

## Notes

**Tuesday May 20 2025, 7:30**

**Attending:** DavedF, Ian, Kate (notes), Martin, Rosie (chair)

**Apologies:** Anne, Emma

**1. Spokes stalls (Kate)**

Successful stall at North Edinburgh Community Festival at West Pilton Park

Currently having unexplained and unresolved problems with emailing 50+ stalls volunteers from my private email address and relying on DavedF's back-up calls out of local members. Will try to email in smaller batches in future to see if this helps.

Upcoming stalls with cargo bike at Meadows Festival (Sunday June 8<sup>th</sup>) and Climate Festival (Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June) still short of volunteers. Also Cycling Scotland (Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Dundee)

Box of new Edinburgh maps in office. Kate planning to pick up some and Ian can bring them direct to event if needed

**2. Office (Anne)** Last meeting: still no named contact, Anne will pursue this. No update

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

29.4.25 – CADI paid

27.4.25 – Cycling Gardeners sent a report

**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 – thin this month. The police seizing illegal e-bikes was the most popular post (17 reactions)

BlueSky – Scot Govt abandoning 20% traffic reduction commitment. Report on Spokes public meeting.

**6. Maps Update** – new Edinburgh map available. DavedF will promote in next members' circular and on social media.

Full price is now £7.50, for advance orders and the first few weeks of sales (until end of June?) to individuals we should offer the new map at £6. Stalls board has £5 so will keep to this for stalls for time being.

**7. Public Meeting (Helen)** Councillor Jenkinson lacked focus on cycling and presentation skills but it served as a getting-to-know-you from both his and our perspectives.

No update re Devi Sridar but see AOB for proposed film/meeting in September.

**8. Traffic Count (DavedF)** Count carried out on May 13<sup>th</sup> but data only just received. Detailed report to follow, initial observation: bike numbers up and cars down at Forrest Rd and the opposite at Lothian Rd.

**9. Competition**

Awaiting confirmation of Lantern Rouge and Society Cycles (Anne) Rosie to check in-person at Rosebean. No joy from Scotrail, awaiting response from LNER. Kate to try MILK café near Sculpture Workshop.

Good to launch competition before the end of June stall.

**10. AOB –**

- a) Ian to liaise with Dan Abrahams and Jan Kamensky about Spokes producing a brief on which streets should inform the content of the proposed transformation video. Spokes prepared to match funding for the project up to £1,000

- b) Ian awaiting report from the All Party Parliamentary Group (Westminster) looking into e-bike issues. Submission deadline was last week so report expected before end July.  
 Ian also awaiting response from Graeme Hart, if he would be willing to inspect e-bikes and issue a form of certificate (with a disclaimer) for a fee to support the low-risk involved in providing storage  
 Some progress made re residents facing housing association bans on e-bike storage at recent meeting  
 Police have been taking action against illegal e-bikes (see 5. Facebook)
- c) The possibility of screening a US documentary about cycling, cargo bikes and women  
<https://motherloadmovie.com/welcome> Cost of screening around \$200. Film is not widely available online.  
Update: Ian to book St Augustine's for Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September and contact potential cargo-bike-related speakers for brief presentation and follow-up panel discussion. Dave to contact Cycling & Society who have Glasgow conference on Sept 3-4.
- d) Spokes will turn 50 in 2027 – suggestion to engage members old and new to submit (competition?) entries “What Spokes Has Done For Me” in a variety of media formats to celebrate the milestone. Branch out into Instagram and other platforms?
- e) support of West Lothian road safety events- new format in 4 schools over 4 days. Historically the Spokes stall found it difficult to compete with other interactive offers. As the new West Lothian map is due out later this year, we could consider giving away old West Lothian maps to those interested. Martin to contact local volunteers who have helped in the past and gauge their interest. It would be possible to organise transport of maps, if needed.
- f) pilot to try Spokes involvement in checking signage along cycle routes – adoption of certain routes by Spokes members would only work on a regular basis with proper support from an individual or group from the Active Travel team providing feedback and reports on action taken. One-off, annual audit rides of routes may be a viable alternative. Martin suggested proposing Routes 9 and 20
- g) Ian has contacted Vicky Allan from the Herald who was looking for a Spokes source for her article. No response yet

**11.Date for next meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**