

# Spokes Monthly Meeting



**Date:** 4 April 2018      **Venue:** The Lion, Newbury

**Present:** Ron Brown, Mike Butler, Ed Cooper, Josh Kerry, Steve Hitchcock. Alan Langley, Gordon Oliver, William Pitt, Clive Tombs

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1.	<b>Newsletter</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Items for the newsletter to include:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Member survey</li><li>- Towpath update</li><li>- NCN422 update</li><li>- Maintenance workshop</li><li>- Spokes jerseys</li></ul></li><li>▪ Items to RB by 8 April.</li></ul>	<p>GO</p> <p>CT</p> <p>JK</p> <p>WP</p> <p>JK</p>
2.	<b>Maintenance Workshop</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Spokes can only get access to Ace Space from 2pm due to prior bookings.</li><li>▪ It was agreed that we should try to book 12 May.</li><li>▪ Spokes has also been asked to do a session with 3<sup>rd</sup> Newbury Cubs. GO to go back with some dates.</li></ul>	<p>WP</p> <p>GO</p>
3.	<b>Website</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Items to be promoted:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Spokes jerseys</li><li>- Maintenance Workshop</li><li>- Bike Register</li><li>- New cycle link in Greenham</li></ul></li><li>▪ Once we have a date, we need to promote. Kennet Radio was suggested as a possible outlet.</li></ul>	<p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>MB</p>
5.	<b>Spokes Jerseys</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ These are a great promotional tool for Spokes.</li><li>▪ Ride leaders to wear on social bike rides.</li><li>▪ Sizes available from small to XL. JK to check if XXL available.</li><li>▪ It was agreed that these could be sold for £30 each.</li></ul>	<p>JK</p>
6.	<b>Disused Railway line</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ JK confirmed that Highways England will construct the Hermitage to</li></ul>	

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	<p>Hamstead Norrey section in 2018/19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phase 2 between Hermitage and Newbury will be a more challenging route due to some sections having being developed – may need to consider a new alignment or flick back and forth to and from the roadside.</li> <li>▪ There cost will be significant – circa £500,000 for unbound surface and £1 million for bound. However, Hermitage has lots of planned development, so there will be developer contributions available. MB to check.</li> <li>▪ Spokes has completed a draft feasibility report for Phase 2. JK to circulate report and plans for comment.</li> <li>▪ We need Sustrans to review and formally issue the feasibility report for Phase 2 to give it credibility. JK to get firm quote.</li> <li>▪ West Berkshire Council to be asked to pay or at least provide a contribution.</li> <li>▪ Need to ensure that the scheme is mentioned in any update of the Local Transport Plan. The vision should be for a long-distance touring / recreational route that forms part of the National Cycle Network.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MB</b></p> <p><b>JK</b></p> <p><b>JK</b></p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Membership</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Promote via rides and workshop.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>01 May 2018 @ 7.00pm</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Two Watermills, Newtown Road, Newbury, RG14 7HB</b>	