



24%

Proportion of UK's greenhouse gas emissions that come from transport, the highest sector (source: gov.uk)



Participants can enjoy a free one-month loan

Left: Joe Cottrell. Right: Alamy

E-cycles

EMPOWERING CYCLISTS

Our 'Making cycling e-asier' project will enable residents of several English cities to switch on to e-bikes. **Joanne Clark** gives an update on how it's going

We announced the launch of our innovative e-cycles scheme back in the June/July edition of *Cycle*.

Since then, Cycling UK has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that 'Making cycling e-asier' will benefit as many people as possible in pilot cities across England.

Following an £8million investment from the Department for Transport, the scheme continues to successfully deliver in Manchester and will launch in several more locations – including Leicester, Luton and Dunstable and Sheffield – in the coming months.

Communities in each location will be given access to a wide range of electric bikes and trikes, including conventional e-bikes, non-standard e-cycles and e-cargo bikes and trikes. These will be accessed through selected Evans Cycles e-hubs, local community e-hubs, workplaces, and education hubs. Cycling UK experts will be on hand to share e-cycle skills and knowledge.

Participants can enjoy a free one-month e-cycle loan or take part in an interactive skills and confidence session. Prior to using the machines, beneficiaries will be shown how an e-cycle works and given

basic training to ensure that they feel safe and comfortable riding and looking after an electrically assisted cycle.

People of all cycling abilities can benefit from 'Making cycling e-asier'. The extra energy from the battery and motor will give them the opportunity to discover the advantages of using an e-cycle for short journeys such as commuting to work, doing the school run or nipping to the shop for groceries. By incorporating exercise into everyday trips, participants can start to reap the associated mental and physical health benefits.

Due to the current cost of living crisis, many people across the country are looking for ways to cut costs. Beneficiaries who choose to use their free e-cycle loan to cut down on shorter car journeys can save money on fuel and might also consider driving less and cycling more as a long-term choice. By cutting down on car emissions, this scheme is also helping to fight climate change.

'Making cycling e-asier' delivers part of the ambitious Cycling and Walking Plan (Gear Change), which has a target for half of all journeys in towns and cities to be cycled or walked by 2030.

For more information or to sign up, visit cyclinguk.org/making-cycling-e-asier.

Transport

NO ONE AT THE WHEEL?

Driverless cars might be the next step in driving, helping to make the roads safer and less congested. Road collisions could still happen, however, and if it's between a driverless car and a cyclist or pedestrian, what would that mean in the courts? A multi-national manufacturer squaring off against Joe Public? Policy director Roger Geffen considers whether now is the time to make presumed liability a reality on UK roads. cyclinguk.org/driverless-future



Self-driving car trial

Membership

ANNUAL PRICE RISES

As passed at this year's AGM, from December 2022 the Individual membership rate will increase to £50, having been frozen for two years, and the Household rate will rise to £80. The Concessionary rate and Affiliated individual membership will remain at £33. Life membership will be moving to a flat rate of £950. Group membership will increase to £88 from February 2023.