

Spokes Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 15 July 7:30

Attending: Rosie, Ian (notes), Dave, Helen

Apologies:

1. Matthew Kreitman not available this evening – Ian will be in touch with him about his ideas based on cycle campaigning in the USA.

2. **Spokes stalls** (Ian)

Dalmeny Kirk Cycle Café 13th June - Small turnout but positive; membership forms distributed to interested attendees.

Climate Festival, Meadows 27th June - Successful — 23 maps sold, leaflets distributed, Scott Arthur attended

3. **Office** (Anne)

Nothing major to report, I have measured the Jenners store' shelving unit and with a bit of re-organisation of office furniture, I think it will fit in. Maps group seem happy with the plan to store the maps in the office. It will take a bit of time - and some strong volunteers - to organise.

Bufs: We only have approx 25-30 Edinburgh bufs left. Edinburgh-only bufs to be ordered (not Lothians); Ian to obtain pricing before any order is placed.

4. **Online membership** (Anne)

Dave, Clair and Anne have arranged to have a chat about this on 3rd Aug

5. **Cargo bike grants update** (Rosie) chasing reports

5. **Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO** (Ian)

- Motion about becoming a SCIO to be included in next members' email. I have talked to the following potential trustees: Sarah Boyack (keen), Phil Noble, Ken Talbot, Brendan Paddy director of Ramblers Scotland), Katherine Taylor from Maps Group (near-confirmed), John Robson from Planning Group. We will also need somebody from Resources Group. If motion is passed at the AGM in September, Ian will submit declarations from trustees and the proposed constitution to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR). When approved by OSCR the trustees will start to meet. I have stressed to all of them that their role is strategic and that the Working Groups will continue as before. As well as reports and this motion, AGM will have performance by Hazel, showing of Amsterdam video and general discussion about Spokes future

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

Facebook – map in Waverley Station – 92 reactions, mostly positive comments, also on Bluesky; Toucan crossing on Marchmont Road – 75 reactions, mixture of comments positive and negative Spokes competition bluesky also popular.

Message on Bluesky today from Scott Arthur MP about launch of E-bike Positive campaign which lists shops that have signed up and reputable brands.

7. **Maps Update** (Anne/Dave/Ian)

Productive meeting held last week. Decided to move maps to office and retain maps account to simplify monitoring of incoming payments.

8. **Public Meeting** (Emma/Helen) Venue booked and speakers confirmed:
John Lauder (Network Rail), Lothian Buses (Director of Operations + Director of Trams + Head of Comms), and Tram Train Edinburgh. Ian is meeting tram company in early September re e-bike ban
9. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Next count will be on 10 November
10. **Competition** (DavedF) –

Anne has collected the voucher from Lanterne Rouge and there is a folder marked 'Competition prizes' in the 2nd drawer of the filing cabinet in the office for further vouchers etc. Cameo and Film House contacts not yet secured; Rose Bean Cafe not yet visited. Helen to check with Kate whether last year's prize was claimed before re-approaching Ember.
11. **Seed corn funding given to Bike Station – update** (Ian) Will chase Sasha to revise and publish initial report and confirm plans for ongoing work.
12. **Spokes Handbook** (Ian) Still collecting information.
13. **AOB** –

[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 – issues raised at PoP concern online membership and website landing page. Ben's responsive coding sent to Stuart; no response yet, likely on holiday — Ian to chase in ~1 week and arrange another web site meeting

Meadows cycle path markings severely worn; Ian raised with council previously with no action — Dave suggested targeting local ward councillors (Claire Miller, Finley McFarlane) instead.
14. **Date for next meeting:** Thursday 3rd September