

West of England Cycling Manifesto

Metro Mayor Candidate Questions



- **Cycling is good for the West of England**

Already saving £26 million a year for Bristol city alone. That's 67p for every mile biked instead of driven¹

- **Cycling is popular**

8 in 10 people want more investment for cycling¹

- **People don't feel safe cycling**

81% of residents say safety needs to be improved. They want protection from intimidating motor traffic and they want effective 20mph zones.¹

Our Metro Mayor and councils must have a transforming vision for cycling - and the political will to make it happen. We are calling on candidates to create [Space for Cycling](#)², so it's easier for our choices to be good for us, and good for our region.

The new West of England Combined Authority is an opportunity for the whole region to build on Bristol's success in walking and cycling. As Mayor of the West of England, what will you do to get people pedalling? To clean up the region's air? To reduce journey times? To get people active? To give independence to our children?

We are calling on you to answer and comment on the following three questions. Your responses will be made available for your potential constituents at bristolcycling.org.uk/votebike, cyclebath.org.uk/votebike and nationally at cyclinguk.org/votebike.

Questions for Candidates

- 1. Champion the West of England's cycling and walking culture**

Will you prioritise walking, cycling, and public transport as the key to optimising the capacity of our transport network? Will you set a target to double the number of trips made by cycle in the West of England by 2025, while upholding the target of 20% of commuting trips in Bristol city by 2020.

- 2. Establish MetroCycle on the same basis as [MetroRail](#) and [MetroBus](#)**

Will you set out a vision and plan for a high quality and coherent cycle network? This should connect our homes with our places of work, education, shopping and play. The starting place should be our [Bristol Cycling Manifesto](#)³, and the [Bristol Cycle Strategy](#)⁴. Will you set up and chair a powerful group bringing together councils, business groups, universities, advocates and transport businesses?

- 3. Seek the funding to achieve your aims**

Will you create a dedicated budget and team for cycling and actively seek the necessary funding to build your network to a high standard?

¹ <https://bristolcycling.org.uk/bike-life-taking-the-pulse-of-bike-life-in-bristol/>

² <https://bristolcycling.org.uk/category/campaigns/space-for-cycling/>

³ <https://bristolcycling.org.uk/manifesto>

⁴ <https://bristolcycling.org.uk/bristol-cycle-strategy-published/>