

Carpool Information Meeting

**Tuesday 26th June, 7.30 pm
in the Lower CC**

I would like to start up a carpool based on the model that has been used successfully at The Woodhead Community. For those who already have a car, the advantage of such a carpool is that you can save money by sharing your costs with others. For those who don't, a carpool may be a suitable way for you to improve your quality of life by gaining access to a car at an affordable price. For those who already car-share, a carpool can save you money and give you access to a larger variety of vehicles and greater availability of access. For the community as a whole, the creation of several carpools could help reduce the number of cars within the community, as well as demonstrating the benefits of sharing our material possessions.

However, there is a significant culture change involved in sharing resources and having to negotiate our needs with others. And this is perhaps why we have not formed more carpools up till now. For a carpool to be successful, we need to first create an underlying sense of trust amongst those who choose to join. The Woodhead carpool model that I am suggesting therefore includes very clear boundaries and agreements that help create trust. And this meeting will be an opportunity both to discuss the underlying issues and to start the process of creating such boundaries and agreements.

At the meeting, I intend to briefly describe the kind of carpool I am suggesting. I will then answer questions (aided and abetted by Stephen Linturn, who administers the Woodhead carpool) and discuss the issues. Finally, we will do a temperature check to see if there are enough people interested to make it worthwhile to continue with this idea. So if you are interested, please come along. And please read my detailed description of this kind of carpool *beforehand*. It will be emailed to all NFA members who are on the NFA email list. Others can get a copy by contacting me, at 691 934 or gordon@ecosse.net.

Love, Gordon McAlpine.