

## **Local Transport**

**Public & Private, Congestion Charging, Subsidies,  
Distributed Local Facilities**



**The OyBike rental scheme in Cardiff <http://www.oybike.com>  
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*Local transport is a key battleground for Libdems. Lowering the environmental impact of transport is all about designing in options to make the low carbon choices attractive. The three-pronged attack is to increase efficiency, accelerate the adoption of alternative power systems and encourage behaviour change.*

*In addition, national transport policy affects the ability to decarbonise locally. HS2 High speed rail links to Birmingham will connect the Midlands with the continent, providing a lower carbon alternative to short haul flights, but at the same time it will discourage remote working and telepresence, which are the lower carbon alternatives to long-distance travel.*

*Markets are primed to deliver electric vehicles, with ever-improving battery technology, giving new cars the unique ability to be upgraded simply by changing the battery. Local planners need to innovate and incorporate roadside vehicle charging into their pavement designs and require that new developments allow for an EV future.*

**LibDem policy:**

Policy Paper 22 - Living in the Greenhouse, published in 1999

4.2.6 includes: The introduction of road pricing in congested urban areas, with the revenue earmarked for improving local public transport.

Policy Paper 82 - Zero Carbon Britain - Taking a Global Lead, published in 2007

4.5.5. includes: We also support a target of zero carbon for all new cars by 2040 and an effective system of penalties and incentives to ensure compliance.

4.5.6: We would also extend targets to all other vehicles, to ensure that by 2050 all freight vehicles are running on electricity, biofuels or other renewable fuels.

5.4.9 includes: Requiring train and coach operators to accommodate bicycles on all new vehicles, and improving cycle storage and parking at stations.

Policy Paper 85 - Fast Track Britain: Building a Transport System for the 21st Century, published in 2008

Entire paper covers the topic, and also national transport policy.

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**Resources:**

Sustrans - UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more journeys <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

The Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership <http://www.lowcvp.org.uk>

The Campaign for Better Transport <http://www.bettertransport.org.uk>

The Sustainable Transport Solutions Network <http://www.sustainable-transport.net>

The Partnership on Sustainable Low Carbon Transport <http://www.sutp.org/slocat>

Switch EV - The Electric Vehicle Demonstration Project <http://vehicletrial.switchev.co.uk/>

The Light Rail Transit Association <http://www.lrta.org/>

CTC - The UK's National Cyclists Organisation <http://www.ctc.org.uk>