

Transport and Environment: issues, principles and policies from March 5th manifesto workshop

Main issues and principles from the workshop

class divide in London's transportation due to high costs

- People on low/no wages need to travel
- BUT, currently only the privileged can easily access London, Cost of public transport is too high
- People in marginalised areas are being kept there - *postcode gate keeping*
- Uniform costs to enable people to travel across London

Bike usage

- there are over 500.000 bike journeys in London EVERY DAY¹, yet cycling in central London is extremely dangerous
- promote the usage of bikes and make it more accessible to all Londoners
- Bike/bus/tube integration - spaces for bikes on the public transport (which is free / cheap)

Reduce traffic

- a few rich car users are blocking the streets for many using public transportation
- Higher petrol tax (and unapologetically so!)
- Standardisation of 20 mile p/hour limit across London

Bring control over transportation to communities

- Municipalise the transport system
- reverse privatisation of railways
- Privatised buses - other countries own London's buses
- lack of transparency at TfL and over Oyster fares

General Principles/Ideas

Free transport - Mobility is a right

extend busses and bikes at the expense of private cars

make biking more accessible and safe

Cost prohibits those on low income (cost of transportation connected to income?)

Car free central London

Some policies which might fulfil these principles are:

- higher tax on cars (petrol, permits, parking etc.)
- reduce fares (additional benefits for low-income households)
- make fares fairer for people who travel long distances to work (i.e. no extra charges when changing buses)
- make biking safer and more accessible to all Londoners
- stop and reverse privatisation of London transport
- more influence of communities on infrastructure development near them

¹ https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/number_of_daily_cycle_journeys_i#incoming-539209

Questions

- Who profits from an expansion of bicycle infrastructure?
<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/davehillblog/2015/sep/29/will-boris-johnsons-vision-for-cycling-deliver-what-its-promised> -> "Cyclists in London are typically white, under 40, male, with medium to high household income."
- To what extent is TfL privatised?

Other parties

Sadiq

[http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/londonregion/mailings/563/attachments/original/LDN_mayoral MANI TRANSPORT.pdf?1444987504?1444930375](http://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/londonregion/mailings/563/attachments/original/LDN_mayoral_MANI_TRANSPORT.pdf?1444987504?1444930375)

Freeze TfL fares

Introduce a new 1 hour bus ticket

improve safety for current cyclists and make cycling more appealing to others

Greens

<https://policy.greenparty.org.uk/tr.html>

<https://london.greenparty.org.uk/what-we-stand-for/railways/>

reverse privatisation of railways

cutting fares

reduce traffic and make cycling safer and more appealing

Boris Johnson

http://i.dailymail.co.uk/i/pix/2015/11/19/09/2E97A2E500000578-3325067-A_cyclist_made_his_views_of_the_London_Mayor_very_clear_this_mor-m-13_1447927143016.jpg