

# One Journey Better



## Combatting Climate Change through Active and Sustainable Travel

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Dear Partners and Colleagues

Following on from the success of the October Partnership meeting about “[Combatting Climate Change through Active and Sustainable Travel](#),” I feel now is a good time to follow it up with a timely reminder about the importance of active and sustainable travel.

Climate change and air pollution impacts us all. We know that global temperatures and sea levels are rising. We know that weather patterns are getting more extreme and that human activities have contributed to this.

I do not want to be all doom and gloom about this, instead I choose to be positive about the future and seize every opportunity that arises to make a difference.

I remember being at a conference earlier this year, where something said by one of the keynote speakers that really resonated with me was: *‘I, alone, have the ability to change but I can inspire and influence others’*.

I feel lucky that I have a job I love, can travel around a city that I love and meet and talk with people about a subject that I feel passionate about and can make a difference.

The [Access Fund for Sustainable Travel](#) has enabled me to do this. It has given me opportunities to engage employers, employees and residents, and support and assist them in making changes that help combat climate change.

Simple resources such as [infographics](#) which raise awareness about active travel and air pollution, to our [online cycle map](#), or our [cycle training and maintenance courses](#), can empower people to change the way they travel.

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At Brighton & Hove City Council I work with colleagues who are also trying to make a difference; namely our School Travel and Sustainability teams, Premises and Facilities, Housing, Education and HR departments. I feel it is even more important now that we work together more closely, particularly as BHCC has declared [a climate emergency](#).

To find out more about what BHCC is doing to address the climate emergency click [here](#).

I want to encourage you, your colleagues and your organisation to embrace active and sustainable travel as *the best way to combat climate change*. Whether it's promoting [Brighton Bikeshare](#), joining [easitBRIGHTON&HOVE](#) for discounts on bus and train travel, trying and then buying an ebike with [Green Commute Initiative](#), or updating your companies "*how to get here*" webpage to promote walking, cycling and public transport. These are just a few things that your organisation can do to make a difference.

If your organisation wants to learn more about what it can do to promote active and sustainable travel contact me to find out more.

Lastly, the [date for the next partnership meeting will be 18 March 2020](#). Please save the date. More details to follow in the New Year.

Yours kindly

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