

Cairngorms Climate Conference

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Workshop 4: Transport and Active Travel: Transitioning to a sustainable and active future

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Purpose: To collectively consider how best to develop functional, sustainable, active travel in Cairngorms National Park for residents and visitors leading towards the aim of a net zero carbon emission target for all travel by 2045.

Looking at who we need to engage with, and what are the key changes that we need to implement to make such dramatic changes positive for people, our economy and the nature and culture of Cairngorms

Main points raised:

The workshops considered at four key 'elements' required to support this dramatic change summarised below:

Benefits
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Climate benefits – understood but undersold?2. Health-physical/social/mental – understood but undersold?3. Potentially less congestion?4. Less social isolation – walking & cycling together (+public transport & car share)5. Economic benefits – more efficient, visitors staying longer6. Access to all – if delivered to include all7. Connection with place – real experiences of what Cairngorms has to offer both people & nature8. Community involvement – good support from many Cairngorms communities and communities of interest
Challenges
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Motivation - what really encourages People/change2. Charging points – how will we get enough in all the 'right places'3. Multi use paths – accessible to all4. Integrated transport – trains, buses linking to active travel5. Affordable? 'I can't afford to change'

6. Bigger impact in rural area – longer journeys, few users
7. Getting better public transport earlier
8. Lessening car use - 70yrs of having our own car 'control'
9. Lifestyle change – living closer to work or increased remote working

'Preparedness'

1. Funding £ - sufficient funding and support (staff and political) needed to initiate change
2. Better usable public transport for want and need required to initiate change...linked
3.Linked to where people go – Infrastructure – safe NMU- night-time use – social & political support (celebration) encouraging what's supposed to happen –walking and cycling
4. Nationalisation – Cairngorms delivery of a National approach
5. Free (affordable)
6. All Abilities involvement
7. Culture change – Discuss what works best – Take people with us
8. Safe and welcoming

What next?

1. National lead – Scottish Government to set the vision and shorter term aims
2. Local Authorities – key to public transport support
3. Better engagement - Go to the people + young/old, resident & visitor
4. Better engagement - “Not 19.30 in cold hall”
5. Better engagement - focus on people who can & need change
6. Agree priorities - what are the best changes we can make?
7. Share the vision with real experiences

