



TRENDS IN LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION IN THE UK: APPENDICES

Chapter 4: Community-focused processes and networks

4.1: Table I: Networks for local climate action

Organisation	Mission and vision	Membership	Flagship output or event	Relationships
Covenant of Mayors	“Accelerating the decarbonisation of their territories, strengthening their capacity to adapt to unavoidable climate change impacts, and allowing their citizens to access secure, sustainable and affordable energy.”	10,390 signatories (elected local governments, no min or max cap on size) In 61 countries Covering 328,800,000 citizens. Link	Opensource list of members and their climate action plans, link . Opensource of monitoring of all member’s climate action, link .	Supported by the European Commission.

	Link		Events to bring together and inform local governments, link .	
One Planet/ BioRegional	<p>Mission: “The One Planet network has formed to implement the 10-Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production, which supports the global shift to SCP and the achievement of SDG 12.” Link</p> <p>Vision: “The strategic objective of the One Planet network over during the period 2018-2022 is to be recognised as the lead mechanism to support and implement the shift to sustainable consumption and production patterns, contributing as an effective implementing mechanism of Goal 12 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.”</p>	5000+ members all available for contact in a directory, link .	<p>Global sustainable consumption and production database, link.</p> <p>Global sustainable consumption and production resources database, link.</p> <p>Exchange spaces for members to share ideas and maintain connections, link.</p> <p>Sustainability hubs, e.g., public procurement, buildings and construction</p>	Formed by the United Nations Environment Programme

	Link			
Local Government Association	We are the national voice of local government, working with councils to support, promote and improve local government.	335/339 councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Net Zero Innovation Programme is currently taking applications for training and project funding on local climate change projects. Focus on partnerships between councils and universities. • Shares case studies and good practice through its monthly climate change bulletin. • Suggests resources for councils to use, especially knowledge sharing. • Map that breaks down potential jobs gained through a green recovery. 	
UK100	Mission: to provide a network for local government leaders who have pledged to shift to 100% clean energy by 2050.	110 councils and greater councils, listed here .	<p>Focus on variety of one-off publications on different topics aimed to help local authority governance.</p> <p>Polly Billington, director of UK100 contributes to the All</p>	<p>UK100 has support from across the political spectrum. Financial support from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Investment Fund Foundation • the European Climate Foundation

	<p>Vision: to create flourishing communities, seize opportunities from technology and establish a nationwide project of renewal</p>		<p>Party Parliamentary Group on sustainable finance.</p> <p>Investing in local Energy Conference (January 2019), attended by RT Hon Claire Perry with 150 participants from across the UK.</p> <p>New Countryside Climate Network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siemens • Marks & Spencer • LandSec. <p>Partners include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Energy England • UK Green Buildings Council • CDP • Leeds Climate Commission • BEIS.
<p>Core Cities UK</p>	<p>Mission: To unlock the full potential of our great cities to create a stronger, fairer economy and society</p> <p>Vision: for all cities to be fully empowered to shape their own future</p>	<p>Belfast</p> <p>Bristol</p> <p>Birmingham</p> <p>Cardiff</p> <p>Glasgow</p> <p>Leeds</p> <p>Liverpool</p> <p>Manchester</p> <p>Newcastle</p> <p>Nottingham</p> <p>Sheffield</p>	<p>Annual report</p> <p>Events in parliament/whitehall</p>	<p>Partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre for Cities • PWC • The RSA • Resolution Foundation • Oxford Economics • Shared intelligence •
<p>CDP</p>	<p>Mission: to see a thriving economy that works for people and planet in the long term. Focus investors, companies and cities</p>	<p>800 cities worldwide</p> <p>From the UK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolverhampton • Leicester 	<p>Annual city wide emissions data of members.</p> <p>2018 Global Climate Analysis.</p>	<p>No partners listed on website</p>

	<p>on taking action to build a truly sustainable economy by measuring and understanding their environmental impact.</p> <p>Vision: Act urgently to prevent dangerous climate change and environmental damage. That starts by being aware of our impact so that investors, companies, cities and governments can make the right choices now.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bath and North East Somerset • St Davids • Plymouth • Bournemouth • Perth and Kinross • Greater London Authority • Glasgow City Council • Greater Manchester • Cambridge City Council • City of Cardiff • City of Manchester • Coventry City Council • Somerset and West Taunton • Bristol City Council 	<p>Annual 'A list' of cities and companies that are leading on climate action.</p>	
<p>ICLEI</p>	<p>Mission: ICLEI Europe provides its members in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and West Asia with a voice on the European and international stage, a platform to connect with peers and tools to drive positive environmental, economic and social</p>	<p>1750 local authorities worldwide</p> <p>UK members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammersmith • Glasgow • Aberdeen • Birmingham • Bristol • Woking 	<p>Currently running 82 projects</p> <p>Numerous events</p> <p>Key events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every three years ICLEI holds its World Congress to show how local and regional governments are advancing sustainable development 	<p>No partners listed on website</p>

	change. ICLEI Europe works closely with an extended network of local and regional governments and partners on a broad range of topics		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The European Sustainable Towns and Cities Conference • EcoProcura Conferences • Local Renewables Conferences • European Urban Resilience Forum • Informed Cities 	
<u>C40 UK</u>	Mission: The aim of the C40 network is to support cities to collaborate effectively, share knowledge, and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change. The C40 network connects 94 of the world's leading cities to take bold action to tackle climate change, leading the way towards a healthier and more sustainable future.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Climate Action Planning • Women4Climate tech challenge • Reinventing Cities • Breathe London • Climate Finance Facility • 16 networks to help cities to replicate, improve and accelerate climate action. 	
<u>Climate Action by the Friends of the Earth</u>	Mission: provide resources for campaigners and local council employees to follow climate	Open to all, no clear membership	<u>6 steps</u> for campaigners and local councillors who want to improve their local area's response to climate change	Friends of the Earth

	emergency declarations with robust action			
Climate Chance	<p>Mission: Develop and promote concrete territorial actions.</p> <p>Support common positions of non-state actors.</p> <p>The Climate Chance Association supports the central role of local climate action and the inseparable link between the climate agenda and the sustainable development goals.</p>	<p>Various members representing organisations, cities and local governments.</p> <p>UK e.g. Milton Keynes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three yearly Climate Chance Summit. • 2018 and 2019 synthesis reports on climate actions. • BEACON: Bridging European and Local Climate Action. Promote climate action and facilitate exchange between national governments as well as municipalities and schools in Europe. Strengthen bi and multilateral cooperation on climate action in the EU and to create common ambition for achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement. 	No partners listed on website
Royal Town Planning Institute	Advocate for best practice in planning	25000 members worldwide	Rising to the climate crisis	
Local Resilience Forums	Multi-agency forum formed by key emergency responders and specific supporting agencies. It is a requirement of the Civil		<p>E.g. Surrey's Local Resilience Forum report on climate change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assesses risks • Explores adaptation and mitigation options 	

	Contingencies Act 2004.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concludes that insufficient mit/adap will mean that resilience forum members will need to increase their capacity to respond to emergencies due to increased risks from CC. 	
Transition Towns Initiative	“Communities stepping up to address the big challenges they face by starting local. By coming together, they are able to crowd-source solutions. They seek to nurture a caring culture, one focused on supporting each other, both as groups or as wider communities.”	987 initiatives and 27 national hubs.	<p>Key purpose is to support the transition initiative.</p> <p>On the ground research relating to how local initiatives can succeed or improve</p>	

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Table II: Civil society-led local initiatives

Type	Organisation	Mission	Example
Adaptation/Mitigation project implementation	Solar for Schools	<p>Facilitate solar panel installations management as well as climate literacy provision for schools, councils, dioceses and trusts. Source grants for schools to install solar so that the investments are no risk for the public institutions.</p> <p>Impacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 157 schools • 14,574 panels • 75,000 students experienced • 8,695T CO2 avoided 	E.g. Foxfield School, Birkenhead with 984 solar panels installed.
	Local Energy Scotland	<p>Provide free advice and help accessing Scotland's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme fund local energy projects. Focus on benefitting local consumers.</p>	<p>ParkPower feasibility study. Working with Falkirk council to understand the viability of using five different green spaces for renewable energy generation.</p>

	The Rivers Trust	Helps local councils to develop and implement their River Basin Management Plans – including mitigating the impacts of water scarcity and flooding (both climate change risks for the UK).		<p>Various projects working with councils and businesses to reduce the impacts of water scarcity and restore carbon sinks like peatlands and fens.</p> <p>WaterCOG (Co-Governance) is exploring the benefits of a collaborative approach to water management.</p>
	Community Forest Trust	<p>National champion for community forests in England. Provides funding and support for a range of initiatives, most of which have developed partnerships with local governments.</p> <p>Working to deliver ‘The Northern Forest’ and the Urban Tree Challenge</p>		<p>Currently CFT is directly supporting The Mersey Forest in North Cheshire and Merseyside, City of Trees in Greater Manchester, White Rose Forest in the Leeds City Region and Heywoods in Kingston upon Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire.</p>
	The Woodland Trust	Also supporting forest initiatives in England, seem to be working in partnership with the Community Forest Trust to deliver The Northern Forest.		
	The Wildlife Trusts	WLT is made up of 46 Wildlife Trusts. Many of the trusts have assisted councils with environmental projects, particularly projects that will improve local climate resilience, e.g. tree planting, rewilding and community engagement.		<p>Surrey WLT and Surrey County Council Plant a Tree for Christmas. Partnership to help SCC meet their goal of planting 1.2 million trees by 2030.</p>

Public Participation	Involve	<p>Involve is a charity that has helped numerous local authorities to run meaningful public participation activities.</p> <p>Community engagement is increasingly important in local climate action. In Islington, coronavirus recovery measures to increase active transport caused road closures. These closures have been met with protests. Importantly, road closures are a potential, if drastic, response to climate change in an effort to reduce CO2 emissions from travel. Therefore, for similar climate change measures to be adopted without dissent, public engagement will be increasingly important.</p>		<p>Involve has assisted with citizen's assemblies in Cambridge (air quality), Camden (climate change), Kingston upon Thames (air quality), Wales (devolution) and in many other areas.</p>
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	Shared Future	<p>Mission:</p> <p>To move people towards ever greater authority and autonomy by acting confidently and in community (more than simply living within a community) with others.</p> <p>Services:</p> <p><u>Engagement</u>: facilitating conversation between individuals, both within a community and with a government, a local authority or a public agency.</p> <p><u>Participation</u>: encourage people to take action within a community and influence wider society.</p> <p><u>Social Enterprise</u>: enabling working together so people can play a full and active role in society.</p>		<p>PCAN funded project, (Link): Guide for local authorities and other bodies that are thinking of commissioning a citizens' assembly or jury. It considers how such processes might address the climate emergency, what is involved and approaches to design and delivery.</p> <p>Helped to facilitate the Leeds (Link) and Lancaster (Link) citizen's juries convened to help local authorities to construct climate action plans.</p>
Knowledge sharing and production	Community Energy England	<p>Support a network to speed up introduction of community renewables by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting communities with experts • Delivering public-private partnerships • Influencing policy & regulations <p>Disseminating achievements</p>		<p>State of the Sector 2020 report</p>

<p>The Tyndall Centre for Climate Change</p> <p>(not strictly civil society, but has produced important research for local authorities)</p>	<p>Selection of university academics & departments who provide evidence to inform the transition to a sustainable low-carbon and climate resilient future.</p>		<p>The Tyndall Carbon Targeter (link) which has been used by over 27 local authorities, including Manchester, Sheffield and Leeds to set science-based targets for decarbonisation. Includes a consideration of a district's 'fair share'.</p>
<p>KnowlegeHub</p>	<p>Free to use knowledge sharing for public institutions – specifically the Climate Emergency Knowledge Hub.</p>		
<p>The Centre for Climate Change and Social Transformations (CAST)</p>	<p>Mission:</p> <p>Improve understanding of the systemic and society-wide transformations that are required to address climate change.</p> <p>Functions:</p> <p>To research the social transformations needed to produce a low-carbon and sustainable society</p> <p>Partnership of universities and research centres. ESRC funded.</p>		<p>Key research themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food and diet • Heating and cooling • Transport and mobility • Matrial consumption
<p>ShareAction</p>	<p>Campaign to encourage & educate to get pension funds and investors to divest.</p> <p>Has considered local government pension funds in the past. Divestment featured in many emergency</p>		

		<p>declarations, and a point is made in this Select Committee hearing on decarbonisation about councils not having the human resources to direct their investments to green finance (p.11).</p>		
	Plantlife	<p>Campaigning and research organisation with potential to help guide local councils improve climate resilience.</p>		<p>Roadside wildflower handbook for councils.</p>
	The Carbon Literacy Project	<p>Offers everyone a day's worth of carbon literacy training. 14,000 individuals trained. Initial work done in Manchester City Council. Estimated 10-15% carbon reductions per person.</p> <p>Founded by the Manchester Climate Change Partnership</p>		<p>Provide a Carbon Literacy Introduction booklet. Has worked with councils and public organisations in Manchester, Wales and Scotland.</p>
Campaign	The Climate Coalition	<p>Claims to be the UK's largest group of people dedicated to action against climate change. Constituted of 140 organisations (e.g. National Trust, Oxfam) and their 22 million members.</p> <p>Uses this to lobby for climate-related political action.</p>		
	Friends of the Earth	<p>The Friends of the Earth have recently launched their Take Climate Action campaign. The idea is to create a large network of Friends of the Earth climate action groups across the UK that will lobby their local authorities and MPs</p>		<p>While interviewing local authority officers and councillors for my dissertation on climate change, the influence of local Friends of the Earth groups is noticeable. For example, the local groups are well</p>

	<p>with the aim of getting LAs to adopt a practical Climate Action Plan for Councils as well as lobbying national government to commit to a 6-step plan to tackle climate change and create a fairer world.</p> <p>Friends of the Earth provide local groups with resources, like advice on lobbying councillors and a Premade Climate Action Plan. Furthermore, local climate action groups improve their chances of being listened to when they lobby under the banner of an established organisation.</p> <p>Also advocates on tree planting.</p>		<p>coordinated, know when important council meetings are being held and have been actively trying to hold councils accountable to their commitments on climate change.</p> <p>Soon, Friends of the Earth Manchester will be assisted by a number of other groups targeting Greater Manchester councils; e.g. Climate Action Bury and Bolton which are forming. This means that local authorities are increasingly likely to be pressed to fulfil commitments to treat climate change as an emergency.</p>
Surfers Against Sewage	<p>Encourages residents to lobby local councillors to adopt a motion for a plastic free community.</p>		<p>Advice for plastic free councils and how to spread the idea among council institutions once adopted.</p> <p>Worked with Bury Council to introduce the UK's first Deposit Return Scheme</p>
Extinction Rebellion	<p>Extinction Rebellion claim that their protests and awareness raising was cited by 99% of local authorities as the primary reason for why they declared a climate change emergency.</p>		

		XR have also recently established a new initiative, XR Climate Emergency Solutions , that gives local activists and local authorities resources and ideas to help to push for and initiate local climate action.		
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Chapter 5: The role of business and finance

5.2 Business involvement at the local level

Table III: Business involvement in PCAN Climate Commissions and wider Network

Committee	Businesses involved (comprehensive list of the businesses that the PCAN commission identifies as being involved in its committee)	Involved because of its place in the local economy (Businesses that are involved in the PCAN commission because they considerable influence over local assets or natural resources, for example, utility companies)	Involved because of its strategy (Businesses that are involved in the PCAN commission because climate change mitigation or adaptation is part of their own internal strategy)	Unsure (Where there was considerable overlap between the two main categories or no similarity with either)
Manchester Climate Change Agency (partnership within agency)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bruntwood • Electricity North West • Manchester City Football Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity North West • Manchester Housing Providers Partnership (17 partners who manage affordable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Arts Sustainability Team • Manchester City Football Club • Bruntwood 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Manchester Arts Sustainability Team</u> (mostly charities though?) • <u>Manchester Housing Providers Partnership</u> (17 partners who manage affordable homes across Manchester) • Arawak Walton Housing Association • Great Places Housing Association Group • Mosscares St Vincents • Northwards Housing • One MCR • Southway Housing Trust • Wythenshawe Community Housing Group • Jigsaw • Riverside • Johnnie Johnson Housing • Onward • The Guinness Partnership • Irwell Valley Homes • People First • Your Housing Group • Clarion Housing Group • Arcon Housing Association 	<p>homes across Manchester)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arawak Walton Housing Association • Great Places Housing Association Group • Mosscares St Vincents • Northwards Housing • One MCR • Southway Housing Trust • Wythenshawe Community Housing Group • Jigsaw • Riverside • Johnnie Johnson Housing • Onward • The Guinness Partnership • Irwell Valley Homes • People First • Your Housing Group • Clarion Housing Group • Arcon Housing Association 		
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Leeds Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arup • Otley Energy Co • Landsec Technical Engineering • AECOM • Yorkshire Water • Burohappold • West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce • Social Business Brokers • Grayling • ITV • Walker Morris • Arup • Harewood Estate • Open Source Arts • CEG • Opera North • Citu Group Ltd • Northern Gas Networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yorkshire Water • Northern Gas Networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arup • Landsec Technical Engineering • AECOM • Burohappold • Social Business Brokers • Grayling • ITV • Walker Morris • Arup • Harewood Estate • Open Source Arts • CEG • Opera North • Citu Group Ltd 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otley Energy • West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce
Edinburgh Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Power • Changeworks • Shepherd and Wedderburn • Hilliam Research and Analysis • CCG Scotland • Sustrans • Green Tourism Certification Programme • Scottish Widows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ChangeWorks • Shepherd and Wedderburn • Hilliam Research and Analysis • CCG Scotland • Sustrans • Green Tourism Certification Programme • Scottish Widows 	
Belfast Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translink NI • ARUP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translink NI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARUP • Aurora Real Estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent consultant

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Surrey Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWF • Surrey University • Surrey Chambers of Commerce • Surrey County Council • Siemens • XR • Surrey Wildlife Trust • Diocesis of Guildford • 2 Sustain (Env. Consultancy) and Dorking Solar (energy co-op) • Grayside Financial Services (IFA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey University • Surrey County Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WWF • Siemens • XR • Surrey Wildlife Trust • 2 Sustain (Env. Consultancy) and Dorking Solar (energy co-op) • Grayside Financial Services (IFA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surrey Chambers of Commerce • Diocesis of Guildford
Lincoln Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed waiting on response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Croydon Climate Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building membership, no private (for profit) businesses involved yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Reading Can Climate Action Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottomline Technologies • Oracle Corporation • Acclaro Advisory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottomline Technologies • Oracle Corporation • Acclaro Advisory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Sheffield City Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheffield Chamber of

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