

Resources Group, Meeting Notes

Tuesday 29 July 2025 7:30

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

Apologies: Helen, Martin

1. Spokes stalls (Kate)

Tuesday 2nd September Public Meeting, St Augustine's

Wednesday 10th September Cycling Scotland Conference, Dundee (Dave & Helen)

Stalls volunteers list now updated and revised

2. Office (Anne) Celia McIntyre will start helping with map orders. Anne will approach St Martin's for key fob. She does not plan to join Resources but may join Maps group.

3. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

Grant of £2k to Dunbar Private Nursery

4. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (Ian) Ian to circulate the email that will go to groups to invite nominations as trustees (between 3 -12), the trustee application form, the draft constitution and Ian's notes. One section of the constitution requires revision – simplifying the membership joining process.

It may be possible to submit SCIO application to OSCR by September. If it is approved current operations should continue as present with minimal oversight from trustees (2 or 3 meetings pa). There would need to be an AGM within 15 months of becoming a SCIO. This could be incorporated into a public meeting.

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

Facebook – signs at CCWEL – Spokes getting diversion signs changed at Magdala Crescent (26)

BlueSky – DavedF's website article on Princes Street/Cargo Bike public meeting/ resurfaced canal towpath

6. Maps Update – (Anne/Dave/Ian) West Lothian map likely due by September. Large stocks of old WL map to be distributed to groups who may be interested (Simon Christie in S Queensferry/Dalmeny?) and possibly offered to newsagents for £1 for resale. This would need to be co-ordinated by Spokes volunteers.

Revision of new approach to “hustling” bike shops and replacement of old Edinburgh maps with new ones.

Development of possibility for online sales of maps from the Spokes website with help from Ben Seven.

Suggestion of approaching universities and colleges to promote Spokes maps on staff or student websites.

Kate to contact Edinburgh College sustainability team and ECSA. Emma could consider contacting Emma Crowther.

7. Public Meeting (Ian/Emma) Film will be available about a week before screening and any promotional material will be circulated.

Panel discussion members: BANZAI, Porty Community Energy, Bike Station, Cycling Gardeners chaired by ? Ben Seven

Ian to brief them to ensure their content will be relevant to the meeting's topic

These can submit A4 info sheet to provide background in advance and be provided space to display their materials on the night.

Ian aiming to trial run the film to check it works. Emma to approach Sam about doing tech support on the night. Meeting to be recorded, excluding the film.

Possible first 2026 public meeting about Princes Street/George Street developments

8. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) November count date set 11/11/25
9. **Competition** (DavedF) 3 entries so far, 2 from East Lothian. DavedF to invite Mike Lewis to be external judge. Current deadline 07/09 with likely extension and judging late September/early October
10. **Dan Abrahams funding** (Ian M) Dan has raised £1,400 so Spokes will match with £1,000 as promised. Still short on budget estimate of £3,500.
11. **AOB –**
 - a. Email from Eoin Palmer of Arcadia University (11.7.25)

“My name is Eoin Palmer. I work at Arcadia University, an American university with a study abroad center in Edinburgh.

I’m currently sourcing internship placements for a group of visiting US students who will be studying at Edinburgh Napier University in the spring. As part of their program, these students have the opportunity to undertake an internship at an organisation in or around Edinburgh.

We often have students interested in sustainability, urban studies, or who simply want to work toward a good cause, and I wondered if you would be interested in hosting one.

The placement would begin in January and run for 10-12 weeks, with the student working 2 days per week for a maximum of 20 hours per week.

The student could perform similar work to a volunteer, but we'd be happy to areas where you could most benefit from a student lending a hand.

If you are interested or have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.”

Mies says she could supervise – any thoughts?

Spokes can't provide this kind of placement but suggest contacting organisations: Transform Scotland/The Bike Station/Bridgend Farmhouse/ Thistle Foundation/Cycling Scotland
 - b. Suggest of collaboration with Wee Spoke Hub – email forwarded 28.7.25. Text:-

“One of our energetic volunteers at The Wee Spoke Hub in Guthrie Street has a creative plan to help new commuter cyclists take the first steps. Bike Buddies is the name of the project, and the pilot events were promising.

We would love to collaborate with Spokes on this, because of your visibility and reach. Could I ask that someone get in touch with myself, either on this email address, or ideally via WhatsApp or a direct phone call.

We would like to discuss a joint funding application; and separately, how to collaborate on publicity for the project.

In short, the project is two-pronged. Route Buddies supports new cyclists find and ride their regular commute; whereas CBB (Commuter Bike Bus, name TBC) is a first stab at an on-road commuter version of the well-established Bike Bus model for school-age young cyclists.”

Spokes not able to collaborate on this but would be prepared to help promote and publicise this. Ian prepared to meet with them to discuss this.
 - c. Emma has completed 2 interviews and has 3rd with Andrew Follis (Maps Group) lined up.
 - d. Ian taking measures to improve the markings on the E-W Meadows bike path which are no longer visible

12. Date for next meeting: 26/08/25