Vision for 2040: Sustainable travel

Discussion notes from SRS Staff and Student Workshop, Wednesday 8th March 2017

# Our Vision for 2040

**Internal (Edinburgh) travel**

* less polluted, healthier city with less traffic was an overall vision
* perhaps more work from home schemes (mention of robots)
* better infrastructure - city wide and UoE (e.g. more bike sheds)
* less parking at the Uni helps (+20mph limit in Edinburgh seen as positive for cyclists)
* Univeristy has invested in Electric Vehicle fleet
* timetabling is friendlier for students that need to travel between campuses
* there are less taxi journeys
* there is more walking between campuses - e.g. through improved signage at every campus (e.g. providing info on time it takes to walk between sites)
* University operates a bus service that takes students to clubs and back to halls of residence, AKA party bus

**Business travel**

* Uni is working with stakeholders (TMC, suppliers) on discounts encouraging colleagues to take low carbon options
* hyperloop between Edinburgh and London
* there is managerial support for taking sometimes more expensive or longer (time-wise) train journeys
* carbon tax on journeys where there is an alternative
* there is a widespread awareness of environmental impacts of travel

**Videoconferencing**

* virtual reality meetings and conferences (maybe holograms)
* more distance learning and on-line courses
* working with external partners on shared standards for academic collaboration