

Resources Group, Meeting Notes

Tuesday 18 November 2025 7:30

Attending: Anne, Dave dF, Ian, Kate (notes), Rosie (chair)

Apologies: Emma, Helen, Martin

1. Spokes stalls (Kate)

Cycling UK (Ian) good event, sold all West Lothian maps

08/11 Safe Roads Craighentinny Community Centre – outside away from the crowds, so not ideal. Gave away old Edinburgh maps, had some interesting conversations including with Cllr Jenkinson.

Upcoming: proving difficult to find a Farmers' Market date due to personal commitments at weekends in November and December full with pre-Christmas stalls.

2. Office (Anne) Celia MacIntyre has taken over map orders. Anne researching online membership systems. Some very expensive [£200pcm] some more reasonable MemberMojo [£500pa]. Could possibly increase membership numbers and donations and cover costs

3. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

David King, a self-employed cycle courier, has sent a report and pictures.

4. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (Ian) No trustees from within Spokes have come forward. Ian to attend Planning group (prov. 19/01) to try and recruit trustees. No progress can be made without trustees

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

Facebook – Proposals for Fountainbridge development (49)

Spokes Competition entries (not complete as yet – post one approx. each day) – 24 for Off to See the Clubbiedeans Big Puddle; 24 for Clubbiedeans Scone Run

BlueSky – Spokes trams consultation response; launch of West Lothian map

Herald – Ian has had 2 interviews with Vicky Allen re trams etc. but they have only appeared in the online version, not the print one

6. Maps Update – (Anne/Dave/Ian) Sales are good, steady stream of orders for new WL map. Old WL maps have been made available to Whitburn Scouts groups and Linlithgow Academy (70 copies). Other Scout groups in WL have been contacted and, if a contact can be found, Guides groups too.

New WL map covers Falkirk area, so possible outlets like the Kelpies and Callendar House. No-one currently available to follow this up.

7. Public Meeting (Ian/Emma)

Hustings event (Helen) “we’re co-hosting with Cycling UK and have an online meeting in early December with them. We’ll work out who to contact in each party and other arrangements then.”

Kate in touch with Brett Cotter (Big Bike Film Night). Decisions on film selection will be made by 1st December and Brett will let me know his choices to see if this could work with a public meeting topic.

8. Traffic Count (DavedF) November count was on 11/11/25. DavedF’s report now available on Spokes website. Next count will be on 12/05/26

9. Competition (DavedF) Anne has sent out maps to 5 of the 7 runners-up (2 not responding) and will send a flat map to Callum from Cycling Gardeners (photo request in situ).

Agreed to pay David Gardiner £1,200 for his work putting together the new Favourite Rides booklet.

Next year’s competition, along lines of “My Spokes Experience” because 2027 will be 50th anniversary

- 10. Dan Abrahams funding (via Ian)** Dan “The video is being edited this month, and then the animation will start after that. I’m thinking to aim for an early spring release, say late march, the time of year when seasonal cyclists are getting the bikes out again. I didn’t have any budget left for PR. I can do a lot myself, but I am going to look into getting some more funding for proper PR. Melissa Bruntlet from Modacity said she might be interested”

Spokes would only consider any additional funding for PR once the film is close to final product and has been evaluated.

11. AOB

- a) (Ian) Application by Bike Station for £1,500 funding for research to prepare an impact analysis report to cover the current use, scope, models, range, funding and delivery model of cargo bike schemes across Edinburgh and the Lothians.

“This desk-based research would present a clear picture of current delivery and form the foundation for developing and cascading a monitoring evaluation framework for use by local projects to enable a region wide picture.

For stage one of this work we reach out to Spokes for £1500 to fund staff costs to complete this work. We are submitting funding requests to Sustran for 2025/26 funding for stage 2 of this model and would potentially like to return to Spokes to explore match funding to better enable local groups, organisations and services to better capture evaluation data.”

Agreed to this funding (after checking with Paul) on the understanding that the report would be made public, mention Spokes cargo bike grants programme and include this data in their report. This would not include any commitment to further funding at Stage 2.

- b) (DavedF) annual renewals are in progress – standing orders (200-300) have rolled over, email renewals will be sent out and in Feb/Mar 2026 paper-based, along with bulletin and a copy of the new Favourite Rides booklet
- c) (Rosie) Peter Hawkins has been in hospital for 3 weeks following a minor stroke. Rosie to organise a card and gift on behalf of Spokes. Interim cover and possible longer-term succession planning to be discussed at next Maps meeting. Can Robert Simpson and Ian to deal with any shop orders in the meantime and be added to the maps@spokes email?
- d) (Ian) Will attend Cycling Scotland AGM and can make a short presentation – to include request to press Scottish government for discrete cycling/active travel funding (not lumped with buses) and to mention maps, tram consultation response, competitions and traffic counts
- e) (Ian) Attended Broomhouse meeting organised by Scott Arthur (MP) and attended by MSP candidates and Councillor Jenkinson. Pleasantly pro-cycling atmosphere with interesting exchanges with police relating to e-bikes. Ian shared the new e-bike document
- f) (Ian) Attended the Heriot-Watt road safety event 17/11. Mixed-quality contributions – Malcolm Hall [Glasgow] was interesting – 30-40 attendees
- g) Rosie to organise date for post-Christmas Resources meal (Thurs or Fri mid Jan)

12. Date for next meeting: Wednesday 14/01/26