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Consultation questions

Question 1 - how would you describe the current condition of the bus and community transport sectors in Wales?

The bus transport in Monmouthshire is very poor as compared to the Welsh Valleys, especially in the village of Pontskewell (a two hourly service). The "grass roots" community bus service is quite good though probably a little over stretched now.

Question 2 - why do you think the number of bus services and the number of bus passengers is declining in Wales?

If passengers are not satisfied with the bus service they will not use it. One needs a reliable service when attending meetings and appointments. The bus service in Monmouth is no longer reliable.

Question 3 - what do you think is the social, economic and environmental impact of recent changes in bus and community transport service levels?

When the bus is late or does not even turn up this is very worrying for elderly people with hospital, dental, optician, doctor appointments. Worrying for the students getting to college having to sit exams on time. Young men with bad teeth facing long waits in inadequate bus shelters. The inconvenience of such travel forcing people to shop from catalogues, or on line thus affecting the economic situation.

Question 4 - what do you think the Welsh Government should do to support bus and community transport in Wales?

More money should be given to local authorities for transport. All those eligible for free transport (apart from the disabled) should now be prepared to pay so much towards the cost of their bus fares, so new ~~legislation~~ is required (legalization)

Question 5 - what do you think Welsh local authorities should do to support bus and community transport services?

If given more money they should then subsidise more services

Question 6 - what do you think about proposals to devolve bus registration powers to Wales? How should these be used?

If powers are passed to a successor or substitute then great care must be taken to ensure that all is a hundred per cent reliable

Question 7 - please tell us whether you think further powers to regulate the bus industry in Wales are required and why?

If the bus industry was regulated as in London we would have a much more reliable service

Question 8 - what other action can be taken to ensure that bus and community transport services meet the needs of people in Wales?

Organise public meetings with community and county council councillors present to listen to the views of the general public. Give these meetings plenty of publicity!!

Please tell us anything else you would like to mention this topic, thank you for contributing to our inquiry.

It is simple logic provide a reliable bus service and people will use it. At the moment they can rely more on their cars!! and destroy the environment in the process.