

Car share

Sustainable Travel is about reducing car use, not stopping car use all together. The best way to travel sustainably by car is to share the journey with other people so that less cars are used to travel the same journeys.

You cannot charge people for car-sharing, but you can share the cost of the cost of fuel. *"All ABI motor insurers have agreed that if your passengers contribute towards your running costs your insurance cover will not be affected, as long as lifts are given in a vehicle seating eight passengers or less. This agreement does not apply if you make a profit from payments received or if carrying passengers is your business."* (Source: ABI 2012)

When car-sharing you must make sure that you do so safely. Any passengers must not distract you, or pressure you into driving in a way that is unsafe. You must also make sure your passengers feel safe and you drive correctly and appropriately.

You and any passengers must wear a seatbelt. If you are involved in a collision or accident, wearing a seatbelt helps to reduce the risk of injury, or even death.

Car sharing can...

- save you money.
- reduce pollution from car emissions.
- reduce local congestion.
- reduce the use of limited fossil fuels.
- be good to have company so if you break down, or get into difficulty, you will not be on your own.

