

Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils Joint Committee

The Carbon Innovation Lab and District Wide Carbon Plan

17 November 2022

District-Wide Carbon Plan

Climate & ecological emergency declaration to: *“develop a strategy for Folkestone & Hythe District Council to play a leadership role in community, public and business partnerships for our Carbon Neutral 2030 commitment throughout the district”*

Proposal put forward to Cabinet on 23 March 2022

Council facilitating, rather than leading or directing

Following an approach used by the London Borough of Hounslow

Formation of a Carbon Innovation Lab - an informal voluntary forum to drive forward local actions to reduce carbon emissions in the district.

Three meetings have been held – June, July and, September

District Wide Carbon Plan - 5 Priority Areas of Focus





CI – Lab Objectives

To develop and deliver actions to reduce carbon emissions, energy use and the impact of climate change through collaboration across our communities and businesses in the district

To understand the opportunities and address local hurdles to achieving net zero, including signposting to resources, funding opportunities and support with bid applications to enable transition

To deliver quick results both in the public realm, private sector and the community

Folkestone & Hythe Carbon Innovation Lab (CI- Lab)

Main themes

Meeting 1 - 13 June 2022

- Improving council communications
- Exploring behavioural change
- Sustainable transport in a rural district

Meeting 2 - 18 July 2022

- Green Business Grant Scheme
- Kent Local Transport Plan 5
- Behavioural change – key concepts and approaches

Meeting 3 - 5 September 2022

- Update on Local Government Association's Behavioural Insights Project
- Examples of achievements from Hounslow
- Virtual whiteboard of ideas

Emerging Priority Areas for CI -Lab



Sustainable Transport



Behavioural Change

Emerging Projects 1 – Our Schools

Focus on Eco-Schools Pilot

Possible roles for CI-Lab

- Find schools willing to participate
- Engage with heads, governors & PTA
- Engage with parents to support project delivery
- Identify to KCC potential energy reduction / green generation projects for funding

Possible roles for F&HDC

- Link with KCC for major projects for schools
- Safety in public areas (e.g., beach cleaning)
- Wider publicity and community Eco- fairs

Emerging Projects 2 – Local Businesses

Focus on becoming greener

Possible roles for CI-Lab

- Utilise existing networks to reach business leaders
- Guide on making application for grants
- Support local project delivery
- Communicate success

Possible roles for F&HDC

- Identify to KCC potential energy reduction / green generation projects for funding
- Co-identify grants and opportunities

Emerging Projects 3– Privately Occupied Homes

Focus on energy efficiency to reduce costs of living

Possible roles for CI-Lab

- Encourage individuals to participate
- Engage with private landlords' networks
- Identify the real hurdles

Possible roles for F&HDC

- Provide advice on funding applications and measures

Emerging Projects 4– Active mobility

Focus on cycle and footpath improvements

Possible roles for CI-Lab

- Encourage communities to identify & prioritised routes
- Create maps with the changes needed
- Review the Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan LCWIP (website)
- Encourage schools to ask for cycle training

Possible roles for F&HDC

- Support KCC funding applications & actions
- Communicate what has been done to date
- Link with KCC and cycling groups e.g., Cycle Shepway

What can the district and parish councils do?

- Lead parish-wide push to improve health & wellbeing and to decarbonise
- Highlight examples of initiatives in your area so others can participate or replicate

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