INQUIRY INTO USE OF E-SCOOTERS, E-BIKES AND RELATED MOBILITY OPTIONS

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I believe micro mobility devices such as electric scooters, skateboards, onewheels/hoverboards and electric bikes should all be made legal to use in the exact same nature bicycles are legal.

A culture of giving way to and leaving plenty of space for pedestrians must be created, especially among the youth. Most experienced riders of these devices share the same ethos as road cyclists, they respect both pedestrians and motor vehicles. Education should be done through society to build on this ethos and make it a culture through out society.

Devices should not be limited on power, but there should be an appropriate speed limit set for different environments and circumstances. For example if pedestrians are visible all electric vehicles could be limited to 25km/h speed limit and when with in 5 meters or overtaking a pedestrian these vehicles should be limited to 15km/h. While on shared cycle paths with no pedestrians around they should possibly not be limited or be limited to a similar speed as the fastest bicycle rider.

These devices offer such a great opportunity to reduce the use of motor vehicles by a huge amount. Personally I do not drive my car at all except to and from work. Every other trip is done on my Onewheel, weather it's shopping or the gym or dinner at friends and family's house the Onewheel is my main method of transport and it has changed my life for the better. The versatility of these devices is amazing they are suited to all sorts of environments and weather conditions and have the ability to make everything outside of the home environment more accessible for everyone within society.