



Greener Fairer Future Community Climate Action Plan for Brislington



The climate and nature crises are not just about the environment; they are going to affect all parts of our lives.

It is important that people living in Brislington have a voice in the changes that are coming and can shape the future of their community.

The ambitions and actions in this plan set out a path forward for how Brislington can work together to build on the brilliant things that are already happening here, while tackling some of the challenges, to create a greener, fairer future for everyone. This plan connects Brislington with other communities calling for change so we can use our collective voice to call for the transformations we want to see in Bristol and beyond.

THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR BRISLINGTON. YOU CAN READ THE FULL VERSION ON OUR WEBSITE.

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Greener, Fairer Future

Bristol has the ambitious goal of reaching net zero by 2030. This means getting rid of fossil fuels and other sources of emissions where possible, so that the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere is equal to the amount being removed.

Reaching net zero and becoming resilient to climate change will require major changes and the combined efforts of everyone in the city. It's a huge challenge but it is also an opportunity to do things differently and make positive changes for all the residents of Bristol. This plan focuses on the important role that communities will play in reaching this goal. It aims to enable Brislington to reduce our carbon footprints, support nature recovery and bring benefits to local people.

CHANGE THAT WORKS FOR ALL

The communities who are most at risk from the effects of climate change are already experiencing inequalities. It is vital that the voices of all the diverse communities who will be affected shape the changes we make to reduce our carbon footprint.

We need to remove barriers so everyone has benefits from green initiatives like reducing energy bills through renewables, accessing green spaces, food and 'thing' sharing initiatives and improving how we get around.

WHOSE PLAN IS THIS?

This plan has been created by the people who know Brislington best - the people who live here. It builds on some of the great initiatives already happening across the two wards (Brislington East and West) and is full of ideas for new actions which we can take on a local level.



HOW THE PLAN WAS FORMED

From May 2023 to January 2024 we spoke to people across Brislington to understand what was mattered to them.

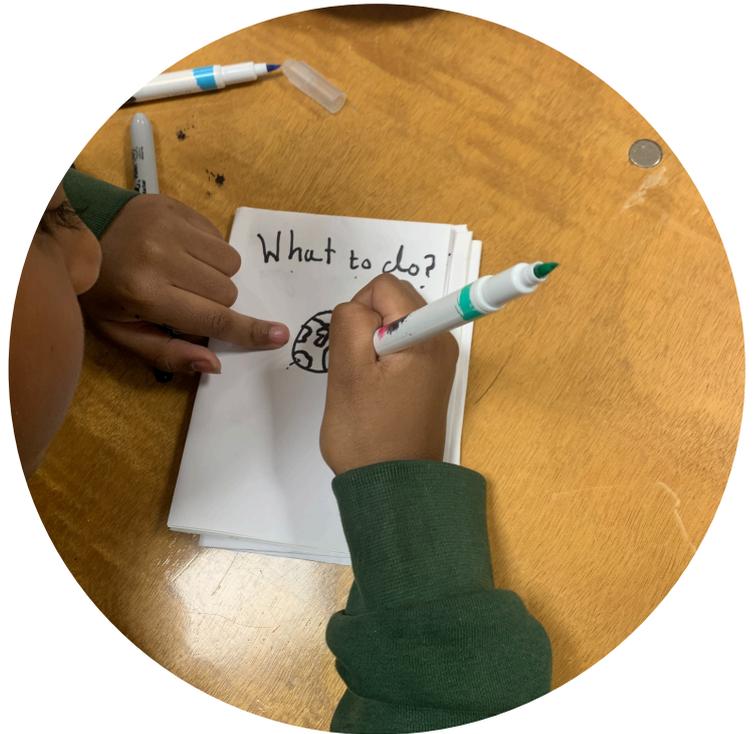
The creation of the plan happened **over cups of tea**, at local markets, **community picnics**, on the phone and over email. We used the **community newsletter BRIZ** to spread the word and ran an **online survey**. We hosted a series of dedicated **community conversations** and **workshops** where people shared what was important to them and heard from other community members. We had **shared meals** cooked by local resident Val, **planted seeds** and hosted **summer activities with young people** to hear their perspective.

This all enabled the creation of a plan which brings together what is important for people locally with making positive change for the environment.

OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Our carbon footprint report, put together by Bristol charity Centre for Sustainable Energy, gives us a clear look at how much carbon our community is emitting. It breaks down the main things we do that produce these emissions – so we can see which activities result in carbon emissions.

Understanding this helps us think about where to focus our attention and to explore which changes are possible at a community level and which require Bristol-wide, national or even global action.



WHERE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS COME FROM IN BRISLINGTON	% OF TOTAL AVERAGE EMISSIONS FROM LOCAL HOUSEHOLDS
EMISSIONS FROM THE FOOD AND DRINK WE BUY 	24%
EMISSIONS FROM THE THINGS WE BUY AND SERVICES WE USE (INCLUDING WASTE) 	39%
EMISSIONS FROM GAS AND ELECTRICITY IN OUR HOMES 	18%
EMISSIONS FROM HOW WE TRAVEL 	19%

GREENHOUSE GASES?

Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide trap heat in the atmosphere and keep the earth warm enough for humans to live here. Rapidly rising levels of greenhouse gas emissions, however, have led to climate change which is making the planet hotter and harder for humans and other life to survive and thrive.

PRIORITIES AND ACTIONS

The Brislington Community Climate Action Plan is one of eleven plans written by communities across the city with support from Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership, Centre for Sustainable Energy and Bristol City Council.

The plan is a starting point, it is a shared vision which lays out the actions that we can take together as a community and the change that needs to happen in Bristol and beyond to reach net zero. The aim is to make a fairer and healthier place to live whilst taking positive action for the planet at the same time.

Nature



What the community wants to see

- People living in Brislington have the skills, access to materials, money and funding to protect and encourage wildlife and improve biodiversity where they live
- Ensure green spaces in Brislington are accessible, and welcoming for disabled people and their carers.
- A local river which is clean for people and nature and can be enjoyed by everyone. People also want to explore how it could be used to generate energy.
- Children and Young People benefit from the green spaces and river and have the skills and confidence to take action for nature and wildlife.

Ideas from the community

- Provide support and expertise to create wildlife corridors and enhance nature across St Anne's, Broomhill, and Brislington.
- Organise workshops and activities to teach people how and why to green up their spaces and create habitats for wildlife.
- Offer creative, hands-on activities for children and young people to engage with nature and local green and blue spaces.
- Provide mentoring, training, and support for young people to take action for their local environment.
- Encourage activities like pot swaps and seed swaps to promote learning and build local connections.

Food



What the community wants to see

- Waste less food and learn new cooking skills together.
- More accessible opportunities to learn about growing food locally for all ages in Brislington.
- Local people have access to affordable, local, sustainable and culturally appropriate food.

Ideas from the community

- Offer cooking sessions at youth clubs and schools, integrating growing, cooking, and eating, including parent-child cooking opportunities.
- Organise community growing and gardening sessions and schemes.
- Develop accessible shared growing spaces, like wheelchair-accessible raised beds.
- Support surplus food sharing schemes and mutual aid networks.

Transport



What the community wants to see

Improved public transport and easier active travel are really important to people in Brislington. People want affordable and well connected public transport so that everyone can get to where they need and don't have to rely on cars.

People also want to see:

- Safer, simpler, and better-connected routes so everyone can walk, wheel, and cycle around Brislington and beyond.
- Support for people feel confident about walking, wheeling, and cycling to reduce car reliance.
- Explore future sustainable travel options for people and goods, like a Netham ferry and St Anne's train station.

Ideas from the community

The priorities outlined in the plan unites Brislington with other communities across the city who are also calling for better transport infrastructure, more affordable travel tickets and better connected bus routes. We can use our collective voice to campaign for the changes we want to see, but action needs to be led by city and national authorities. Ideas for actions we can take on a local level include:

- Locally organise group walks, wheels and bike rides
- Learning opportunities around cycling confidence and bike repair
- Install secure on-street bike hangers and bike repair sessions

Litter and waste



There were lots of ideas from the community on how to can buy less, throw away less and make more of what we have already got.

What the community wants to see

- Promote and increase sharing, reusing, repairing, and swapping goods locally.
- Reduce littering and fly-tipping in Brislington.
- Help local people and businesses cut down on food and packaging waste, and support the local circular economy.

Ideas from the community

- Organize events and networks for sharing and swapping, like a recycle/reuse trail, park swap shop, a local "library of things," and community sheds for shared items.
- Offer high streets and businesses guidance, training, and mentoring to reduce waste and packaging.
- Launch creative projects to change littering behaviors and understand why people don't recycle.

Homes, Buildings and Energy



What the community wants to see

- Bring in the support and resources to explore generating energy locally so everyone benefits, not just homeowners.
- Make it easier and cheaper for people to keep their homes warm. Support people to save energy and money with information about simple changes they can make.

Ideas from the community

- Create a Brislington-specific info booklet with easy tips for saving energy and money tailored to different types of buildings.
- Encourage residents to share their experiences of retrofitting and sustainable energy so others can learn from them

Homes, Buildings and Energy



What the community wants to see

- Create collective benefit in Brislington through shared retrofit schemes.
- Community buildings, schools and shared spaces in Brislington to be carbon neutral - and offer opportunities for residents to learn and upskill

Ideas from the community

- Offer workshops on home retrofitting.
- Develop a directory of local tradespeople who can improve home energy efficiency.
- Provide financial and practical support for those with lower incomes or other barriers to make their homes more energy efficient.

Jobs, Education and Local Business



As we begin the transition to net zero, we'll need to make sure our community, especially young people, have the skills to make these changes, and that opportunities for jobs and successful, environmentally friendly business are spread equally across the city.

What the community wants to see

- Create opportunities for green jobs and learning about them together

Ideas from the community

- Help local tradespeople get training and accreditation in retrofitting and green trades.
- Use St Anne's House for learning and training opportunities during retrofitting.
- Host pop-up green job fairs and info sessions at community hubs, with clear information on green jobs and how to access them.
- Create more opportunities for young people to learn about nature, climate, and green careers.
- Link local residents with training and job opportunities in green industries, both locally and citywide.

What's next?

This is just the start and we hope the plan will grow and evolve with the community, encouraging collaboration within the local area and with partners across Bristol. The aim is that the plan gives people some ideas of the actions they can take, big and small, to make changes in their community.

Want to get involved in community climate action or have an idea for something you want to get started?

Get in touch with St Anne's House at stannes@bricksbristol.org or call us on 07709264201



Thank you to everyone who shared ideas, asked questions and added to the action plan!

We are so grateful for all your contributions!



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bristolclimatenature.org/projects/community-climate-action/



