

Spokes hustings --Group 4

Rosie - chairing - Integrating transport, planning and tourism

Emma Sykes

- says lib dems have done a lot on improving, this now seems to be going backwards
- need to get routes joined up and joined up thinking
- some thing they're aware of and something they want to more on.
- This is how we're going to tackle climate change and air quality

From the floor - other issues - weather

Being a cyclist makes you a better driver

Campaigned against second crossing

Lib dems pro electric cars

Alison Johnstone

AJ: in our manifesto we will reiterate our long standing commitment to 10% to cycle budget ; onroad cycle budget ;

From the floor - I'm a cyclist who is opposed to protected cycle lanes (Alison Johnston asked for evidence) I put a cycle path in craigmillar when I was in the council. But in roseburn, the shops ; Put the lanes where cycles are .

AJ - follow where the cyclists are? It's 10 minutes faster but daunting to go on the main road? I think we should be investing in segregated routes and see what's happening

AJ - build for the type of city that we want

Another speaker from the floor - part of the healthy option is walking ; the reality is that far more people walk; the things that make me sad is the state of pavements. Why can't budgets be spent improving walkways and roads

AJ - couldn't agree more; take 10% of our transport budget and really improve these facilities for everyone.

Question from the floor about rural roads:

AJ: when we have this debate in parliament I'm told these problems aren't solved by 'throwing money at them'... And they've educated people. But perhaps rural roads do need more education and safety so that corners are taken more carefully.

Jim Eadie - Pound for pound the return for cycle infrastructure will make more benefit than anything else

Mentioned transport hierarchy

South sub - working with Andrew Burns as part of the city deal to restart south sub tram train

- rebalance expenditure on public transport

- question from floor re transport Scotland - JE - not going to justify the unjustifiable

Sandy Batho -- railways

From the floor - issues for families

SB: 20mph - issue he has concerns with - many areas aren't residential but are 20mph ?

Sarah Boyack

Rosie - interested in what you said about transport integrated with planning and tourism

SB: fantastic national transport network - but not joining up - no regional cycle network ; housing developments - need to ensure that these aren't car dependent ;

Derek - staff from neighbouring authorities - do they meet up?

SB- yes SESTran - but focus is on the number of houses they need to build. Not on transport / implications

SB: Air quality

Question - congestion charging

SB: legislation still in the books; councils are allowed to do low emissions zones, but they're not

Need more dedicated cycle routes to give people a choice in the city

Need good routes - like the one from the forth rd bridge

Need more choices and better options

From floor - too many Single vehicle users on St. John's road

SB - need to think about how we get people to work