



Christopher List and Melissa Andrews are touring South Africa on Vespa scooters to spread the message of sustainable living. PHOTO: Submitted

Eco-journey to spread message

TWO Africans on an epic journey aboard eco-scooters are spreading the message of conservation wherever they go.

Journalist, Melissa Andrews (32) and photographer, Christopher List (32), attended permaculture design courses (sustainable human settlements) in South Africa, Palestine and Jordan and realised this was the answer to food security and social and economic sustainability.

They decided to spread this message by visiting villages around South Africa. The two chose the LML classic Vespa

scooters, which are more eco-friendly, to get around and, to make the trip carbon-neutral, they are also planting trees along the route.

"We're exploring, filming and documenting South Africa's natural beauty, the inspiring environmental projects we aim to conserve and replenish what's been lost and share this with the rest of the world," said Melissa.

The trip started in Cape Town in June and will end, hopefully, by the end of the year. The two adventurers are doing the journey in support of Food & Trees for Africa (FTFA), an NGO which aims to

put back more than we take out of nature. "What makes FTFA different is its commitment to ensuring the long-term impact of the projects they support," explained Melissa.

The journey has seen them zigzagging between the coast and the Karoo visiting schools, community initiatives, eco-villages and permaculture projects.

"Through this trip we hope to inspire responsible travel and ensure the impact on the communities we visit, as well as the environment, is a positive one."

Visit their website www.eco-friendly-africa-travel.com