

Spokes Resources Group Meeting Notes

Thursday 8 October 2026 7:30

Present: Anne, Dave dF, Emma, Helen, Ian, Kate (notes), Rosie (chair), Stu Younger

Apologies: Emma, Martin

1. **Spokes stalls** (Kate/Ian) cargo bike with Spokes box now at Bike Station Gorgie Road Hub

Past

AGM St Augustine's, 9th September

North Edinburgh Cycling UK Showcase, North Edinburgh Arts, 15th September

Whitburn event focussed on young children gave away My Favourite Rides booklet (ideas for stalls to attract a wider audience with interactive elements – maps for marking, quizzes, puzzles?)

West Calder Pedal Power also turning 50 next year and going strong

Cycling Scotland Conference 16th September, Perth Concert Hall – Ian to link up with Portobello High School students 25yrs on from 2001 Velocity project – current head teacher is keen cyclist

Upcoming

Cargo Bike Carnival, 11am-2pm 11th October, Meadows – Kate with Spokes box cargo bike

Cycling UK 31st October, Augustine Centre – Ian and Kate

2. **Office** (Anne) new shelving in situ and maps successfully relocated. Mies to take over main office duties
3. **Online membership** (Anne) no update
4. **Cargo bike grants update** (Rosie) grant paid to Katie Quinn, a freelance artist and illustrator. She works with charities, the NHS, festivals and schools to provide creative activities to community groups, older people, children and young people.
Report and pictures from Cycling Gardeners.
5. **Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO** (Ian) Working group of about 10 including potential trustees to meet on Tues 27th October to take closer look at concerns raised at AGM. Access to expertise on charity formation. The decision would be taken by a poll of all members or which respondents must agree by 2/3 majority. David Monahan to help set up poll. Possible issues with bank accounts (standing orders?) and if money can go to charitable activities as well as charities.

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

Facebook – 49 reactions and 55 comments on Princes Street traffic count

77 reactions to a picture of an artist painting the mural on the Roseburn to Canal path. This was also picked up by Scott Arthur MP

49 reactions to proposed Penicuik to Peebles path

77 reactions to the article about more bikes than cars at Edinburgh rush hour

BlueSky – Princes' St/George St traffic count and related website article, mural on the Roseburn to Canal path, Ben Seven awarded Cycling Campaigner by Cycling Scotland

7. **Maps Update** (Anne/Dave/Ian) all maps moved from Jenners Repository to St Martin's by cargo bike

8. **Public Meeting** (Emma/Helen) The Augustine Centre on Thursday 19th November, John Lauder from Network Rail – e-bike parking at stations, reps from Lothian buses – driver training, and Train-Tram Edinburgh – campaign and station access, confirmed. Helen to send Dave dF names and positions for publicity materials

9. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Next count will be on 10 November. [Special count on Princes' St/George St](#). showed importance of Princes' St for cycling and high numbers of Voi bikes

10. **Competition** (DavedF) – prizes in process of being distributed, Resources group agreed to allow £1,000 cargo bike voucher to be transferred as potential raffle prize at Gaelic Primary School – process to be followed as normal if a prizewinner is interested. Dave dF to write article shortly

11. **Seed corn funding given to Bike Station – update** (Ian) Amended report to be published this coming weekend so item can be taken off agenda

12. **Spokes Handbook** (Ian) no update

13. **Website** (DavedF) Ian to organise meeting with Ben Seven & Stuart (and Stu Younger?) in late Nov/ early Dec to decide next steps

14. **AOB 1** – St Martin's have permission and funding for bike parking

AOB 2 – Ian to order 1-2 examples of jigsaws using map section, either to use as prizes or to mass produce for sales

AOB 3 – Ian to order buffs – 250 of 2 different map sections?

AOB 4 – Ian to register for Stop Climate Chaos Reception at Scottish Parliament, Tuesday Nov 10th 6-8pm

AOB 5 – Stu Younger offering expertise in graphic design, branding and visual comms – to focus initially on materials for next year's 50th anniversary – and to support in transition to SCIO

15. **Date for next meeting: Tuesday 17th November 7.30pm**