

Folkestone & Hythe District and Parish Councils' Joint Committee District Wide Carbon Plan

July 2023

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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”

Timeline

- Initial proposal approved by Cabinet on 23 March 2022
- Carbon Innovation Lab (CI-Lab) formed June 2022
- Regular updates presented to the former Climate & Ecological Emergency Working Group (CWEEG)
- CI-lab has held 5 meetings
- Draft Plan presented to Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 27 June 2023
- Draft plan presented to Cabinet for approval to go out for public consultation on 12 July 2023
- Consultation planned for autumn 2023
- Final draft to Cabinet planned for late 2023.

District Wide Carbon Plan - 5 Priority Pillars of Focus



Road
Transport

36% of
emissions



Residential

39% of
emissions



Commercial
& Industrial

25% of
emissions



Other
activities
(waste ,
water, food
production)



Land Use
Absorption

Total emissions across Folkestone & Hythe district – **409,500 tonnes of carbon dioxide at base date of 2018**
(Figures from Government dataset “CO₂ emissions estimates within the scope of influence of local authorities” published annually.)

The Carbon Innovation Lab (CI-Lab)

- An informal voluntary forum set up in June 2022 to drive forward local action to reduce carbon emissions in the district.
- A collaborative and community-led forum, supported by the council, where ideas are exchanged, plans created, and local actions are delivered.
- Consists of representatives' businesses, community groups, special interest groups and people of Folkestone & Hythe District.
- Helped to develop the District-wide Carbon Plan.

Folkestone & Hythe Sustainable Futures Forum (SFF)

- Piloted with a series of public engagement events to produce TEDx-style talks and videos that culminated in a main event that was held at the Burlington Hotel on the 29th of April 2023 being led by Liu Batchelor of LVB Creative.
- An avenue for community engagement on sustainability.
- Plan ongoing future events/engagements activities.

Role of CI-Lab & SFF

Carbon Innovation Lab (CI-Lab)

- An informal voluntary forum to drive forward local actions to reduce carbon emissions in the district and deliver a District Wide Carbon Plan

Sustainable Futures Forum

The umbrella name/brand for projects/initiatives emerging from across the district with the support of the CI-Lab.

Proposed Consultation Plan

- Formal public consultation for 6 weeks
- Target consultations by Canterbury City Council
- Drop-In sessions at various locations across the district – Folkestone, Hythe and North Downs areas
- Dedicated email address

Folkestone & Hythe Parish Councils Involvement

- Encourage people within parishes to engage with the consultation by completing it.
- Inform us about projects/initiatives that are taking place within the parish that may contribute to any of the priority pillars of focus.
- Highlight events over the summer or in early autumn where we can promote District-wide Carbon Plan public consultations.
- Help promote details of the drop-in sessions to ensure good attendance.

Useful Information

For any questions, send email to:

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Questions?