard/modified e-bikes used recklessly by some couriers/deliveries

Update: Richard to focus on issues with delivery drivers. Ian in contact with police re illegal use of off-road bikes and working on a factsheet re standard e-bike batteries. Hoping to get endorsement from Scottish government/police/fire department re low risk with standard e-bikes

d) Ian to look into the possibility of screening a US documentary about cycling, cargo bikes and women <https://motherloadmovie.com/welcome> either together with Porty Community Energy/Cargo Bike Movement or as a public meeting at St Augustine's with speakers who have received cargo bike grants and follow-up discussion. Cost of screening around \$200. Film is not widely available online.

Update: Ian to find a date in early autumn (Climate Week?) at St Augustine's and liaise with the cargo bike community to combine a showing of the film with a networking event and to raise awareness of the availability and ease of use of cargo bikes in Edinburgh and the Lothians. Spokes could cover the costs of hire of premises and film and invite donations.

e) Spokes (and the Edinburgh Bike Co-op) will turn 50 in 2027 – any ideas for how to mark this event? Possible project to pay someone to scan copies of all paper-only bulletins to create a comprehensive digital archive.

11. Date for next meeting: Tuesday 20th May