

A history of Campaign for Better Transport 1973-2023

1973 Campaign for Better Transport founded as Transport 2000

1976 Concorde makes first commercial flight

1977 First semi-automatic car developed in Japan

1986 Bus deregulation in England

1989 Roads for Prosperity Whitepaper published

1992 At the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, governments agree the United Framework Convention on Climate Change

1994 Channel Tunnel opens; privatisation of British Rail

1996 UK's first National Cycling Strategy and National Cycling Network launched

2002 Transport 2000 campaigns successfully for reformed, carbon-based Company Car Tax

2003 Concorde makes last passenger flight; London's 'Oyster' smartcard introduced; London's congestion charge introduced

2007 Transport 2000 changes its name to Campaign for Better Transport

2010 Campaign for Better Transport successfully campaigns for the Local Sustainable Transport Fund

2012 Nottingham introduces UK's first Workplace Parking Levy

2013 Campaign for Better Transport successfully campaigns for the New Stations Fund

2015 196 nations sign legally binding 'Paris Agreement' to reduce emissions

2019 UK passes law to achieve 'net zero' greenhouse gas emissions by 2050; ULEZ introduced in London

2020 First commercial flight of a hydrogen fuel cell plane; global pandemic temporarily shuts down transport network and reduces travel across the world; Transport Decarbonisation Plan published; London implements the UK's first low-traffic neighbourhood

2021 After years of campaigning by Campaign for Better Transport and others, the government launches the first ever national strategy for buses, Bus Back Better

2022 Coventry named as first all-electric bus city; London's Elizabeth line opens

2023 Campaign for Better Transport turns 50; Campaign for Better Transport launches inaugural 'Better Transport Week' (12-18 June)