

- 18:27:41 Great to hear that said about trying to keep cyclists away from pedestrians. As a pedestrian, often with grandchildren in tow, pedestrianised streets and country walks, such as beside the Forth & Clyde Canal are a nightmare because of fast cyclists.
- 18:28:24 Manchester Metrolink carried 67.6 million passengers before lock down for 120 trams, 28% were modal switch (DfT figures). Light rail proposals recently for Glasgow can achieve
- 18:29:06 this with two of the proposed lines outlined earlier this year
- 18:31:39 One factor that affects the attractiveness of active travel in cities, especially for the elderly, is the reducing number of public toilets.
- 18:32:46 For anyone responding to the govt consultation on the 20% car-km reduction (by 6 April) you may find the spokes draft response of interest, here--><http://www.spokes.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2203-20-carkm-reduction-Spokes-response.pdf>
- 18:32:56 From Colin Howden (Transform Scotland) : Scottish Government '20% car kilometre reduction route map' (traffic reduction plan) consultation is open for responses until next Wednesday (6 April): <https://consult.gov.scot/transport-scotland/car-kilometre-reduction-route-map/>
- 18:39:16 I can feel a lively technical debate on the technical differences of 'zero emission' and 'particulates' [...] 😊
- 18:39:18 Totally agree about trams. If you go to a city like Vienna it's the obvious way to travel.
- 18:40:41 the details can be found on www.lightrailuk.co.uk/ pollution and buses the modern myth. feel free to contact me
- 18:40:42 One of the reasons people travel further to work in the explosion in the number of business parks which are only accessible by road.
- 18:42:47 Smoking was once aspirational and we changed that so I have no doubt that we can do likewise with the car.
- 18:44:22 easy - cost - polluter pays!
- 18:44:37 all public transport journeys have a cost and that cost needs to be met by someone. If we want a blanket fee for paying passengers, then government will have to make up the difference... which will mean all taxpayers paying more. Its a choice but all facts need to be known.
- 18:46:19 I do wonder how you discourage people from moving further away from work, possibly away from all public transport, into the country so that the children have a pleasant environment, despite this means more car miles to work.
- 18:49:55 Great point, and exactly our experience as a family that don't own a car (but are a car-club member)!
- 18:51:07 The car club provision in central Edinburgh is excellent in terms vehicle availability and cost. But still not being promoted as well as it could be

- 18:51:35 air quality targets will be missed without a doubt, air quality regulations will get tougher and will include polluting public transport. The ordinary working man especially in our cities will be priced out, we need to start putting down sustainable public transport now
- 18:51:38 How do you 'make' people stop using cars, though?
- 18:52:07 Car club research here :<https://como.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/CoMoUK-Scotland-Car-Club-Summary-Report-2020.pdf> And the 2021 refresh due this week!
- 18:52:54 Manchester, London and other tram cities have done it by pricing and quick walk on public transport
- 18:53:26 increase cost (tax), make it harder to park (remove spaces), congestion charge, work place parking levy..
- 18:54:47 I agree that we won't achieve the results without using a 'stick' but we need to be very careful that we don't disadvantage areas such as the Highlands where many will have to keep using a car for at least some of their journey.
- 18:54:54 multi storey CP at the edge of cities only
- 18:55:23 I don't disagree with any of that, but so far no council has dared to suggest they will implement the workplace parking levy.
- 18:56:13 let's hope the local elections provide some opportunities for further leadership!
- 18:56:35 Nottingham has introduced WPL to fund their trams and do not need a Clean air zone yet
- 18:57:02 <https://www.heraldscotland.com/news/19891574.glasgow-workplace-parking-fees-bring-30million/>
- 18:57:25 And a fair number prob need to hear that it's not just for local buses
- 18:57:44 From Colin Howden (Transform Scotland) : Next meeting is Tuesday 24 May at 18:00. Speaker is Clare Linton, Policy and Research Advisor at Urban Transport Group, on freight/logistics implications of traffic reduction: <https://www.urbantransportgroup.org/about-us/whos-who-pteg/clare-linton>
- 18:57:58 Bruce why has the free ticket not been applied to the Subway and Edinburgh tram?
- 18:58:02 Car ownership means you have paid a large sum for your vehicle, whereas the marginal cost of using it is relatively low and almost certainly cheaper than bus. The car is sitting at your door, so it is the obvious choice. Car club membership you don't have the fixed costs, and it is not right outside your door, so choice of walk, bike or bus is much more likely.
- 18:59:20 I'll speak to the operators!
- 18:59:43 From Colin Howden (Transform Scotland) : We've also asked Prof. Iain Docherty (Stirling University) whether he can join us for the 24 May meeting. (This follows up suggestion by Mark Ruskell MSP at the previous meeting.)

- 18:59:51 Recent high price rise in fuel has shown this has not affected how people are using cars for commuting. As Ralph has stated it is more about comfort and convenience
- 18:59:52 ScotRail has seen a reduction in young people travelling since January - not as much as we expected but probably a result of the time needed for behaviours to change as Bruce mentioned.
- 19:00:02 even the electric car will become a victim of environmental legislation as they run on tyres and tarmac
- 19:00:52 That's a big problem; people still think that public transport is not safe, so have gone back to cars.
- 19:01:08 Only 17% of people on the lowest incomes have access to a bike, which suggests that people can't afford them
- 19:01:37 they are called conductors, they need to be brought back
- 19:02:44 Not that kind of unsafe; Covid risk!
- 19:03:01 Although bikes are 'cheap' a lot of individuals cannot afford them without taking on debt. At a bicycle charity I volunteer at most fit into that description
- 19:03:15 Thank you very much Bruce - that was a fantastic presentation and prompted a great discussion.