Spokes Resources Group Meeting Notes
Tuesday 17 November 2026 7:30

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

Apologies: Martin, Mies

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

   Dave – send Kate Stuart's email so she can request a bespoke stalls email to use in the hope it will solve spam issue

   Past Cycling UK 31st October, Augustine Centre – successful event

   Future Public Meeting, 19th November, Augustine Centre

2. **Office** (Anne) Anne's keys to be made available to Andy as long as he is interim contact for map hustlers. Mies to take over from end of Nov when her hours are reduced

3. **Online membership** (Anne) Clair making good progress and identifying issues with Member Mojo using small sample group with support from Friends of Pentlands. Could be ready to go by Feb '27

4. **Cargo bike grants update** (Rosie) Matthew Jones, £2000, for a sustainability focused van conversion company, focusing on reusable materials, designs conscious of easy repair/maintenance and ideally electrical vehicle bases. He also does small household and carpentry jobs.

   "*The bikes main use will be to transport cut pieces of plywood from the EOW in Leith to my workshop in Stockbridge. Its secondary use will be to transport my tools/workstation to household carpentry clients (I'm aiming to build this part of my business). Its final use will be to move items from my home in west Edinburgh to my workshop in Stockbridge and vice versa*."

5. **Constitution/ Spokes becoming a SCIO** (Ian) Working group met and decided SCIO was optimal form. Gareth Morgan has given very useful help on the wording of the draft constitution. This draft and a list of prospective trustees will be put on the website and an online poll of members will be held to make final decision.

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

   Facebook –car traffic in Edinburgh down 16% as cycling popularity increases…link to Edinburgh Reporter – 33

   Bluesky – Upcoming Public Meeting, Ian's exchange with John Swinney re congestion charge. Highlight in last 3 months was Sep 4th and election of 2 active travel-focussed councillors, now both Spokes members

   Website – analysis of last Tuesday's traffic count will go live in next couple of days – looks promising

   Other Media – Ian gave interview re road rage for STV & BBC and got a pro-congestion charge quote from John Swinney at the Parliamentary reception which has sparked several articles (including Evening News)

7. **Maps Update** (Anne/Dave/Ian) next update due will be Midlothian,.David M. is organising a £1-off voucher to appear in Morningside Messenger to be used for a map from local bike shop. Spokes will reimburse the bike shop.

8. **Public Meeting** (Emma/Helen) contributors' presentations are starting to come in, stalls and refreshments organised
   Helen to thank Sam (IT) for his work and present with a buff, ask for any councillors or MSPs to introduce themselves, draft of traffic count article to put on seats
   Emma to say Trams are in discussion with spokes should the issue of e-bikes on trams be raised as Ian is awaiting evidence of a safety case

9. **Traffic Count** (DavedF) Article imminent on website

10. **Competition** (DavedF) Any ideas for next year? Past comps under "documents – other" on website

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

12. **Website** (DavedF) no update as Ben currently very busy but meeting scheduled for early Jan

AOB 1 – Ian to order 1-2 examples of jigsaws using map section, either to use as prizes or to mass produce for sales and order buffs – 250 of 2 different map sections but waiting on artwork from Andy

AOB 2 – 50th anniversary ideas: Rosie to invite to a sub-group to discuss this. Some ideas so far

- reuse/update 6 panels from 40th anniversary
- 2026 competition entries (on panels or small gobbets on social media)
- Contact MSPs/MPs re motion in parliament
- Reception at Holyrood or City Chambers
- Ian/Dave had online meeting with Dutch publishers re book on cycling in Edinburgh – not just Spokes history. Ian to bring example of Johannesburg book to Public Meeting on Thursday

AOB 3 2027 Manifesto (Dave) finalised version should be available by end of year for council elections next year

13. **Date for next meeting: 15/12/26**