

SPOKES AGM AGENDA 9.9.26

The AGM will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 9th September 2026 in the Downstairs Studio, Augustine United Church, 41 George IV Bridge, Edinburgh EH1 1EL.

Papers for the AGM including the draft SCIO constitution and background information are available on the Spokes website at <https://www.spokes.org.uk/documents/internal-documents/agm/agm-september-2026/>

1. Introduction by the AGM chair Brendan Paddy
2. Summary reports from the Resources, Planning and Maps groups and from Dave du Feu on co-ordination work that he does for Spokes
3. Video of the cycling anthem "***Why can't we just do it like Amsterdam?***" which was part-funded by Spokes and comments from the singer Daniel Abrahams
4. Report from the Treasurer Paul Ritchie
5. Vote to approve accounts and elect/re-appoint Treasurer
6. AGM Motion: **"That this AGM agrees that Spokes should apply to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) to change its status from that of a Constituted Organisation to a Membership Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) and that the draft SCIO constitution tabled at the AGM is submitted to OSCR with this application along with a list of initial Trustees which includes representatives of all the current Spokes Working Groups."**
7. Discussion and vote on above motion
8. Performance by Hazel Darwin-Clements of ***A Bikely Story***
Roll up, roll up, to see an unlikely spokeswoman spin a two-tyred tale featuring bloomers on a boneshaker! We'll cycle through time, examining the chain reaction caused by pedal powered people on the rides of their lives.
9. General discussion on how Spokes can work on issues affecting cyclists in Edinburgh and the Lothians in the coming year.

"Why can't we do it like Amsterdam" is the opening line of an inspirational new song and video by Edinburgh musician and cycling activist [Dan Abrahams](#), supported by Spokes. The catchy song, which risks becoming your next earworm, continues.. "when I ride, I'm free .."

Dan's video includes images of various Edinburgh streets transformed into cycling and walking havens by celebrated German animator [Jan Kamensky](#). You can watch the video [here](#).

