**Wirksworth Community Car club - benefits**

**To Wirksworth– social, environmental**

Benefits to residents either without a car or thinking of giving their car up

Reduces car ownership and car miles – 6 -*20 cars off the road for every car club car (Co-Wheels)*

Environmentally friendly cars - fewer Co2 emissions for Wirksworth

Reduces number of parking spaces needed on the residential streets of Wirksworth/less cars cluttering up our streets. safer more convienent environment for shoppers

Helps make Wirksworth a more resilient and self sufficient community

Demonstrates that Wirksworth is forward thinking. Gives the opportunity to try an electric hybrid car

Creates a new ‘community’, builds social capital

Opportunities for businesses to benefit

Raises awareness of electric cars and electric car charging points in Wirksworth

Raises awareness of the real costs of motoring

More awareness and use of alternatives to car - public transport, walking and cycling

Added attraction for Wirksworth - visitors can use the cars

Strategic fit – with DDDC, Peak Park National Park and the work on electric vehicles and installation of charging points. Fit with policies in Neighbourhood Plan

**Personal benefits**

Cost - of buying, insurance, taxing, servicing, cleaning and maintaining a car

Cheaper than owning a car for occasional use

No need to fight for a parking space

Saves on parking costs

Can save over £1,000 a year

Can use Co-Wheels cars in other towns

Health – can increase walking and cycling

**Wider environmental benefits**

Reduced CO2 emissions. Ultra-low carbon emissions and running/stroke hire costs. *Plug in Prius 134.5 miles per gallon, 625 mile range when tank is full and battery fully charged*

Conservation of valuable fossil fuel resources as the development of renewable resource is progressing slowly. *(11% 2012* source??*)*

Long-term benefit in supporting the manufacture of eco friendly personal transport systems.

Promotion of local jobs in manufacture and engineering sustainable initiatives supported by government in the North-East (Nissan) and (Toyota) Derbyshire *nb Prius & Yaris) not made in UK*.

**Want to join a group to see what we can do Contact Heather Lounds :** ***heather.lounds@w3z.co.uk***