

## SHARED E-CARGO BIKES FOR ORGANISATIONS IN WANDSWORTH

Wandsworth Council is developing a shared e-Cargo Bike scheme for businesses and organisations in the borough. Express your interest now and work with us to shape the scheme around your needs.

This opportunity is for organisations who:

- Would like a cargo bike but storage space is a barrier
- Would like support e.g. with training and maintenance
- Would use the bike regularly but not sufficiently frequently to warrant investment in a cargo bike for sole ownership

For more information and to express interest, contact [transportation@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:transportation@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Deadline for expression of interest: 30 June 2021

Respondents will be contacted by either a council officer or by our partners at Sustrans to discuss the scheme and your needs further. Availability may be limited, subject to interest



"We can honestly say that our e-Cargo bike is a great pleasure to ride - getting ourselves and equipment to and from jobs has become actually enjoyable. And, most importantly, our car is now only very rarely used." – A business cargo bike user in the borough



# MORE INFORMATION ON E-CARGO BIKES

## What is a cargo bike?

- A cargo bike is, quite simply, a bicycle which has space to carry cargo or passengers – whether it's children, shopping, tools, pets, or anything else.
- There are many different types of cargo bikes (and trikes) available to suit a multitude of needs. Some models come with a battery-powered motor and these are known as *eCargo bikes*.
- See the [gallery](#) of eCargo bikes already in the borough.

## Where can I try a cargo bike in Wandsworth?

- The Council has partnered with [Peddle My Wheels](#) to make cargo bikes and e-cargo bikes more accessible to residents and businesses in the borough. Search their website for their Try Before You Bike scheme and contact them for more information. Their stock of models will soon extend beyond those currently showing on their website.

## • How would a cargo bike benefit me?

Cargo bikes are known to provide efficient, clean and cost-effective transport solutions. Compared to a car or van, cargo bikes are:

- **Efficient**
  - With a narrow frame, cargo bikes are less prone to delays caused by congestion and, taking advantage of the cycle routes in the borough may result in shorter journey times.
- **Clean**
  - With no NOX or CO2 emissions as you travel you can do your bit to improve the air quality in your local area
  - Having a positive effect on the environment, cargo bike use can be listed in response to 'social value questions' in procurement exercises
- **Cost effective**
  - There are no parking or \*fuel costs (\*other than the electricity charge for the battery of an e-cargo bikes) Using a cargo bike to get around incorporates regular exercise into your daily routine and reportedly reduces the number of sick days you take
- **Active Transport**
  - Using a cargo bike to get around incorporates regular exercise into your daily routine, which benefits your physical (and may reduce the need for sick leave)

In the first 4 months after switching from a diesel van to a cargo bike, Wandsworth based landscape architects, Osman O'Connor saved 135kg of CO<sup>2</sup> emissions, covering 964km. You can read more about how a cargo bike has benefitted this business [here](#).