



BEDMINSTER

COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN



Windmill Hill City Farm have been working with the community to understand what is important to local people in relation to climate change and climate justice.

Our ambition was to connect and support local like-minded people in the Bedminster/East Street area, who have a passion for positive change; realising what amazing assets already exist in BS3 and collectively deciding what else can be done at a hyper-local level about climate change, to prioritise what is important and within reach.

Our project was called Love East.



THIS IS A SUMMARY OF OUR COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN APR '24
THE FULL VERSION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE
WINDMILLHILLCITYFARM.ORG.UK

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WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

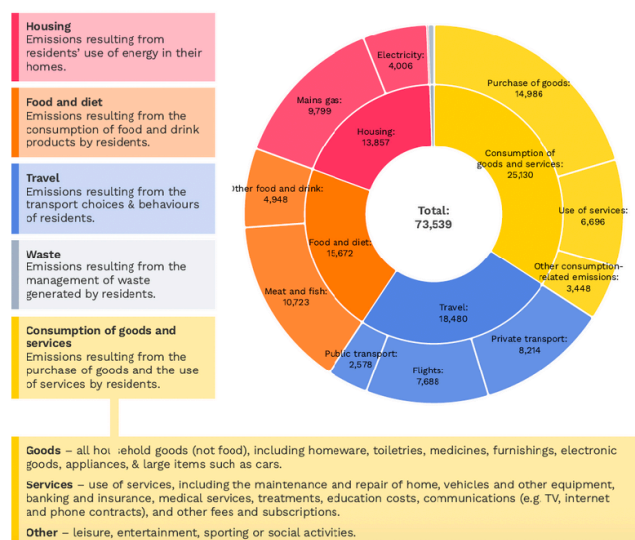
In 2019 Bristol was the first city to declare a climate emergency, setting an ambitious goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, and later declaring an ecological emergency. This ambitious goal has Bristol leading the way globally and opening up possibilities for a much smoother transition and brighter future than if we delay until 2050. However, it will require a lot of big, bold changes and tough choices across our city and the way we live in a short period of time.

This project has given a platform for concerns and ideas; local priorities have been identified with suggested collective action, to reduce carbon and improve lives. We hope the plan can play an active part in Bristol's 'Just Transition'.

WHOSE PLAN IS THIS?

This is a community plan for Bedminster. The people who will be impacted the most by climate change and the actions we take to reach net zero are the people already dealing with deep inequalities. To make these actions as fair and effective as possible, communities and people from all different backgrounds, beliefs, experiences and perspectives must be included in taking action, and these voices must be heard as difficult decisions are made about our shared future.

*This is our community's total carbon footprint
(Bedminster ward)*



HOW THE PLAN WAS FORMED

We initially did a 'call to action' leafleting campaign, inviting residents to talk about climate change concerns at a hyper-local level.

An online survey followed, the aim of the survey was to establish comments and concerns around climate change, specifically - Energy, Waste, Business & Education, Food & Nature, Housing, Transport.

In addition to the specific climate change survey, data collected from a project looking at the BS3 area after 2025 has been used to help identify the local priorities. 'BS3 Beyond 2025' was a project that was undertaken by the local neighbourhood partnership group, Action Greater Bedminster, of which the farm is a member, exploring what impact the development and increased population will have on the BS3 area.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

The Bedminster community climate action plan is one of five plans written by communities across the city as part of the Community Climate Action Project, coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, with support from Centre for Sustainable Energy and Bristol City Council.

The plan helps us map out our collective next steps, laying out actions we can take together as a community, as well as actions we are calling on government and other decision makers to take, to make our neighbourhood happier and healthier for the people who live here and for our planet.

Transport



What the community wants to see

- More accessible affordable public transport
- Improved, safer walking and cycling routes
- Cleaner air for everyone

Ideas from the community

- Lobbying for hyper-local routes to get around BS3 - our own local BS3 service like CATT/Big Lemon
- Investment in cycling proficiency and bike clubs
- Accessible, well lit, bus stops/train stations with seating and accurate and legible timetables
- Incentives for travelling by foot, scooter, bike with increased safe local bike storage
- Support clean air policies for local businesses
- Increased affordable community points

Food



What the community wants to see

- Affordable and accessible local high quality food for the whole community
- Support to reduce food waste

Ideas from the community

- Improved links with allotment societies and community gardens and incentives for them to grow more intentionally for the community
- Funding for cooking on a budget/slow cooker use/batch cooking with seasonal fruit and veg
- Investment in street planters 'adopt a planter scheme'

Litter and waste



What the community wants to see

- Collections of more items (crisps packets/pet food pouches)
- Investment and incentives to reuse and recycle (not buy-new)
- Reduction in single use plastic

Ideas from the community

- Investment for upcycling/ community composting
- More bins and recycling stations on the high st / in parks
- Lobbying government re policy change (single use plastic)
- Community buy-in to The Waste Nothing Challenge
- Promotion of Bristol Waste's free litter picking kits

Homes, buildings and Energy



What the community wants to see

- Support and energy advice
- Investment in renewable energy with increased charging options
- Support for residents and businesses - climate action and becoming net zero, including new developments

Ideas from the community

- Funded drop-in sessions for residents on how to switch to greener energy providers
- Lobbying government for incentives for warmer homes discount and initiatives
- Funding / support for all regarding retrofit possibilities
- Trader incentives for 'green shop' accreditation
- Funding for lamppost.pavement/supermarket charging points
- Hold developers to account - adhere to government policies regarding sustainable build and affordable homes

Nature



What the community wants to see

- More investment in green space, with more opportunities for children and young people to be in nature
- Support for residents and businesses - climate action and becoming net zero, including new developments
- Access / opportunities for green jobs locally

Ideas from the community

- Lobbying government for green space within new developments
- Funding / support for all regarding retrofit possibilities
- Promote the benefits of being outside on mental and physical health within schools and businesses
- Dedicated workshops/courses and incentives for training and working in this sector
- Nature and wildlife awareness for young people, perhaps through gamification

WHAT'S NEXT?



This plan is one step toward building a fairer, healthier future for our community and planet. Exciting things are already bubbling along, but the work of putting these words into action is just beginning. Our hope is that each of us can see actions, big and small, that we can start in our homes, on our streets, at work and school. Some things we can do on our own as a community, but some we will need to demand of our decision makers and those in power.

If you'd like to get involved, please email info@windmillhillcityfarm.org with the subject LOVE EAST