

People for Proper Policing in North Wales

The BBC kindly arranged for a woman called Paige Mitchell to join PPP members in a radio phone in debate on the recent news that North Wales had the highest speeding fines in the UK at nearly £6 per capita.

In fact Ms Mitchell, who made the discussion personal, was rude and aggressive and showed her ignorant bias, is 'the coordinator' of a charity/quango/extremist group masquerading under the name 'the Slower Speeds Initiative' <u>http://www.slower-speeds.org.uk/</u>

What follows is verbatim from various websites....our research shows speed reduction the single most effective measure to cut carbon emissions from road transport now.Joint research undertaken by the Slower Speeds Initiative and the UK Energy Research Centre (see below) shows that a lower top speed limit would be the most 'significant, certain, immediate, equitable and cost-effective' way to reduce carbon emissions from road transport. The SLOWER SPEEDS INITIATIVE aims to highlight the impacts of speed through sound research and effective advocacy.

They claim that ...Slower speeds will help to: improve road safety reduce road danger encourage walking, cycling and public transport reduce fuel consumption and CO2 emissions reduce noise manage travel demand and reduce congestion

The speed at which we travel is a key factor in determining the type of transport system we have. Slower speeds are a prerequisite for the transition to a sustainable transport system.

The Slower Speeds Initiative advocates:

lower and better enforced speed limits on all classes of roads more resources for speed reduction initiatives more responsible attitudes to speed changes in the law to reflect the seriousness of speeding offences the rapid introduction of variable speed limiters

Our two active areas of research are the use of 20mph limits in built up areas and evidence-based speed limits

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The PPP comments wheels within wheels , Quangos within Quangos ... not really what we were supposed to be debating.