

Spokes Meeting Notes

Wednesday 18 March 2026 7:30

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

Apologies: Helen, Ian, Martin

- 1. Spokes stalls (Kate)** Recent: Tuesday 24th February Cycling UK event at Bridgend Farm (Ian)
Spokes Hustings, St Augustine's, Monday 16th March
Wednesday 18th March Leith Connections & Edinburgh WACI launch 10.15-11.30 Sandport Place Bridge cargo bike stall (Kyle/Helen)
Upcoming: Saturday 28th March Bridgend Farm Spring Fair 11-3pm cargo bike stall (Kate)
Saturday 16th May North Edinburgh Community Festival stall – Agreed to pay the £150 fee.
Longer term: Pedal on Parliament, Saturday 30th May (if cargo bike and personnel available), Meadows Festival Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th but cargo bike and Kate unavailable, Saturday 27th June Climate Festival waiting on cargo bike availability (Ian), Wednesday 16th September, Cycling Scotland Conference, Perth (Ian)
- 2. Office (Anne)** a box of new Favourite Rides booklet now in office. Can online membership system be added to the regular agenda? Anne to consult John Webster (Capital Rail Action Group)
- 3. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)** No updates
- 4. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (Ian)**
One more potential trustee has been in contact. Given there is some reluctance about becoming a SCIO Ian suggests we set a date for an AGM of Spokes and seek agreement at that meeting. Before summer or this autumn? This would probably require more time (1 hr) so possible to combine it with another film (1 hr first half) with Spokes members to stay behind for AGM. Ian, any ideas for an hour-long film?
- 5. Media: this month's highlights (Rosie/DavedF/Ian)**
Facebook – Princes Street & George Street – the Future – 41 reactions, 84 comments, many hostile. Rosie to precis responses
Bluesky – 1. Princes Street & George Street 2. New Favourite Rides
Website – Report attached to Ian's email. Stuart has sorted Https and Ben is working on new theme and making the site more mobile-friendly. Ian suggests we hold another meeting in May.
- 6. Maps Update (Ian/Ann)**
Ian attached a draft note of recent meeting. "I have cancelled VAT registration and will do a 2025-6 report. Extra maps bank account to be merged with main Spokes account."

7. **Public Meeting** (Ian/Emma/Helen) Very successful and effective format, very good chair and positive feedback from the speakers. Evening News article by Ian Swanson. 60+ attendees. Some audio issues in first half hour. DavedF to write up report and add link to curtailed recording.

Future public meetings: film + AGM, Cycling & Public Transport (bus, rail) John Lauder could be possible speaker

8. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Next count will be on 12/05/26

9. **Competition** (DavedF) Spokes@50 DavedF has circulated list of last year's prizes. Contact previous donors and secure prizes again, if possible. Any good ideas for prizes relevant to the topic? DavedF to post article in 2-3 weeks.

10. **Dan Abrahams funding** (Ian) no update

11. **Seed corn funding given to Bike Station – update** (Ian)

BIKE STATION CARGO BIKE REPORT

Ian attached a draft. Should we ask for a section about Spokes to be added. DavedF/Ian to write a few sentences about Spokes' role and cargo bike grants for business etc.

12. **Bike Bus high-vis vests update** (DavedF) Have arrived. DavedF to share Bluesky post with Rosie

13. **AOB Spokes Handbook:** Anne & Rosie have made additions with details of office/email admin. These don't appear to have been added.

14. **Old West Lothian maps:** 3 boxes still in store. Anne to contact Keith Irvine (Cycling Scotland) about Bikeability contacts and any other ideas. DavedF to make a final call out in next email update.

15. **Mailout event:** Saturday 11th April

16. **Date for next meeting:** Tuesday 5th May (if Ian is available)