



GO e-Bike Staff Pool – St Andrews

Employees are given the opportunity to access e-bikes in the form of a pool fleet.

The University of St Andrew's has taken part in a project using e-bikes for travel. The project aims to encourage staff to utilise e-bikes as a better method of travel between campuses, reducing car usage and promoting active travel. It has been a great success with feedback from participants being very positive. Since the scheme has launched there have been 128 trips made.

The University fleet is made up of twelve Gazelle e-bikes, they are available for short- or long-term hires and are accessed through an app and a smart lock. There are 4 main campuses that are involved in the project, one of which is the new Eden Campus. The Eden Campus will be linked to the centre of St Andrew's by a 6-km cycle path, making it even easier for staff to utilise the e-bikes on offer.

The aim of the project was to help relieve congestion. There are 13,000 car movements on A91 the per day (the main road between Eden campus and St Andrew's) hopefully projects like Go e-Bike can demonstrate that travel doesn't need to be by car only.

Currently the e-bikes are stored in storage hangers that can hold 5 bikes. The two sites with hangers are Woodburn and The Gateway. Eden Campus has made use of car park for bike storage.

The Gateway has been the most used with the 5 e-bikes stored there going out 80 times in the first four months of operation.

In order to get staff out and on the e-bikes, a training programme was developed. It

met both the University health and safety requirements and built confidence in the use of e-bikes.

The first training session for staff was held on the 18th June after which they were then free to start using the e-bikes. Since then the training sessions have been run weekly, training 47 members of staff.

After their training 28 staff members have taken one of the bikes out and 12 became regular users of the e-bikes.

A fleet of e-bikes are helping staff travel greener

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Going forward there are 2 further locations undergoing planning applications and a plan in place for temporary hubs at the Old Borough School and Observatory. Extending the hub network will hopefully increase the number of staff members finding the project helpful, promoting healthier and greener travel going forwards.

CoMoUK is keen to explore other opportunities with businesses to use shared transport as a solution to community and business travel beyond the urban centres.

What next?

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"The e-bike allows me to get from my office to the University Sports Centre at lunchtime without driving - it's too far to walk in the time available. I park on the edge of town in the morning, cycle to the office, cycle to the Sports Centre and back at lunchtime and then cycle back to my car in the evening. I do this 2-4 times a week"



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