

#ClimateHopeLincoln: Developing a community engagement network able to design and deliver local policies on climate.

We set out to establish a community climate and environmental engagement network through initiating a climate assembly process, #ClimateHopeLincoln, to deliver community activities informing Lincoln residents and businesses of local climate policy and seeking input from the wider community to refine local climate policies and related decision-making process in Lincoln.

- Outcome #1 To set up and establish #ClimateHopeLincoln as a coordinated response to deliver community engagement on climate action.
- Outcome #2 Establish a network able to scrutinise local climate policy and action leading to longer term behavioural change to support the net zero agenda.
- Outcome #3 To widen the community input to capture the views of underrepresented groups, including the business community and younger people.

On Saturday the 10th of June our flash mob brought Lincoln High Street to a halt! Launching the start of #Climate Hope Lincoln and a [series of events that took place during Great Big Green Week](#).



You can access a clip of our flashmob event [here](#).

This project represents the next ambitious stage in Lincoln's drive to be net zero and climate resilient by 2030, by engaging more widely with relevant local stakeholders to co-facilitate a city-wide coordinated climate policy that takes account of different stakeholders' values and needs.

Through existing and established stakeholder relationships involving the Lincoln Climate Commission, the University of Lincoln, the city of Lincoln council and LocalMotion, we sought to coordinate a series of workshops and innovative engagement activities run by local groups and organisations. Our ambition was to kick start a longer term, coordinated response to community engagement on climate policy and action across the city whilst appealing to a more varied and representative population.

We used place-based knowledge of the challenges facing local communities, to co-create positive engagement with people on issues that matter most to them and their neighbourhood, so that future policy on climate change in the city can meet the needs of the end-users.

Community Collaboration and Coordination

During the Great Big Green Week (GBGW), June 2023, we organised a series of events and activities to promote #ClimateHopeLincoln. The project team brought together a wide range of over 80 organisations, environmental activists to co create events throughout the week in different parts of the city. The aim of a coordinated approach was to maximise our combined skills and resources to reach a wider audience and generate more interest and awareness than could be achieved had we all worked in isolation.

[Great Big Green Week is coming to Lincoln – City of Lincoln Council](#)

DEAL Event

On the 15th of June 2023 we held a Doughnut Economics Action Lab (DEAL) workshop attended by many local third, private and public sector organisations, individuals and policy makers. They came together to explore the four lenses of our city by addressing both social and ecological issues, while combining the local aspirations of a place with its global responsibilities.

As part of the workshop we identified four themes for change and transformation:-

- # 1 Access to Nature
- # 2 Marginalised Voices
- # 3 Better business and social enterprise
- #4 Communication and Engagement.

Climate Action research findings from participants at the end of the project:-

- 60% are engaged in climate action.
- 57% state their organisation/affiliated group rates climate action as a high priority.
- 73% believe there isn't enough support for businesses to be sustainable.



We formed three working groups and made the following Lincoln Doughnut DEALS:-

- #1 Making Lincoln a greener and more biodiverse city.
- #2 Understanding need and creating a voice.
- #3 Collaboration for better greener Lincoln (shire) businesses.

We are currently working with participants, key stakeholders and policymakers to deliver the Lincoln DEALS.

IMPACT ON POLICY

Lincoln 2030 is an ongoing and evolving policy document with its primary outcome of delivering net zero carbon for Lincoln by 2030s. This project has impacted on local climate policy in the following ways:-

- The research has enabled us to test out a range of communication methods that could lead to a coordinated approach to co design a wide range of local policies.
- It has been clear that regular and ongoing collaboration and communication with our stakeholders, residents and businesses will be essential if we are going to successfully deliver climate policy.
- We now have a much better understanding of the skills, knowledge and willingness of our community for a collaborative and holistic approach to policy design and delivery.
- We are committed to continue to work with policymakers to progress the Lincoln Doughnut DEALS, embedding these into local policies and informing decisions on the future of our city.

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