



Our Solution to Pollution

Our Suggestion for Congestion

"An expanded public transport system that is fully integrated, publicly owned and free at the point of use."

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An idea whose time has come!

We believe Public transport is an essential public service.

We want to see its improvement and expansion, to remove traffic from our roads, to reduce pollution and CO₂ emissions, and to protect pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

Given that in a recent survey, 72% of the people said they would only give up their cars if they had access to free public transport, we are also campaigning for all public transport to be free at the point of use, financed out of general taxation

JOIN THE FIGHT! SIGN OUR PETITION!

COME TO OUR PUBLIC RALLY

Tuesday 2nd December - 5.00pm

Piccadilly Gardens (opposite Oldham Street)

Manchester

Also support our leafletting, and the collection of signatures for our free public transport petition EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING from 5.00pm onwards, at the same venue.

Is Free Public Transport a realistic proposition?

Yes! This is not a pipe dream but a tried and tested success. Hasselt, a town in Belgium, used to be a congestion nightmare until the mid-90's when it got so bad they had to have a complete re-think...

Is it affordable?

Yes, when Hasselt introduced free public transport they only had to raise average household taxation by 22.63 Euros (about £17.80) per year! The policy was so successful in saving public money and improving trade in the city that this increase in tax was only needed to start the service and tax soon fell back to normal levels.

What's our position on the Congestion Charge?

Some of us support and some oppose the Congestion Charge, but we all believe the TIF bid fails to address the real problems and growing inequalities of traffic and transport in and around our city.

Won't the Congestion Charge sort all these problems out?

No! The Congestion Charge (even if it's voted in) only aims to cut congestion during the peak morning and evening rush hours and does not address the currently high bus and rail fares, etc, charged by private bus and rail operators.

How can you get involved?

Visit our website at: <http://www.freepublictransport.org.uk/index.htm>

Sign our local petition (see also our website) and our online petition to 10 Downing St at: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/transport4free/>

Come to a meeting to find out more (we meet at 7.15pm on the 3rd Thursday of every month at the Friends Meeting House in Mount Street, (opposite the Central Library) in Manchester City Centre.

Invite us to come and speak to your trade union branch, tenants or residents group or other community group about our campaign.