

Spokes Resources Meeting Notes

Wednesday 6 May 7:30

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

Apologies: Martin, Emma

1. Spokes stalls (Kate)

This coming w/e Ian to run stall at Active Travel/Active Hope event by WWCT. Kate to drop payment device for Ian. Ian to get us added to WWCT mailing list so we hear about events directly.

Sat 16th May North Edinburgh Community Festival 12.30-2.30 or 2.30-4.30, North Edinburgh Community Festival, West Pilton Park. We'll have a table and cover – no offers of help, could Dave send email to Spokes members living in area?

Sat 30th May Pedal on Parliament – Spokes cargo bike booked, Ian available to run a stall, volunteers needed to leaflet new bulletin. Kate to send Ian Fiona Burness' contact details from North Edinburgh Arts.

Sat 6th or 7th June Meadows Festival – Ian has booked and will use CB from Porty library

Sat 27th June – Climate Festival – Spokes cargo bike would be available, the issue is they are only open 9:30 - 2:30PM, so the bike would need to be returned before 2:30 or kept until we open again on the Monday morning – Ian to liaise directly with Fiona.

2. Office (Anne) Rent increase after 3 years approved by Paul. W Lothian maps need topping up. Maybe a good idea to have a box of bulletins in the store for those who can't access the office.

3. Online membership (Anne) got a response to our queries from Member Mojo and has sent this to DavedF and Clair. Next step to arrange discussion. If Spokes becomes a SCIO, gift aid can be claimed on up to 4 years' retrospective membership fees, so if members are tax-payers should be built into system.

4. Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)

2 applications which we have now paid.

Cycling Gardeners - £2000 towards the first e-Carla powered trailer in Scotland – it will be towed by an electric bike

Elspeith Chapman an art therapist, puppeteer and group facilitator based in Edinburgh. Practice revolves around working with children and young people with a focus on creativity and wellbeing. £1822.50 towards cargo bike is for taking materials around Edinburgh and the Lothians

5. Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (Ian)

Approached groups, one definite trustee from Planning, possible trustee from Maps, no trustee from Resources so far. Sarah Boyack positive about idea of becoming a trustee. Possible approach to Phil Noble. Ian is in discussion with members who have raised concerns about SCIOs .

Date for AGM to be booked in Sep downstairs at St Augustine's, possibly in conjunction with a speaker from a successful campaigning group (London Cycle Campaign?)

6. Media: this month's highlights (Rosie/DavedF/Ian)

Facebook – Leith connections ribbon cutting (31 reactions)

Bluesky – most popular all year: election manifesto article. latest members' circular

Other media – Ian appeared on Workers Observatory podcast (link sent in email)

7. **Maps Update** (Ian/Ann) New combination lock (1955) for store and tally sheet of numbers of maps in storage. Still 200 old W Lothian and about 80 old Edinburgh. 250 old W Lothian maps were successfully donated to Excite Leisure Centre near Linlithgow for their bikeability training. Formal transfer of Spokes maps responsibilities to Spokes with merging of bank account within next year.

(DavedF) Doorstep-delivered free newspaper/magazine around Linlithgow included a £1 voucher off a WL Spokes map from a Linlithgow bookshop. Has resulted in 20+ map sales. Maybe this could be done with other community or commercial household-delivered newspapers or magazines and collaborating bike or book stores? Or an article by Ian Swanson + voucher in Evening News with a bike shop?
8. **Public Meeting** (Emma/Helen)

Topic: Bike and Public Transport

Date: late October/ early November (Helen & Emma to discuss and book St Augsutine's)

Possible speakers: John Lauder (Rail), someone from Lothian buses to discuss driver bike-awareness training or Border buses and bike transport, someone from *Tram/Trains for Edinburgh* to talk about proposed light rail-tram line on south suburban route
9. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Next count will be on 12/05/26
10. **Competition** (DavedF) article and prizes in pipeline. Kate to send out list from last year with these notes
11. **Dan Abrahams funding** (Ian) Final cut of film now available. Ian to write press release to tie in with launch, possibly in Bike Week
12. **Seed corn funding given to Bike Station – update** (Ian) new Bike Station proposal has been sent asking for further funding (£5,000) to continue with co-ordinating cargo bike projects and collecting data. Expected funding from SEStran not forthcoming. Could those interested read proposal and let Ian know in the next week, if Spokes should grant this continuing funding or not or at a lower level than requested.
13. **AOB Spokes Handbook** (Ian) no update
14. **Old West Lothian maps** (Anne/DavedF) covered above (7.)
15. **Mailout event** (DaveDF) successful event
16. AOB 1) Any payment made by Sheena Pirie(?) can be paid into account as Ian has already delivered the maps

AOB2) Ian has footage of 2 men trying to steal his e-bike outside Cameo cinema. Waiting to share it with the police and/or upload to an appropriate platform.
17. **Date for next meeting**

Wednesday 3rd June