

## SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

Many local businesses and commuters are vulnerable to inevitable price increases in oil-based fuels. With limited public transport we would like to encourage car share schemes and, in the long run, perhaps even a car club. We should also benefit from a community minibus scheme as in other parts of Sedgemoor.

Meanwhile there are the options of trying to work from home, walking, cycling, using local shops as much as possible. We are fortunate to be on The Strawberry Line, which offers a good link from Yatton to Cheddar. A leaflet and map for the line can be downloaded from the SUSTRANS website: <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/assets/files/leaflets/Strawberry%20Line%20leaflet.pdf>

For a long time Somerset County Council has been drawing up plans to extend The Strawberry Line from Cheddar to Wells, and we are currently campaigning to get this scheme submitted for planning approval. Many community groups are in favour of it, especially along the risky A 371 into Wells.

Watch out for local publicity about how you can support this application when and if it does come up for a decision.

*From a recent SUSTRANS publication: Do Humans Dream of Electric Cars?*

**Fat Slate**

**A car shared is a petrol bill halved, which is why sharing lifts and car ownership are increasingly popular.**

In Cuba they like each other so much that as many as 8 people share a car – it makes the UK average of 1.6 look a bit lonely.

If we all shared our cars Cuban style, do you think we might get lucky with our sense of rhythm too?

How about banishing car loans, road tax, insurance, service bills, depreciation, parking permits and even petrol costs? Join a car club. If you live in an urban area, and 80% of us do, then joining a club is a real option. You only pay for a car when you use it, so you'll save yourself a boot-load of money.

Visit [www.carclubs.org.uk](http://www.carclubs.org.uk) to find out just how much.

**1 car club = 10 cars off the road**

Do you wonder where all the hitchhikers have gone? They're all online and they're willing to contribute to your costs. As long as you don't make a profit, you won't pay more for tax and insurance.

To cut your carbon footprint in half visit [www.liftshare.com](http://www.liftshare.com) and offer someone a lift.