

BECBC e-Group- Net Zero

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Cumbria Climate Change Partnership

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Background

- 2009 – first countywide plan to reduce carbon emissions. Led by the Cumbria Strategic Partnership and Regional Assembly bringing together leaders from a number of sectors.
- Carbon reduction and energy efficiency programmes across businesses
- Charity sector – leading work with communities – CAfS. Sustainable Communities Programme (began 2005).
- Local Authority Carbon management programmes – focussed on the built estate working with Carbon Trust -

Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy

In April 2019, Cumbria County Council, all six District Councils and the Lake District National Park Authority formally adopted the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy. Incorporated within this strategy is the following key aim:

- To become a “carbon neutral” County and to mitigate the likely impact of existing climate change.

The key aims of the Climate Change Working Group

- Propose a shared definition of “carbon neutral”
- Propose a target date by which this is to be achieved (that is in line with a maximum warming of 1.5C)
- Commission an independent baseline carbon audit for the County and agree ongoing monitoring mechanisms
- Identify leadership for developing action across key topics + sectors
- Establish a programme of action by key partners
- Lead joint campaigning to encourage wider public awareness and action.

Cumbria Climate Change Working Group

Membership, Governance and Structure

More than 60 organisations form the partnership across public, private and voluntary sectors. Strong community and youth voice.

The Climate Change Group reports into:

- The Cumbria Leader's Board
- The Cumbria Chief Executive's Group
- Public Health Alliance

The group is jointly chaired by the Director Public Health and climate lead from Cumbria Action for Sustainability

Funding and plans

Successful Lottery Climate Action Fund – £2.5m over 5 years

- Partnership driven action
- Community led and co-designed projects
- Sector targets

Next Steps

Understanding sector carbon footprints:

- Engage sector leads - review the baseline assumptions, their implications and options for carbon reduction in each of the 6 sectors – waste, energy, transport, rural, housing + business/industry.

Develop Sector Roadmaps and Work streams

- Sector targets + timeline forming a high level sector ‘roadmap’.
- Collaborative, flexible and engaging, building consensus using mini-sector focussed groups drawing on the right expertise and maintaining strong community input to shape projects.
- Consider how to build Cumbria’s low carbon energy generation potential into the baseline.

Current Policy Framework and Funding landscape

- Identify where shifts in policy/strategy will be required to reach the targets.
- Identify lobbying routes and where funding will be required to deliver the roadmap and reach targets.

Other themes and considerations

Cross Cutting themes

In addition to the 6 individual Sector Areas a number of cross cutting themes run through each of the sector:

- Tourism
- Health
- Energy Efficiency

In addition these areas will also be central to the delivery of all programmes/projects:

- Community involvement (active and meaningful co-design role in projects/ideas) – requirement of lottery funding.
- Engagement/communication.
- Education and voice of young people.

The ask of sector leads

Each sector could develop future plans based around:

- **Measuring** - Understanding the sector's carbon emissions.
- **Action and Projects** - Produce a sector roadmap setting out an achievable emissions pathway with the necessary buy in from key partners.
- **Reporting** - Provide reports of projects, programmes and policies that evidence carbon reductions achieved over time (**governance arrangements to be agreed**).

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