







Community Climate Action Let's make change in Bristol

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Introduction

The climate and nature crises are not just about the environment – they are a social crisis too, and it is vital to tackle them together. There is a huge opportunity for bold, transformative climate and nature action to reduce, rather than exacerbate inequalities, and to improve the quality of life for people locally and globally. This requires ensuring that diverse communities and those most affected by climate and nature breakdown are able to shape our response.

Bristol has a goal of reducing carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. The One City Environment Board published the One City Climate Strategy in February 2020, setting out a pathway of action on how Bristol can become carbon neutral and climate resilient.

Bristol's mammoth goal of being carbon neutral and climate resilient, whilst improving the lives of its residents, especially those most disadvantaged, will require the collective skills, knowledge and energy of the whole city. This community climate action plan for Brislington responds directly to this need. It centres the role of communities and community anchor organisations in this.

This plan has been developed as part of the Bristol Community Climate Action Project which aims to enable communities in Bristol to reduce their carbon footprints, support nature recovery and bring social benefits to local people.



The project aims to contribute to three significant impacts:

- A reduced risk of catastrophic climate change.
- A just and inclusive transition to net zero.
- Improved quality of life for local people (e.g. improved health and well-being, economic opportunity, resilience, social cohesion and improved biodiversity).



Who

The Community Climate Action Project is a partnership of community organisations across the city: Ambition Lawrence Weston, Ashley Community Housing, Eastside Community Trust, Heart of BS13, and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust, coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, supported by the Centre for Sustainable Energy and Bristol City Council (Sustainable City & Climate Change Service). This partnership sees Bristol's communities stepping into a leadership role in the city, demonstrating their ability to respond to the challenges of climate change with effective, community-led action.

The five core organisations involved in the project represent communities experiencing multiple disadvantages who have traditionally been excluded from the climate change debate and responses to it. Across the city, it is also disadvantaged communities like these that are most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change – extreme weather events, disruption to critical services which they rely on, instability in living costs, and so on. Any city simply looking to reduce its emissions as rapidly as possible would not start with disadvantaged and excluded communities, as households in these communities typically have the lowest emissions and environmental footprints in a city.

However, if our strategic response to climate change and nature breakdown is not informed by the critical insights and lived experiences of the diverse communities which make up our city, we risk designing solutions which further compound disadvantage; fail to respond to important social needs; entrench social and political division; and which aren't fit for purpose.



The project's learning and mentoring programme was launched in 2023, with the aim of supporting more, and more diverse, community organisations in Bristol with their climate action journeys.

Since then a further six community groups – <u>Southmead Development</u> <u>Trust</u>, <u>Knowle West Media Centre</u>, <u>Windmill Hill City Farm</u>, <u>Hillfields</u> <u>Community Garden</u>, <u>Vassall Centre</u>, <u>BRICKS</u> - have joined the programme and have been working with their local communities to co-produce climate action plans.

What

During 2021, the core community partners, along with Bristol Disability Equality Forum, coproduced community climate action plans with the communities they represent, having done significant engagement with residents. They are now leading on local demonstrator projects, which respond to key priorities identified in their plans, and contributing to the city's <u>new Community Leadership Panel on Climate and Just Transition</u>. The project includes <u>a climate and disability strand</u>, which centres Bristol's community of Disabled people in climate and nature action.

Now five more community groups are launching their climate action plans, having participated in the learning and mentoring programme, with a further seven community groups due to develop their plans in 2024/25. These organisations have had less financial resource from the project than the first round of partners, and the learning and mentoring programme cohorts are helping to identify the basic level of resource needed to develop a community climate action plan process which can be replicated beyond Bristol.

This community climate action plan, and the approach to developing it, has been guided by the principle of a just transition to net zero which improves the quality of life and life chances of citizens, especially those experiencing disadvantage and inequality. Climate projects are often well intentioned, but frequently exploit excluded groups by demanding time for free to help them become "more inclusive"; and whilst some climate actions and solutions provide social and economic benefits, others make life worse for communities who are already excluded and experiencing disadvantage. The Community Climate Action Project seeks to do things differently and believes the transition to net zero can and should be a once in a generation opportunity to challenge systemic inequality. The project aims to build the knowledge and capacity of local community organisations, harness their knowledge and insights, and enable them to become leaders in the city's climate action.

The launch in 2023 of Bristol's <u>Just Transition Declaration</u> has created a strategic framework which further supports and guides the just transition ambitions of the community climate action plans and wider project activities. The Declaration sets out 10 principles that everyone working on climate change and nature loss in the city can use to make their plans as fair as possible.



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Why community led climate action?

Climate action requires collective action. By working together we can take powerful community climate action which reduces carbon and improves lives.

The action we take as individuals and households is critically important. And the actions of businesses and organisations, too. But we can't solve the climate crisis without community.

In Bristol, community has been key to so much the city has achieved. It's people working together that makes real change happen. With community we can achieve great things. During the Covid crisis, community organisations in Bristol showed significant leadership, demonstrating the critical role communities can play in responding to a crisis. The climate and nature crises are no exception.

Community organisations are also experts of their place and the lived experience of their community. They are trusted by residents, and so are well equipped to develop pragmatic and targeted solutions which work for their specific communities, rather than imposed from outside. Alongside governmental, business and individual action, communitylevel climate action is a critical piece of the jigsaw if we are to meet the city's ambitious 2030 zero carbon ambitions.



Statement from our CEO



"Brislington's community climate action plan is a living document, produced by residents in St Annes and Brislington, which builds on the great climate and sustainability work that has been done in Brislington over the years (whether using that language or not) by many committed residents and community organisers. This has included cleaning up green spaces, advocating for better green transport provision, setting up food projects or supporting people to access parks and rivers.

We fully support this plan, and its recommendations to support Brislington to be a greener, fairer place to live and be. The ambitions and actions, great and small, set out a route forward for how decisions can be made in a positive way that supports Brislington to be the place its communities want it to be and have the homes, jobs, transport, energy and food infrastructure to make that happen."

Jack Gibbon, CEO - Bricks, St Annes House

Our ambition

This plan, facilitated by the charity Bricks, is created by the community in Brislington. It serves as an inspiration for community action and advocating for change. Bricks runs St Anne's House, a community and creative hub in the St Anne's area of Brislington grown from local ambition, fostering creativity in Bristol. Our goals include reducing social isolation, growing community resilience, and empowering positive changes. Established in June 2021, St Anne's House offers space for connection, exploration, and social bonds, focusing on creativity, wellbeing, and sustainability.

The community climate action plan is a starting point and aims to provide inspiration to help us all realise an even greener fairer neighbourhood and ensure Brislington is an active part of Bristol's just transition.

We believe that embracing sustainable practices should be about enhancing quality of life for all.

We want to remove barriers and ensure everyone has access to the benefits of green initiatives. Whether it's reducing energy bills through renewable technologies, making sure everyone can access green spaces, promoting food sharing initiatives, or improving how we get around, the actions in this plan aim to create an equitable neighbourhood.

We want to create opportunities to make the most of local expertise and creativity to make a happy, healthy place to live for everyone whilst taking positive action for our planet at the same time.

We hope the plan serves as a catalyst, encouraging collaboration within Brislington and with partners citywide to realise a shared vision.

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'Cut less trees down so animals can live and so humans don't take control of the world.'

Context: Our community

Brislington is a large area of over 24,000 residents in the South East of Bristol. It encompasses two council wards: Brislington West and Brislington East and includes St Anne's, St Anne's Park and Broomhill. People in Brislington already have a strong campaigning voice, calling for cleaner rivers, to protect local green spaces, for active and sustainable travel and to reduce air pollution. Local 'Friends Of' groups help care for and protect green spaces and nature in Brislington and organise community events. Residents volunteer their time to initiatives to bring local people together, reduce social isolation and to support people to reduce waste and save money.

Although there is strong local ambition and increasingly more community organising, Brislington faces challenges because of a lack of community infrastructure and resources.





Residents have said they feel 'left behind', seeing Brislington as a microcosm of broader disparities in opportunities and accessibility across the city.

While some people enjoy good access to public amenities and green spaces, other parts of the area experience deprivation, fuel and food poverty, and limited access to services. Inadequate public transportation exacerbates these issues and residents have called for improved buses and better cycling and pedestrian infrastructure to make it easier to get around Brislington and to the wider Bristol area - particularly to help navigate the busy A4 Bath and Feeder Roads. Creating more opportunities for the youth population, which numbers around 6,500 under the age of 24, is key concern for local people, as is how we can support local jobs.



The green and blue spaces in Brislington offer great potential for improving residents' health, well-being, connection to nature and offer space to come together as a community. Parts of the community sit along the river Avon and the area benefits from the nature havens of St Anne's Woods and Nightingale Valley. However, not everyone can access these spaces, and some residents don't live close to any green areas. A local campaign aims to achieve Designated Bathing Water Status for Conham River Park & Eastwood Farm Nature Reserve, enabling people to take part in activities like swimming, kayaking, boating, paddling, and fishing safety, while also benefiting local wildlife.

The plan is a starting point to unite the ideas and potential of Brislington's two wards. It is a flexible document that can evolve with the place and the people who live here, building on the brilliant things that are already happening whilst tackling some of the challenges. These priorities can only be realised in collaboration; this might be between residents and community groups in the local area, with organisations or with other communities across the city. Some need to be led by stakeholders and decision-makers. The plan connects Brislington with the communities in Bristol who have created climate action plans for their area, so together we can use our collective voice to make a case for the transformations that we want to see.



Our baseline community carbon footprint What did it tell us?

Our community's carbon footprint report

Our carbon footprint report, produced by Bristol charity the Centre for Sustainable Energy, showed us the scale of our community's carbon emissions and the main 'consumption activities' responsible for these emissions (that's why it's called a 'consumption-based' carbon footprint). This data was collected from The Impact Tool.

Having a picture of our community carbon footprint helps us understand the activities which result in carbon emissions. From here we can begin to think about the breadth of activities needed to reduce emissions, where to focus our attention, and to explore which activities are possible at the community-level, and which require Bristol-wide, national, or even global commitment and action.

What did we learn?

This is our community's **total** carbon footprint -

Brislington East ward:

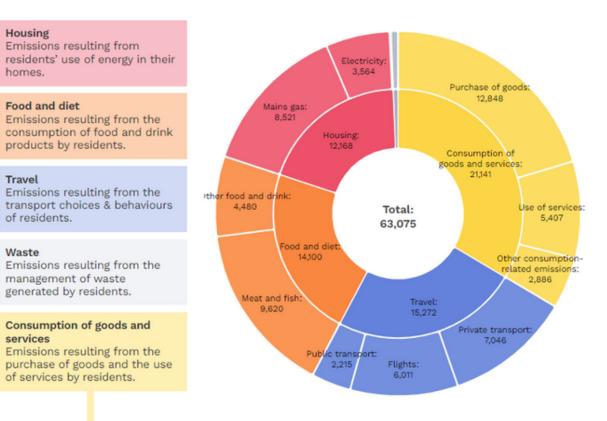
Housing

homes.

Travel

Waste

services

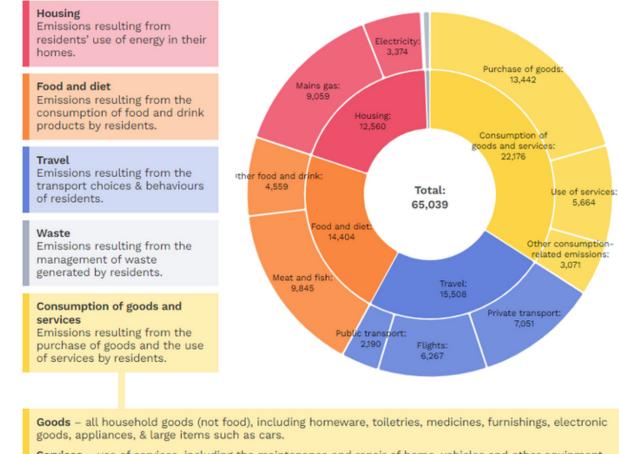


Goods - all household goods (not food), including homeware, toiletries, medicines, furnishings, electronic goods, appliances, & large items such as cars.

Services - use of services, including the maintenance and repair of home, vehicles and other equipment, banking and insurance, medical services, treatments, education costs, communications (e.g. TV, internet and phone contracts), and other fees and subscriptions.

Other - leisure, entertainment, sporting or social activities.

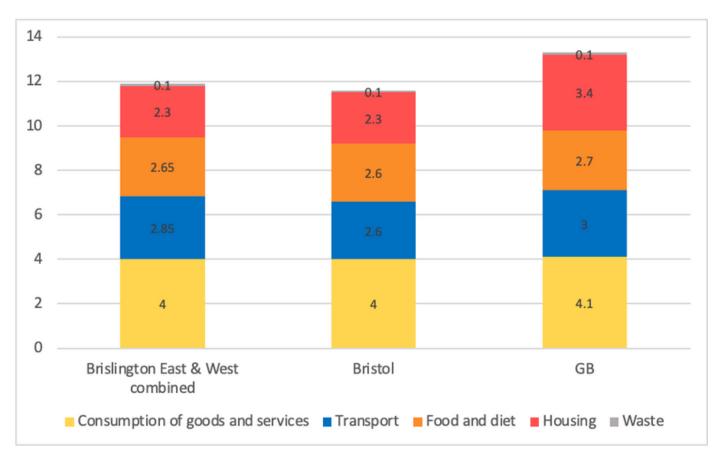
Brislington West ward:



Services - use of services, including the maintenance and repair of home, vehicles and other equipment, banking and insurance, medical services, treatments, education costs, communications (e.g. TV, internet and phone contracts), and other fees and subscriptions.

Other - leisure, entertainment, sporting or social activities.





And below the comparison of combined wards, Bristol and UK average based on **household** carbon emissions –

We hosted a community conversation where we investigated our carbon footprint with people who live in the area, exploring what might be the reason for the figures and where we could make changes. This enabled the group to explore different areas, which might not be the first thing that comes to mind when considering local action, but have the potential to significantly enhance people's quality of life and reduce carbon emissions.

Crucially everyone agreed that there needs to be interventions and improvements made at a city level to support Brislington to reduce its carbon footprint - for example improving public transport infrastructure to enable people to be less reliant on cars.



Exploring the carbon footprint also helped identify some 'quick wins' for example, energy meter upgrades, better heating controls and helpful advice on ways to save energy (of which there are many simple tips and tricks) to help people save money and reduce energy lost from homes and reduce energy bills.

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Bristol climate context

The science on the climate emergency is clear: we need urgent action to reduce our carbon emissions to limit global temperature rise to below 1.5°C, and to prevent disastrous impacts. Climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, homes, food security, the environment, our flora and fauna, raw materials, water supply and economic growth will continue to increase in severity. Even if we manage to limit change to 1.5°C, the impacts will be felt differently in different regions. Populations most at risk are marginalised, disadvantaged and vulnerable. In Bristol, some of our most deprived wards will be the most exposed to the physical impacts of climate change.

"This is an emergency. People are already suffering and dying from the consequences of the climate and environmental emergency but it will get worse. So what did we do during this crucial time? What we will do right now? Well I will not stand aside and watch, I will not be silenced while the world is on fire – will you?"

Greta Thunberg, February 28th 2020, Bristol College Green

The potential impacts of climate change on our city and its residents are significant and wide ranging.

In the Bristol One City Climate Strategy (Preliminary Climate Resilience Assessment), evidence was gathered on physical climate risk to the city. Bristol's coastline is projected to increase by up to 72cm, winter rainfall is projected to increase by up to 48%, summer maximum temperature is projected to increase by over +9°C, and summer rainfall is projected to decrease by up to 68%.

The future climate is not certain. However, under a high (4.3°C) emissions scenario, by 2080, Bristol could expect to see a radically changing environment, including increased winter rainfall, higher sea levels, and very significant increases in summer heat. This milestone is the age today's primary school children will retire. These climate hazards present serious risks to Bristol's homes, businesses, schools, community assets, and critical infrastructure causing negative impacts to livelihoods, disruptions to our daily lives and a risk to life. These impacts will get progressively worse up to 2080.

Climate change is a complex challenge. We recognise the interconnected and global nature of the world, which exposes Bristol to potentially catastrophic climate risks arising well beyond the city's boundary. We also acknowledge our local, national and global responsibility to take bold and immediate climate action as a city, to increase the city's resilience in the face of these risks, and to share our successes and challenges openly and generously.



Taking action in Bristol – One City Climate Strategy

Bristol has committed to reducing its carbon emissions to net zero, and becoming climate resilient by 2030. Bristol's One City Climate Strategy outlines the key changes across the city, and the UK, that will be needed to reach our climate change goals. Whilst Bristol's average carbon footprint is lower than the UK average, Brislington's transport and food and diet is where Brislington's emissions are greater than the average. Therefore, the community climate action plan has been an opportunity to engage our community's residents in this important mission of tackling climate change, to explore how they can take the lead on changes in our community, and how we can ensure we max out on the benefits that can come from these changes - warmer and more affordable-to-heat homes, quieter and safer streets, cleaner air.

Our natural environment is critical to our well-being and the climate resilience of our city. Preserving and supporting the green spaces of Brislington will decarbonise the air we breathe, improve our mental and physical health. It will also reduce the risk of flooding and extreme temperatures (the two major climate change risks facing Bristol in the coming years), and act as a carbon 'sink' (absorbing carbon from the atmosphere).

Taking action in Bristol – Ecological **Emergency Strategy**

In February 2020, Bristol declared an ecological emergency in response to the decline in wildlife in the city. In September 2020, the Ecological Emergency Strategy for Bristol was launched as the city's first coordinated effort to confront the decline in nature.

The strategy sets out the key ecological actions we need to take to achieve a carbon neutral and climate resilient city by 2030 and consists of four goals:

- Space for nature for 30% of land in Bristol to be managed for the benefit of wildlife.
- Pesticides to reduce the use of pesticides in Bristol by at least 50%.
- Pollution for all waterways to have excellent water quality which supports healthy wildlife.
- Our wider footprint to reduce consumption of products that undermine the health of wildlife and ecosystems around the world.

You can read a full summary of the recommendations from the Bristol's Ecological Emergency Strategy for the city here.

We have given consideration to the ambitions of both these key strategies when developing the priorities of our community climate action plan.



Bristol City Leap

Another development significant to the communities working on community climate action is the Bristol City Leap programme. This is a 20-year joint venture partnership between Bristol City Council, Ameresco and Vattenfall Heat UK. It is designed to enable the delivery of over £1 billion of investment into Bristol's energy system at a time when the UK is struggling to match resources to the scale of change needed to address climate change and the energy/cost of living crisis.

What will City Leap do?

- Significant expansion of Bristol's Heat Network to provide the city with reliable affordable low carbon heat from sustainable sources.
- Solar panels and low carbon heating systems for local schools.
- The council's social housing will be made more energy efficient to tackle the cost-of-living crisis.
- Substantial investment will go into community-owned renewable energy projects.

City governance

Following a public referendum in May 2022, a significant change in Bristol's governance arrangements will be in place from May 2024, which could change how decisions are made in relation to climate and nature priorities. Bristol will shift from a Mayor and Cabinet model to a committee system, led by 70 councillors, representing 34 wards. One councillor will be appointed by Full Council as the Leader of the Council.

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Beyond Bristol

The West of England Combined Authority

The city of Bristol is located within the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) area and some significant climate and nature central Government funding and policy comes through WECA and impacts Bristol communities. This includes some aspects of strategic transport, skills and development of major developments along with some aspects of land use planning and the planning of housing. The WECA covers the council areas of South Gloucestershire and Bath & North East Somerset, as well as Bristol. It does not have elected councillors, only the Mayor is elected. Similar two-tier arrangements are in place in most of the larger cities/conurbations across England.

In 2022, the Climate and Ecological Action Plan for the West of England region was launched.

National context

Many of the actions communities want to see are not under the remit of local councils or Combined Authorities. We feel it is important to include these nonetheless - often local authorities can play a role allying with local communities to lobby central government for legislation, funding or policy change.



How we developed this plan

This plan was developed as part of the learning and mentoring programme, delivered by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, as part of the Community Climate Action Project. The six partners involved in the learning and mentoring programme met monthly for themed workshops on climate and nature issues, and engaged with their communities from summer 2023 to spring 2024. The flowchart below captures the main elements of the methodology to create Bristol's second round of community climate action plans:



Throughout:

Connecting city partners – through monthly workshops with city experts, and support from Bristol City Council and Centre for Sustainable Energy

April 2024 Three CCA plans launched and shared (for Bedminster, Southmead and Brislington)

April 2024

June 2024 Two CCA plans launched and shared (for Knowle West and Hillfields)

Our methodology

The community climate action plan was created by bringing together the experience and knowledge of people living in Brislington who have the most at stake with changes made in the local area. Bricks facilitated the creation of the plan, which happened through many different conversations, over cups of tea, at local markets, community picnics, on the phone and over email. We used the community newsletter BRIZ to spread the word and ran an online survey. Throughout the year we hosted a series of dedicated community conversations and workshops where local people could come together and share what was important to them and hear from other community members. We explored people's ambitions, asked what was missing and what we still needed to find out.

Our aim was to help people find common ground on priorities, support them to take practical action and make the most of all that is already happening whilst bringing in more people to the conversation. Making the climate action plan was a great excuse to get people together and gather all their local knowledge, skills, ideas and energy in one place. People chatting over soup and having a go at building their ideal future Brislington out of scrap materials might not immediately result in deciding a priority for the plan, but growing connections sets the stage to effectively collaborate and realise priorities together.We always tried to bring creativity and imagination into activities - which led to new ideas, unexpected solutions and offered people different ways to contribute.



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Emma Geen and James Ward brought local residents together for a creative workshop exploring what a climate utopia could look like for Brislington. Residents then worked backward from this point to tell the story of how they got there. Local resident and artist Anita Gardner hosted workshops in the summer holidays with young people where they explored biodiversity and created cyanotypes of the plants around St Anne's House.





Batch Cook Club did some tasty pesto demonstrations with ingredients that would have gone to waste. Wildflower seeds were sowed and exchanged. As one of the participants in a workshop said 'Make the process fun, active and easily actionable (not too much doom!)'

The priorities and ideas in the plan have been drawn from all these different activities, surveys and conversations. We were helped to refine our priorities by experts across the seven different themes and we shared these draft priorities with residents for review. We wanted to create an action plan which represents the views and experiences of people from across Brislington - but this is just the start and we hope the plan will grow and evolve with the community.

Climate action heroes Val, Val's Vegan Kitchen

Val wanted to support her teenage daughter Emma in her journey to becoming vegan, initially unsure how to proceed, Val sought guidance from the NHS website for nutritional advice and recipe inspiration. As she grew in confidence Val wanted to show others what was possible and began sharing their passion for plant-based cooking with their community via 'Val's Vegan Kitchen' making tasty homemade meals for neighbours and community events at St. Anne's House.

Val, recognising the ecological benefits of veganism, emphasises simplicity for those looking to reduce meat consumption. She advises starting with familiar meals and replacing meat with alternatives like tofu, taking it one step at a time without putting too much pressure on yourself. Val encourages exploring online resources for straightforward recipes, recalling her own journey of starting small.



'We live such busy lives, keeping it simple is the best way forward. Take it step by step, don't put too much pressure on yourself and don't be scared! There's lots of good simple recipes online. That's how I started'



Climate action heroes Chelba Family

Maria Chelba, her husband and their children aged 14, 10, 12, and 8 are a team, working together and with neighbours to take care of where they live and the nature on their doorstep.

Maria and her family love the escape of Brislington's green spaces, but were frustrated by litter and fly-tipping. They started cleaning up on their own, but didn't have any tools or equipment until they reached out to local councillors who provided litter pickers, gloves and rubbish bags. Now, with a group of friends and neighbours, they regularly tidy up the area, plant flowers, and clean the stream. Maria emphasises the importance of teaching children to care for nature and advises others to unite with like-minded individuals for a greater impact.

'When you see there are other people who care about nature you feel less alone. My advice for people who want to make a change where they live is do it with other people! Go online if you can and see what else is happening and ask others for help. It's better to work together.'





-Maria



Climate action heroes Elliott and Seb

Elliott and Seb are part of a local Beavers group who have all been given litter pickers and have been out and about caring for where they live, litter picking afterschool and with local groups. Both of them are enthusiastic about nature, and enjoy playing in parks and exploring the woods in Brislington.

'Every day on the way to the scout hut I have been collecting a big bag of rubbish. I also attended the Friends of Brislington Brook community rubbish collection one morning and worked with my friends to collect a lot. I would love people to always take their rubbish home and not leave it in the woods'

-Seb

'In Brislington I would like to see a garden where we can watch things grow and help look after it and the environment. It would be nice to have safer places to ride a bike too. If everyone did a little bit, there would be a lot less litter around. Also take your litter home with you if you cannot find a bin.'





-Elliott

Priorities and actions

Residents' priorities and actions to achieve them have been grouped into seven key climate themes – Transport, Homes and Buildings, Energy, Food, Waste and Resources, Nature and Business, Economy and Education.

The following priorities and actions were developed with the local community through our community engagement process and refined with support from Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership and various community climate action partners from across the city. There is also crossover and connection with <u>the priorities</u> <u>developed by partners in other geographic neighbourhoods in the city</u>: Southmead, Knowle West, Bedminster, Brislington, Hillfields, Lockleaze, Easton & Lawrence Hill, Hartcliffe & Withywood, Lawrence Weston and with the citywide priorities in the community climate action plan of <u>Bristol's Community of Disabled</u> <u>People</u> and <u>Bristol's community of refugees and asylum seekers.</u>

We have scored the priorities according to the monetary cost (Resource: Cost), staffing and effort required to achieve it (Resource: People), potential reductions in carbon emissions (Impact: Carbon) and positive impact on the community through social benefits (Impact: Community benefits). While not exhaustive, we have also listed some key stakeholders and potential collaborators, many of whom are already doing work related to the priority and whose support and leadership will be critical to success. Some of these stakeholders have not yet been involved in developing the plan. Rough timescales for implementation of priorities have also been noted to highlight quick wins alongside significant strategic changes that will take sustained, long-term and citywide action.

Scoring definition

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high/significant

Timescale

1-2 years (quick win)3-5 years (medium term larger scale)5-10 years (significant or complex)



Criteria scored Resource: cost Impact: carbon benefits

Resource: people/time Impact: community benefits



Scoring of priorities

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PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Safer, simpler, accessible, and better connected routes and infrastructure so everyone can walk, wheel and cycle around Brislington and beyond.	 Sustrans Bristol City Council WECA Life Cycle Bristol Walking Alliance Local councillors TravelWest WESTACT Bike Bristol Friends of Brislington Greenway OutAboutBris Greater Brislington Together 	5 Capital infrastructure On-street cycle hangers and cycle maintenance stations	4 Stakeholder coordination Lobbying	4 Reduction in petrol and diesel cars and air pollution. More biodiversity by creating wildlife corridors and space for nature through green travel routes.	5 Improved mental and physical wellbeing More equal access - making roads safer and more accessible for active travel for all Reduction in social isolation Improved safety More opportunities to be active	3-10 years
2.Integrated sustainable, affordable and dependable public transport system.	 First Bus Local Councillors Bristol City Council TravelWest Bristol rail campaign Bristol Ferry Boats WESTACT WECA 	5 Investment Capital infrastructure	5 Campaigning City-wide coordination and action	4 Reduction in use of cars meaning less carbon emissions. Greener public transport system	5 People able to get to where they need to go- less social isolation Improved air quality Possible green job creation Money saving Reduced inequalities	5-10 years



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Priority	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
3.Make sure people in the area have chances to feel confident about walking, wheeling and cycling and can reduce reliance on cars.	 Life Cycle Bristol Bike Project Sustrans Local Schools Travelwest Brislington liveable neighbourhoods Bricks/St Anne's House 	2 Cycle training sessions Group walks, wheels and cycles	3 Training Coordination Engagement	2 Reduction in use of cars meaning less carbon emissions	4 Improved physical and mental wellbeing Improved air quality Reduced inequalities Opportunities for physical activity	1-3 years
4.Explore different kinds of sustainable and active travel for people and goods which look to the future	 Great Western Railway TravelWest City Leap Bristol Ferry Boats Local Councillors Bristol City Council WECA Bristol rail campaign WESTACT Bricks Local businesses Business West 	5 Feasibility studies Capital costs	4 Cross-sector stakeholder engagement	5 Reduction in use of cars meaning less carbon emissions Reduced number of lorries on road	5 Improved air quality Improved wellbeing and access to opportunities across the city Skills training and job creation Reduced noise pollution	Short-medium term to explore feasibility Long term to realise changes (though some quicker changes possible e.g. electric cargo bikes used for local deliveries)

Priorities and actions: Transport

PRIORITY 1. Safer, simpler, accessible, and better connected routes and infrastructure so everyone can walk, wheel and cycle around Brislington and into the city centre.

ACTIONS:

a. Pleasant green routes to encourage people to walk/wheel/cycle in Brislington that link across the city

- b.Dedicated, separated cycle lanes (in particular on the Feeder Road)
- c.Secure on-street bike hangers which fit cargo bikes
- d. Bike maintenance stations
- e.Smooth, wide pavements clear of obstacles.
- f.Good lighting
- g.Make sure there are enough dropped kerbs
- h.Accessible public toilets

PRIORITY 2. Integrated sustainable, dependable public transport system. **ACTIONS:**

- a. Integrated transport connections across the city ensure that it is easy for people to travel to essential places like local doctors, hospital and their workplace.
- b. Campaign for more regular, reliable buses, with better routes (including orbital ones)
- c. Cheaper travel tickets especially for young people

'We need green spaces that can coexist alongside our travel needs...support active travel!



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'We should be encouraging more public transport and greener transport alternatives as well as supporting green links for wildlife'

Priorities and actions: Transport

PRIORITY 3. Make sure people in the area have chances to feel confident about walking, wheeling and cycling and can reduce reliance on cars.

ACTIONS:

- a. Group cycles, wheels and walks
- b.Pop-up cycle support and learning opportunities around cycling confidence and bike repair
- c. Children and young people taught safe street cycling
- d.Opportunities to trial electric bikes
- e.Promotion and engagement
- f. Times when individual streets are closed for the day like playing out sessions and street parties

PRIORITY 4. Explore different kinds of sustainable and active travel and transport of goods for the area which look to the future.

ACTIONS:

- a. Trialling of temporary changes to show people what is possible
- b. Affordable accessible Ferry service
- c.St Anne's train station reinstated
- d.E-cargo bikes rental/shared schemes
- e.Electric car share and charging points
- f.Tram network
- g.e-cargo bikes for local deliveries
- h.Centralised collection points for packages

'We need campaigning and raising awareness to the local council about our day to day situation. So many people here jump in their cars because we don't have safe walking or cycling routes and our public transport has been cut.'





Scoring of priorities

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Community Cooking sessions to grow people's skills and confidence in cooking from scratch and reduce food waste.	 St Anne's House (Bricks) Children's Kitchen BCC Public Health Feeding Bristol Batch cook club Bountiful Bristol and local allotments Fareshare Bristol Waste FOODclub 	2 Space Ingredients costs	2 Facilitator Communications	2 Reduced food and plastic waste	4 Physical and mental wellbeing Opportunities for communities to connect and grow support systems Money saved on food bills Better access to healthier food	1-2 years Some local pilot actions ready to start
2.More accessible opportunities to learn about growing food locally for all ages in Brislington.	 Local Allotments St Anne's House (Bricks) Woodcroft Community Orchard Friends of St Anne's Park BCC Parks Incredible Edible Alive Activities Avon Wildlife Trust Local Schools 	2 Ingagement Materials Training Space	3 Facilitation Engagement Project coordination Volunteer management	3 Reduction in packaging waste Less demand on un- seasonal shop bought produce	4 Improved mental health/wellbeing More opportunities to be physically active Food security Community brought together Reduced inequalities Improved green spaces Opportunities for skill sand training	1-2 years One City Ecological Strategy Liveable Neighbourhood Plan

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant



Scoring of priorities

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
3.Local people have access to affordable, local, sustainable and culturally appropriate food.	 St Anne's House (Bricks) Bristol Food Network Feeding Bristol Local Businesses FOOD club Trussell Trust Food Cycle Schools Religious spaces Batch Cook Club Bristol City Council Linked to Bristol Good Food 2030 	2 Space for events and activities	3 Engagement with multiple stakeholders Volunteer coordination Event organisation training Campaigning	3 Less carbon from food miles	4-5 Improved physical and mental health Reduced waste going to landfill Celebration of local cultures/traditions Reduction in social isolation	3-5 years (with some immediate actions)

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

Priorities and actions: Food

PRIORITY 1. Community Cooking sessions to grow people's skills and confidence in cooking from scratch and reduce food waste. **ACTIONS:**

a.Batch cooking sessions and sessions about using up food that could go to waste/leftovers

b. Cooking at youth club and schools - opportunities to link up growing, cooking and eating. Parent and child cooking opportunities

c.Food preserving and pickling sessions

PRIORITY 2. More accessible opportunities to learn about growing food locally for all ages in Brislington. **ACTIONS:**

a. Community growing sessions and schemes

b. Accessible shared growing spaces (e.g. wheelchair accessible raised beds)

c.Children and young people to have opportunities and resources to grow food

PRIORITY 3. Local people have access to affordable, local, sustainable and culturally appropriate food. **ACTIONS:**

a. Provide opportunities to share food and eat together as a community. Connecting different cultures and highlighting links between what we eat and the environment.

b. Work with provider to develop an affordable cafe at St Anne's House which uses local, sustainable produce.

c. Work with local shops and businesses to support them to stock more seasonal and local produce

d. Supporting the growth of surplus food sharing scheme and mutual aid networks

e.Support access to FOOD clubs



'Transparency, ongoing community consultancy, inclusion and accountability'



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PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Residents have resources and skills to encourage wildlife and improve biodiversity where they live.	 Friends of Eastwood Farm Friends of St Anne's Park Friends of Brislington Brook Friends of Victory Park Friends of Arnos Park Woodcroft Friends of Callington Road Nature Reserve Community Orchard Callington Nature Reserve Avon Wildlife Trust St Anne's House (Bricks) BS4 good gardens Brislington liveable neighbourhood Your Park Bristol and Bath Alive Activites One City Ecological Emergency Strategy The Natural history consortium 	3 Materials and capital costs Training	3 Volunteers Event coordination Communications Expertise	2 Green spaces contribute to carbon capture	5 Community brought together Improved green spaces opportunities for physical activity Improved health and wellbeing Increased biodiversity Community skills development	Some quick wins, some medium - longer term.
2.Improve accessibility of green spaces in Brislington. Inclusive, welcoming parks without barriers for disabled people and carers.	 Your Park Bristol & Bath Bristol Parks Bristol City Council Friends of Brislington Brook Friends of St Anne's Park Friends of Victory Park Friends of Eastwood Farm Linked to Your Parks Bristol and Bath - not just a checkbox. 	3 Capital costs Communications and campaigning materials	2 Staff to develop and hold partner relationships	2 Green spaces contribute to carbon capture	5 Improved physical health Improved mental wellbeing Better access to green spaces A wider range of community members involved in green spaces Reduced inequalities	Some quick wins, others medium term.

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant



Scoring of priorities

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
3.A clean river which is an asset for the local community (in terms of wellbeing, biodiversity and potential energy/heat generation).	 Bristol Water Bristol Waste Conham river bathers Bristol Energy Network Wessex Water Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Bristol Avon Catchment Partnership Friends of Eastwood Farm 	3 Capital Costs Activity costs	2 Volunteers Staff Lobbying	3 Sustainable energy generation	4 Better environment for local wildlife Opportunities for physical activity Improved mental health and wellbeing Reducing flood risk Reduced pollution Community brought together	3-5 years
4.Children and young people are supported to access and benefit from green and blue spaces and have the confidence, skills and resources take action in their area for nature and wildlife	 Local Schools St Anne's House Youth programme (Bricks) East Bristol Children's Centres Scouts, Cubs etc. Bright Green Futures Avon Wildlife Trust Friends of groups Greater Brislington together 	2 Materials Space	2 Staff Volunteers	2 Developing future climate action leadership and position young people to come up with solutions for a sustainable future	4 Improved opportunities for children and young people Improved wellbeing of children and young people Development of future community leadership and learning	1-3 years

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

Priorities and actions: Nature

PRIORITY 1. Residents have resources and skills to encourage wildlife and improve biodiversity where they live **ACTIONS:**

- a. Support and expertise to help people create a joined up initiative of wildlife corridors and realise priorities for nature across St Anne's, Broomhill and Brislington.
- b. Rewilding of underused or abandoned public and private spaces.
- c.Pocket gardens and front garden tree scheme.
- d. Events and learning opportunities in a community garden space: workshops/opportunities for people to learn about the how and why of greening up their own spaces and creating space for wildlife to flourish.
- e. Facilitation of peer support to help residents who face barriers to maintain a garden/veg patch.
- f. Activities like pot swap, seed swaps etc to encourage peer learning and build local connections.
- g.Local wildlife or grow your own award.
- h.Collate surveys to understand biodiversity baseline and gaps in knowledge.

PRIORITY 2. Improve accessibility of green spaces in Brislington. Inclusive, welcoming parks without barriers. Actions linked to Your Parks 'Not just a checkbox'

ACTIONS:

- a. Provide accurate information to help plan visits
- b. Commission user-led park accessibility audits and action plans
- c.Improve the availability of of accessible toilets
- d. Provide inclusive welcoming activities in and around green spaces.
- e.Ongoing engagement with people who have lived experience.

PRIORITY 3. A clean river which is an asset for the local community (in terms of wellbeing, biodiversity and potential energy generation) **ACTIONS:**

- a. Explore potential for generating energy/heat from the river (e.g. water source heat pump)
- b. Designated Bathing Water Status at Conham River Park & Eastwood Farm Nature Reserve (campaign by Conham River Bathers)
- c.Community river cleaning and learning events with trips down the river
- d.Reed beds in Eastwood Farm to help improve water quality
- e.Campaign to reduce littering and dumping near the river.

PRIORITY 4. Children and young people are supported to access and benefit from local green and blue spaces and have the confidence, skills and resources take action in their area for nature and wildlife

ACTIONS:

a. Creative, hands-on activities for children and young people to engage with nature and their local green and blue spaces b.Mentoring, training and support for young people to take action for their local environment.





PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Increase opportunities for sharing, reuse, repairing and swapping of goods locally	 Share Bristol Bristol Waste Brislington & St Annes Repair Cafe Local Businesses Projects Against Plastic Local Schools Resource Futures St Annes House (Bricks) 	2 Materials Space Low costs for pop-up activities Higher costs for permanent ventures like swap shops.	2 Skills training Volunteers Event coordination Engagement	3 Reduction of items to landfill Reduction of demand for new items	4 Building a resilient, more connected and community through sharing resources and skills Reduction in social isolation Improved household finances Training and skills development	Short term with some things able to happen immediately
2.Reduce littering and fly tipping in Brislington.	 BCC Bristol Waste Local Friends of Groups Schools Local shops and traders Local councillors 	2 Campaigning materials	3 Volunteers Volunteer coordinator	2	4 Clean environment Pride of place Community wellbeing Community empowered and informed to take action	1-5 years

Scoring of priorities

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant



Scoring of priorities 1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
3.Support local people and businesses reduce food waste, packaging waste and support the local 'circular economy'	 Local Businesses, shops and supermarkets Projects Against Plastic Resource Futures Local Businesses, shops and supermarkets Local councillors Greater Brislington Together 	2 Communications materials	2 Campaigning Communications and coordination Training	3 Reduction in landfill waste	 3 Reduction of barriers enabling people to make greener choices Empower residents and young people to take action Cleaner neighbourhood Increase circular economy Improve household finances 	1-5 years

Priorities and actions: Waste and Resources

PRIORITY 1. Increase opportunities for sharing, reuse, repairing and swapping of goods locally ACTIONS:

a.Library of things/swap shop for items and skills

b.Street sheds with tools and items for the street to use/tool rental.

c.Build community skills, sharing and swapping via events and networks such as a recycle, reuse trail or swap shop in the park. d.Build on existing projects like the repair cafe which encourage reduction of waste and circular economy.

PRIORITY 2. Reduce littering and fly tipping in Brislington.

ACTIONS:

a. Communications/campaign to promote recycling centre, make sure people know how to report fly tipping, identify barriers to recycling

b. Creative interventions to create change in littering behaviours

c.Continuation of litter picks and related activities

PRIORITY 3. Support local people and businesses reduce food waste, packaging waste and support the local 'circular economy'

ACTIONS:

a. Improve availability of locally produced goods and food without intensive packaging

- b.Local high streets and businesses provided access to signporting, training and mentoring.
- c.Identify if there are waste products from any local business, industrial parks that can be of benefit to the community. E.g. hops from breweries.
- d. Cooking sessions which share how to keep food fresher for longer and save money (e.g. using up leftovers, cooking from what is in the fridge).
- e. Easy green solutions: make it simple for people to generate less packaging and food waste and be more environmentally friendly when shopping for food.





'There are many older people in the local population who are good at avoiding food waste – we can learn from them'



Scoring of priorities

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Support for households to install and develop locally generated and owned renewable energy.	 Bristol City Council CSE Planning Aid Retrofit West Bristol Energy Network Bristol Energy Cooperative WECA City Leap Government Schemes ResNet Ambition Lawrence Weston Bricks 	4 Staff Capital costs Surveys/feasibility studies	4 Stakeholder coordination Communications	5 Decarbonised power generation Decarbonised Heat Delivery	5 Increased community ownerships and pride Opportunities for local investment Lower energy costs reduced household bills Reduced fuel poverty Opportunities for skills and training Development of local jobs Improved local resilience to fluctuating energy prices	3-10 years
2.Explore how community buildings and local assets can generate sustainable energy and benefit local residents.	 Bristol Energy Network CSE St Anne's House City Leap Bristol City Council Community building owners and tenants Religious spaces Job Centre Colleges 	4 Capital costs Audits Engagement Environmental assessments	3 Coordination of stakeholders Project management	3 More renewable energy sources	4 Opportunities for skills and training Affordable heating and energy use from renewable sources/Distributed revenue from community energy projects Improved community facilities Community spaces more resilient Reduction in running costs of community spaces - money can be used elsewhere to benefit local community,	3-10 years

1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

Priorities and Actions: Energy

PRIORITY 1. Support for households to install and develop locally generated and owned renewable energy.

ACTIONS:

- a. Learning opportunities, information and access to funding and support for household renewable energy installation and courses around community energy generation and ownership
- b. Financial and practical support for people on lower incomes or with barriers to participating. Ensure that not just home-owners and those with more income benefit.
- c.Facilitate peer support and knowledge sharing.
- d.Support with coordinating street level installation of renewable energy sources and bulk buying schemes.



ACTIONS:

- a. Support and advice for community buildings that want to develop renewable energy on their site.
- b. Identify opportunities for renewable energy generation and infrastructure such as solar PV in the local area.

'What does a net zero community look like? How can we help people visualise this?'





Scoring of priorities 1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 - High, 5 - Very high / significant

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE
1.Grow local understanding of, and access to, green jobs.	 9. Bristol City Council 9. Bristol City Leap 9. City of Bristol College 9. WECA 9. St Anne's House 9. Local Schools, Colleges/FE 9. bePractical Brislington 9. Brislington & St Annes Repair Cafe 	3 Staff Training and Accreditation Equipment Spaces for events and training	3 Project coordination Resource development	4 More local jobs - less travel emissions Learning and skills development enabling people to contribute to the creation of a greener economy with reduced carbon emissions	4 Improved job opportunities Improved Household finances Improved mental health and wellbeing Improved opportunities for children and young people Reduced inequalities	3-5 years with some actions that can happen immediately

Priorities and Actions: Business and Education

PRIORITY 1. Grow local understanding of and access to green jobs.

ACTION:

- a. Support local tradespeople in accessing training and accreditation around retrofitting and green trades.
- b.St Anne's House to create opportunities for learning and training if/when the building is retrofitted.
- c.Pop up green jobs fair and information sessions at community hubs. Provision of clear communications to tell the story of what green jobs are and how people can access and benefit from them.
- d. Develop more opportunities for young people and children to learn about nature, climate and green career pathways.
- e. Connect up local residents with local opportunities and training, help develop pathways into green jobs in the area as well as across the city.









Scoring of priorities

Priorities: Homes and Buildings 1 - Very Low, 2 - Low, 3 - Moderate, 4 5 - Very high / significant						4 - High,	
PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	IMPACT: COMMUNITY BENEFITS	TIMESCALE	
1.Make it easier and more appealing for people to upgrade their homes to make them warmer and cheaper to run.	 Bricks/St Anne's House Centre for sustainable energy Bristol Energy Network City Leap Retrofit West Bristol Energy Cooperative Be Practical Brislington Social housing providers Private landlords CHEESE project 	2-5 Communications to disseminate information, design costs Provision of learning and support. Space for events and activities	3 Volunteers Project coordinator Activity facilitation Engagement/communi cations	4 Reduction in energy demand and consumption Reduced energy loss	5 Reduced fuel poverty Opportunities for skills and training Improved health and wellbeing Improved household finances Improved living conditions	1-5 years with some quick wins possible straightaway	
2. Create collective benefit in Brislington through shared retrofit schemes.	 Bristol City Council CSE Planning Aid Retrofit West Bristol Energy Network City Leap Government Schemes CHEESE project Civic Square 	 3-5 (Depends on scale) Audits and surveys Capital costs Training Communication materials 	4 Project Management Communications and engagement	 3-5 (Depends on scale) Decarbonised heat delivery Reduced emissions from homes Reduced energy demand 	4 Cheaper household bills Reduced fuel poverty Opportunities for skills and training More connected community, sharing learning and resources Improved living conditions	Some quick wins such as draught- proofing Medium term for developing entire street-level retrofit projects.	



Scoring of priorities

PRIORITY	POTENTIAL COLLABORATORS + STAKEHOLDERS	RESOURCE: COST	RESOURCE: PEOPLE	IMPACT: CARBON	I
3.Community buildings, schools and shared spaces in Brislington to be carbon neutral - and offer opportunities for residents to learn and upskill	 Bristol Energy Network Bristol Energy Cooperative CSE Local Schools St Anne's House (Bricks) City Leap Bristol City Council Community building owners and tenants Job Centre Colleges 	4 Capital costs Audits Engagement Events and activities Training and Accreditation	3 Coordination Project management Training coordination	3 Reduced emissions from heating and electric in local buildings	4 Opp train Impr facil Com resilie Redu - mc elsev com
4.New housing developments to be net-zero, affordable to maintain and contribute to biodiversity and local amenities.	 Local Councillors Planning aid Developers CSE Bristol City Council Planning Aid Retrofit West Bristol Energy Network City Leap 	3 Staffing	2 Staff/volunteers to support campaigning/lobbying	4 Reduced demand for energy Reduced emissions from domestic energy	3 Red Savi redu

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Priorities and Actions: Homes and Buildings

PRIORITY 1. Make it easier and more appealing for people to upgrade their homes to make them warmer and cheaper to run. **ACTIONS:**

- a. Support 'energy literacy'. Residents are provided with easy-to-understand help and information to make their homes more energyefficient, including provision of advice around energy bills and providers.
- b. Development of Brislington-specific Info booklet with infographics for households to help them understand changes they could make (both insulation and other cheaper ways to save energy and money) - in a way that works for their specific building.
- c. Upskilling residents to make quick changes to their homes to improve energy efficiency through practical workshops.
- d. Support for private renters, social housing tenants / work with landlords and BCC to ensure housing is warmer in the winter with reduced damp and lower energy bills
- e. Create a directory for local traders who can help improve home energy efficiency.
- f. Facilitation of peer learning and support for example, green open doors day, mutual aid networks, peer learning opportunities.

PRIORITY 2. Create collective benefit in Brislington through shared retrofit schemes. **ACTIONS:**

- a. Provide opportunities for people to learn more about retrofitting homes
- b. Financial and practical support for people on lower incomes or with barriers to participating to make the changes. Ensure that not just home-owners and those with more income benefit.
- c.Facilitate peer support (for example someone sharing a local example of successful home retrofit) and group bulk buying schemes. d. Workshops and training opportunities to enable people to do simple retrofit like draught-proofing

PRIORITY 3. Community buildings, schools and shared spaces in Brislington to be carbon neutral - and offer opportunities for residents to learn and upskill **ACTIONS:**

- a. Create opportunities for residents to develop skills for green employment via community building retrofit schemes (like heat pump installation, solar panel installation, electric charging point construction...)
- b.Local 'Energy hub' learning space sharing best practice, modelling what is possible and offering advice and support.
- c. Support access to energy audits and funding for community buildings

PRIORITY 4. New housing developments to be net-zero, affordable to maintain and contribute to biodiversity and local amenities. **ACTIONS:**

a. Connecting with local planning groups in Bristol to learn from them

b.Lobbying developers and improving accountability.

c. Asset mapping to understand current gaps in local amenities (and therefore what local developers need to include).



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'We should find out from people what they are doing well so we can share with other streets and create useful resources.'



Evaluation and wider objectives

This plan was developed as part of the Bristol Community Climate Action Project (coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, and supported by Bristol City Council and the Centre for Sustainable Energy).

The evaluation objectives of the project are:

- 1. Communities will better contribute to Bristol's 2030 carbon neutral and nature recovery ambitions.
- 2. There is wider and deeper climate change engagement and leadership in diverse communities.
- 3. Climate Community Action will support transitions towards a more just and inclusive society.
- 4. Community Climate Action will support increased community resilience to immediate climate and social challenges.
- 5. Climate Community Action is recognised as an essential strategic approach towards achieving net zero goals in Bristol, the West of England sub-region (WECA area) and nationally.
- 6. Communities in Bristol and beyond are inspired and supported to take community-led climate action

The development phase of the Community Climate Action Project (October 2020 – April 2022) focused on the development of six coproduced community climate action plans by six Bristol community organisations (ACH, Ambition Lawrence Weston, Eastside Community Trust, Bristol Disability Equality Forum, Heart of BS13 and Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust) and extensive evaluation data was collected during the project through a suite of 10 surveys using the online Makerble platform.

An insights report was produced at the end of the development phase of the project (April 2022), and a full evaluation report will be produced at the end of the programme (July 2025).

The Community Climate Action Project has been supported by the National Lottery Community Fund's Climate Action Fund. The overall objectives/outcomes of the fund are:

- 1. More and more diverse people engage with climate issues and understand what climate change means for them.
- 2. More and more diverse people have hope that things can change and take action on climate change.
- 3. Community-led climate action initiatives grow and develop.
- 4. Carbon emissions are reduced through action at the local level.
- 5. Community-led climate action is fair and generates co-benefits for people's quality of life.
- 6. Learning on good practice is captured and shared.
- 7. The National Lottery Community Fund and others across the sector (including funders) integrate support for community-led climate action into their wider activities.
- 8. Evidence of increased support for climate action.
- 9.Local communities develop increased resilience to immediate climate impacts.



List of community benefits

Health & wellbeing

- Reduced fuel poverty
- Opportunities for physical activity
- Reduced noise pollution
- Reduced air pollution
- Improved dietary health
- Increased community pride
- Reduced social isolation
- Improve mental health/wellbeing

Economy

- Job creation
- Green jobs training and apprenticeship opportunities (young people)
- Improved business efficiency
- Improved household finances
- Opportunities for skills and training
- Money retained in the local economy
- Opportunities for local investment
- Lower energy costs
- Lower energy tariffs
- Better public transport links

Environment

- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Improved green spaces
- Reduced overheating risk
- Reduced flood risk
- Increased biodiversity
- Reduced waste going to landfill
- The creation of more attractive public spaces

Resilience

- Security in energy supply (fewer power cuts)
- Security in energy supply (less reliance on international imports)
- Food security (security in local food supply)
- Flood risk mitigation

Community Resilience

- Security in energy supply (less power cuts)
- Security in energy supply (less reliance on international imports) • Security in energy supply (opportunities to access renewable energy
- sources)
- Food security (security in local food supply)
- Food security (less food waste)
- Skill creation through volunteering and training sessions

Society

- Reduced inequalities
- High level decision makers (ie national gov) influenced to make positive changes.
- Community brought together / community cohesion
- Improved public sector finances
- Greater voice, agency, and influence of communities in climate decision-making
- Educational opportunities for children and young people

Equalities

- Equal access
- Preventing the creation of new barriers
- Removing a barrier
- Minority voices amplified and able to influence decision-making



List of carbon impacts

Energy

- Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets
- Smarter & more flexible management of energy demand, including storage
- Decarbonised power generation
- Decarbonised heat delivery
- Widespread, actively managed and planned carbon storage strategies
- Reduced energy demand
- Affordable heating
- Energy use is from renewable sources
- Improving all homes to EPC standard C
- Displacement of fossil fuel energy by using locally generated electricity from renewable sources

Buildings/Housing

- Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets
- New buildings and developments that achieve net zero emissions, including associated transport
- Improving all homes to EPC standard C
- Increased/improved insulation on all housing stock

Food

- Altered dietary patterns & reduced food waste.
- Widely adopted agricultural practices that reduce emissions & increase soil carbon and protect & promote biodiversity
- Food education to reflect the needs of diverse communities
- Reduced meat (and dairy) consumption

Waste and Consumption

- Hugely altered consumption patterns, buying less and reusing/repairing more
- Greatly increased recycling rates to achieve a circular economy model, taking plastics out of the waste stream
- Altered dietary patterns and reduced food waste.
- Less demand on shop bought edibles
- Less packaging and waste
- Safe disposal of older appliances that contain Freon Gas which depletes the ozone layer
- More food waste going to biomass production



Glossary of key words

Biodiversity: All the different kinds of life you'll find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world

Carbon emissions: The carbon dioxide gas that planes, cars, factories, etc. produce which contribute to climate change Carbon footprint: A tool to help us understand what changes we need to make to cut our emissions. They show us which actions result in emissions, and how much

Green jobs: Green jobs are those which are in some way contribute to reducing the consumption of energy and raw materials, limit greenhouse gas emissions, minimise waste and pollution and protect and restore ecosystems

Greenhouse gases: Carbon dioxide, and other 'greenhouse gases', trap heat in the atmosphere and keep the earth warm (which is why they're called greenhouse gases). These gases, which occur naturally, make the earth a habitable place – without them it would be too cold to live here

Just transition: Ensuring the transition to a low carbon society/economy is equitable, that any benefits are shared widely, whilst supporting those who stand to lose out economically

Natural habitat: The natural environment in which a species of plant/animal/fungi etc lives

Net zero and carbon neutral: This means that any carbon dioxide that is emitted by the activities taking place is balanced by the same amount of carbon dioxide being absorbed from the atmosphere (sometimes achieving net-zero carbon dioxide emissions is referred to as 'carbon neutrality')

Renewable energy: Energy that is generated from natural processes that cannot be exhausted and is constantly renewed (including solar/sunlight, geothermal heat, wind, tides, water)

Retrofit: The introduction of new materials, products and technologies into an existing building to reduce the energy needed to occupy/use that building

Wildlife corridors: A strip of natural habitat connecting populations of wildlife otherwise separated by cultivated land, roads, housing etc.



'Free Flow

From car-full and 'careful!' To playing on the way The street is now for you and me From moving from A – B now is A – Z

The parks are growing, the garden flowing Onto the street. Hard boundaries dissolve How to get there? You have a choice.'

Written by local residents

What to do?













