



Lewis #lovemybus blog 2

The #lovemybus champions are taking the bus for a whole year from Kilmarnock or Ayr to Glasgow and reporting back on their experiences. The champions will share what taking the bus means for their daily routine and the stories and anecdotes that they find on their journey. Lewis chooses the bus to commute because it's cheaper, less hassle and better for the planet!

Making friends on the bus

1. What is your main motivation for choosing bus?

Mostly it would be cost and ease. It would cost me way more to drive in everyday with the price of fuel, parking and the rest of it. It works out a lot cheaper on the bus. But also, there is a bus stop right across the road from my work making it very easy for me, so that would be a big motivation as well.

2. Research suggests that those who choose bus over car can enjoy more me-time, do you that is the case?

Yeah, absolutely I find I get more me-time on the bus, I actually tweeted about it this morning. It takes 40 minutes to an hour each way for me, so I can read a book, have a sleep, catch up with friends, make some phone calls and do some general admin. I can manage to get that all out of the way before I get home which gives me more free time at home as well.

3. How does it make you feel to contribute to reducing pollution/ congestion and greenhouse gas emissions contributing to climate change?

Yeah, it feels good. As someone who does drive sometimes, I absolutely hate the traffic, so it is good to know that choosing the bus is reducing congestion.

As for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions, it is something I am very happy about, I am thinking about that in the rest of my life as well. I decided to go vegan a few months ago and the environment was a big motivation for that so the reduction in Greenhouse Gas Emissions from choosing the bus is great.

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4. Is there one thing that would improve your journey further?

I suppose the one thing would be where the bus stop is located is a little tricky. It is across a field which can get very muddy, especially in the winter, and the path round adds quite a long way on, so it would make sense to have the bus stop closer to the existing path, as there is a few others and myself that are inconvenienced by it.

5. Will you be choosing bus over the festive period?

As much as possible yes, absolutely. I won't be working over New Years so won't be on the bus then much, but right up until the holidays I will be choosing bus. We also tend to use more in the evenings at this time of year, with shopping and nights out and that kind of thing happening in Glasgow so it is good to know the bus will be there for the way back.

6. What would be your one recommendation to others to choose bus over car?

Lack of hassle would be the main one really. You do not have to worry about driving, congestion, diversions or anything like that, the bus drivers know the way and will get you there on time for the most part.

But the environment would also be a factor if folk are looking to do their bit in quite an easy way the bus is a good option. So, it would depend who I was speaking to but generally the lack of hassle would be the main one.

7. Do you have any other bus stories you would like to share?

Just that I found it interesting that I am starting to make friends with people who are on the same bus as me every day. I wished someone a happy birthday the other day who shares the bus with me and when I had taken a day off a couple of weeks ago one of the other bus users had noticed and asked what I'd been up to. The sort of small things like that can be quite nice about the bus.

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