

# SPOKES Monthly Meeting



**Date:** 4 October 2023      **Venue:** The Bowler's Arms, Newbury  
**Present:** Ed Cooper, Gordon Oliver, William Pitt, Paul Rumsby & Clive Tombs  
**Apologies:** Rob Borthwick, Josh Kerry, and Alan Langley

Ref	Item	Action
1.	<b>Actions Arising from Previous Meetings</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>William confirmed that he had sent the specs for a Comms and Marketing Officer and cycle count volunteers to the Volunteer Bureau.</li><li>Clive had messaged Helen Fisher of Sustrans regarding Spokes members helping as volunteers on NCN4. Gordon to follow up.</li><li>Rob to circulate the details of the cycle counts when ready.</li><li>Josh to contact Pankhurst Cycles to see if they would be willing to promote Spokes.</li><li>Gordon had drafted a letter to Laura Farris, which was reviewed at the meeting and approved for sending.</li><li>Gordon had drafted an email to Rachael Elliot at Newbury Velo re CycleFest. This was reviewed at the meeting and approved for sending.</li><li>Ed had contacted Vicky Trentham re Greenfest and had set up a meeting for 18 October.</li></ul>	<p>GO</p> <p>RB</p> <p>JK</p> <p>GO</p> <p>GO</p> <p>EC</p>
2.	<b>Autumn Workshop</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This was agreed for 9.30am on 28 October at the Canoe Club.</li><li>Need to publicise to Members.</li><li>Attendees to bring own refreshments.</li><li>A rough outline was agreed for the workshop:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tea / coffee upon arrival</li><li>Welcome</li><li>Review Spokes Mission</li><li>Other cycling group activities (best practice)</li><li>Past successes</li><li>SWOT analysis (with Post-It Notes)</li><li>Break around 11am</li><li>Options for future priorities / focus and what success looks like</li></ul></li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What we need to help us deliver on our top priorities</li> <li>- Finish by 1pm</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ William to set up shared documents in advance of the workshop and provide access to the committee members.</li> </ul>	<b>WP</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It was agreed to email the membership by Sunday 8 October.</li> </ul>	<b>WP</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Cycle Count</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Rob to confirm the dates and send out an email to volunteers.</li> </ul>	<b>RB</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Given the short notice, it was suggested that we may need to spread this count over two weeks.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Eling Way</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Clive confirmed that design works were ongoing for the section within Hermitage as per the update at the last <a href="#">Cycle Forum</a>.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Discussions were proceeding with the Public Rights of Way Team regarding potential options to the north and south.</li> </ul>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Other Cycle Schemes</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ B4000 Stockcross: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Construction was underway.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Old Bath Road: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scheme in design.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A4 at Crown Mead, Thatcham: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scheme in design.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ School Streets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Second scheme implemented at Francis Baily, Thatcham.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ In relation to the new application for the Kennet Centre, it was agreed that Spokes should push for a contra-flow cycle route along the northern section of Bartholomew Street.</li> </ul>	<b>WP</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ It was proposed that Ed, Gordon and William meet to review the St John's roundabout layout.</li> </ul>	<b>EC, GO, WP</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>NCN4</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Options were being explored with Greenham Trust regarding funding for NCN4 repairs. Sustrans and the Canal and River Trust were involved.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Comms and Engagement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Gordon had arranged a handover meeting with Josh regarding the website on 16 October.</li> </ul>	<b>GO, JK</b>

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8.	<p data-bbox="331 212 486 246"><b>Cycle Forum</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="331 257 1356 380">■ Cheryl Evans was looking for support with covering the costs of Bikeability instructors' time during the shadowing activity that they had to do. This would address a significant barrier in training new instructors.</li> <li data-bbox="331 403 1356 481">■ It was noted that the Public Health Team had funding for adult Bikeability. Gordon had asked for details so classes could be promoted more widely.</li> <li data-bbox="331 504 1356 593">■ The draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan was out for consultation. It was agreed that Spokes should comment. All to review and feedback.</li> <li data-bbox="331 616 1356 694">■ Cllr Martin Colston was going to meet with John Morrell to discuss the Cycle Festival.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
8.	<p data-bbox="331 728 391 761"><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="331 772 1356 884">■ Ed updated on the Spokes finances - £13,662 of funds available, of which £2k had been provisionally earmarked to support the towpath improvement scheme east of Ham Bridge.</li> <li data-bbox="331 907 1356 996">■ There was some discussion about the Winchester Cycle Charters and whether something similar could be developed locally.</li> <li data-bbox="331 1019 1356 1142">■ Spokes had been contacted by a Hungerford resident. Unfortunately, she could not travel to attend Spokes meetings in Newbury. It was suggested that a future meeting could take place in Hungerford.</li> <li data-bbox="331 1164 1356 1243">■ William to look at booking the Christmas meal for 15 December.</li> </ul>	<b>WP</b>
<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 1 November @7.30pm</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Bowlers Arms, Wash Common</b>	