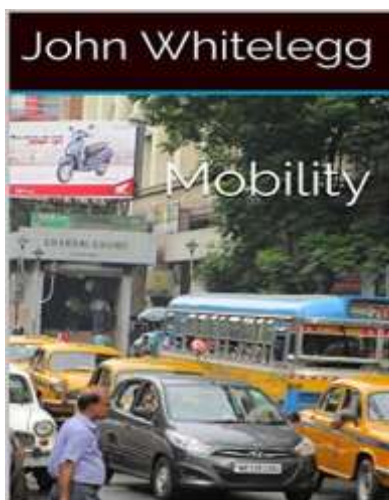


Café Scientifique Headingley

Monday 12th September 2016 at 7:30pm

Speaker: John Whitelegg

Title: The mobility transformation: time for a change.



Outline: We have had over 200 years growth in mobility measured by the distances travelled every year. This growth, fed by eye watering large subsidies, involves an astonishing lack of comprehension of the huge negative consequences. Governments proclaim the benefits of more airport capacity, more roads and bypasses, more high speed rail and accepts the growth in mobility as good for happiness, wealth and quality of life.

Thirty years of research on mobility has convinced Prof Whitelegg that mobility is bad value for money, damages health and community life and consumes vast amounts of scarce public cash in the name of more and better infrastructure.

His book 'Mobility ...' <https://www.sei-international.org/publications?pid=2815> proclaims that more mobility does not produce the good things in life and kills over 3000 people every day in road crashes, creates noise and air pollution that damages health, feeds the growth of greenhouse gases and destroys healthy, active travel and community life in sociable neighbourhoods. It is time, he says, to bring an end to the mobility fetish, to replace far with near, to create liveable and child friendly cities and to bring an end to the role of the car as a default option. This requires a serious commitment to "three zeroes"; Zero death and injury in the road traffic environment, Zero air pollution from traffic sources, Zero carbon transport.

Biobyte: John Whitelegg was Head of Department of Geography at Lancaster University and Director of the University's Environmental Epidemiology Research Unit and is research associate of the Stockholm Environment Institute based at its UK office in York and is editor of "World Transport Policy and Practice" He is Managing Director of Eco-logica. <http://www.eco-logica.co.uk/>

Venue: The New Headingley Club 56 St Michael's Rd., Leeds LS6 3BG

Time: Club opens at 7:00pm for drinks & the function room at 7:30; talk begins promptly at 7:45pm

Entry: Donation please for room hire and expenses: **£3 at the door.**



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