

Transport Taxation Group

Objects

- to exchange information and views on the impact of taxation on transport and the environment;
- to initiate research into particular topics, examples being company cars, VED and travel plans;
- to provide a forum for discussion of suggestions for changes in taxation affecting transport;
- to initiate proposals for tax changes.

People participating from the following organisations (as at July 1 2010)

Transport Organisations

Association of Train Operating Companies
Confederation of Public Transport
Environmental Transport Association
Network Rail
Transport for London

Rail Future
Transform Scotland

Consultants and academics

Open University
Loughborough University
Napier University, University of the West of England
Metropolitan Transport Research Unit
Transport Research Laboratory

Environmental Groups

Campaign for Better Transport
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
WWF
Friends of the Earth
Greenpeace
Green Alliance
Sustainable Development Commission

Other

Institute for Public Policy Research
Policy Studies Institute
Energy Saving Trust

Activities

- 3 or 4 meetings a year, in London, 12.30 –2 p.m. at one of the participating organisations;
- Annual letters to the Chancellor: in the summer, with suggestions for the forthcoming pre- Budget; and follow up letter between the pre- and Spring budgets;
- Research into particular topics where participating organisations can provide or raise funds and others can undertake the research;
- Cross membership and exchanges with a group on aviation economics and taxation;
- Meetings with Treasury officials and, usually around the time of the Pre-Budget Report and the Budget, with Treasury Ministers; meetings with officials of the Department for Transport and other departments. Usually between 2 and 4 of us, according to the subject matter.