

Spokes Resources Notes

Wednesday 3 June 7:30

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

Apologies: Emma, Martin

- Spokes stalls (Kate)** Recent: Sat 18th May North Edinburgh Community Festival, West Pilton Park. Not many sales but some good conversations.

Sat 30th May Pedal on Parliament went well (Ian) with surprising number of maps sold & interactions with politicians

Upcoming: Dalmeny Kirk Cycle Café Saturday 13th June 10am Ian with Porty cargo bike + Mies

Possible? People's Emergency EICC Monday 15th June from 4.30 Dave/Ian/Kate

Saturday 27th June Climate Festival, Meadows, 12-6pm Ian with cargo bike – no other volunteers besides Scott Arthur. Dave dF please email Spokes members in the local area to recruit volunteers for slots 12-2, 2-4 and 4-6pm.
- Office (Anne)** Idea proposed to combine Spokes office and Jenners storage unit (currently £100pcm). Anne to measure up and check office capacity. Then the issue of access for Maps members could be addressed.
- Online membership (Anne)** Anne, Dave dF and Clair to meet after mid-June to continue discussion
- Cargo bike grants update (Rosie)** no update
- Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO (Ian)** Lower, smaller hall booked at St Augustine's for AGM on Wed 9th September. Programme could contain a short performance, the Dan Abrahams Amsterdam video, a discussion of Spokes' future as well as voting to approve Spokes becoming a SCIO. Current trustees include Sarah Boyack, Phil Noble, Brendan Paddy, Ken Talbot + representatives from Spokes working groups. Spokes could continue as before with an extra strategic layer meeting 2-3 a year.
- Media: this month's highlights (Rosie/DavedF/Ian)**
Facebook – a post about an inappropriate Cyclists Dismount sign on Slateford Road that Spokes wrote to Scottish Gas Network about – it got 221 reactions (a record) and 89 comments – most of them appreciative/agreeing.
Bluesky – traffic count report and Pedal on Parliament photos
Other media – website articles on traffic count and launch of Amsterdam video

Ian has given interview to Live TV
- Maps Update (Anne)** Hustler system currently working well, plenty of maps in the office and no map currently in production. MidLothian due next year. (Ian) Has transferred £20,000 to main Spokes account. Awaiting £3,000 payment from West Lothian before transferring further £20,000 to leave a small amount in Maps account. Most transactions are now via the Spokes main account and VAT registration for Maps account has been cancelled. Paul has large sum in a deposit account with interest.

8. **Public Meeting** (Emma/Helen) Helen to confirm booking of St Augustine's on Thursday 19th November before attempting to contact speakers: John Lauder (Network Rail), Head of Training from Lothian Buses and Rob Falcon (Tram-Trains project). Emma possibly to chair? Suggested 15mins each with most time left for Q&A.
9. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Next count will be on 10/11/26
10. **Competition** (DavedF) competition launch next week
11. **Dan Abrahams funding** (Ian) video launched and project completed
12. **Seed corn funding given to Bike Station – update** (Ian) agreed to fund 50% (£2,500) to build a stronger case for cargo bikes and on delivery of 1st phase a further 50% (£2,500) if the Bike Station can raise the other 50% funding.
13. **AOB Spokes Handbook** (Ian) no update
14. **AOB – Banner** (Rosie) Kate to leave smaller pennant in office.

[Andy Arthur – Threadinburgh](#) latest on “Rail to Trails” covering the North Edinburgh path network. Could we take this story and turn it into a video with interviews with the people involved and animation or images?

Ian is researching a piece for next year's 50th anniversary on the first 10 years of Spokes and the London Cycling Campaign. Already interviewed 7-8 people.

Ian to meet with Matthew Crightman (?) who he met at PoP to discuss ideas for promoting cycling

Ian – issues raised at PoP concern online membership and website landing page. Website development meetings with Ben Seven & Stuart should be set up regularly to encourage progress

15. **Date for next meeting:** Wednesday 15th July (Kate not available to take notes)