

# Lincoln Climate Commission

## April 2020 – Update on Lincoln Climate Commission

### Climate Declarations

- University of Lincoln declared a climate emergency in May 2019 and have since been working to develop an appropriate medium and long-term carbon reduction target, including a programme for Education for Sustainable Development.
- City of Lincoln Council passed a motion by full council to declare a Climate and Environmental emergency in July 2019. A copy of the declaration can be viewed [here](#) The motion commits to working with key stakeholders to achieve an aspiration, area wide target of net carbon zero by 2030.
- Within Lincolnshire North Kesteven, West Lindsey, East Lindsey, South Holland district councils also declared a climate emergency in 2019 and are developing action plans during 2020.
- Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) have committed to their organisation being carbon neutral by 2050 and recognise the urgent need for action. Whilst having not declared a climate emergency the council still understand the pressing and urgent need for action. It is estimated that LCC as an organisation currently emit 0.7% of Lincolnshire's total CO2 emissions in 2017 and are developing a Green masterplan to set out how they are going to achieve their carbon reduction ambition.

### Membership

- At the commission meeting in September 2019 the group agreed that an application process for membership onto the commission would give the group more credibility and ensure a longer term commitment from representatives. It was agreed that Lincoln would follow the model set out by the Leeds Climate Commission and invite 8 representatives from the private sector, 8 from the public sector and 8 from the 3<sup>rd</sup>/community sectors. As the commission develops it is likely that there will need to be a range of themed delivery groups which report to the commission, i.e. Energy, Transport etc.
- In January 2020 an online application form was set up and is available at [www.lincoln.gov.uk/climatecommission](http://www.lincoln.gov.uk/climatecommission) . A selection panel, made up of the Delivery group, has been agreed and will review applications and select members. Although timescales have been disrupted by Covid-19 measures, the selection panel aims to make the appointments by the end of May 2020.
- The events planned during March and April to promote LCC membership more widely have had to be cancelled. To date 23 applications have been received and these are evenly spread across all sectors.

### Funding

- It is acknowledged that funding is required to deliver stakeholder consultation events and a possible citizens assembly
- The delivery group have submitted funding applications to various sources to support communication projects with schools/community but have so far been unsuccessful, the group will continue to secure funding in 2020.

- In March 2020 the Commission secured some support from the Place-based Climate Action Network (PCAN) to enable a website, communications material and a road-map template for both Lincoln City and Lincolnshire.

#### Climate Action Plan

- A draft roadmap to net zero carbon for Lincoln by 2030 was presented to the LCC at the meeting in September 2019 and circulated for comment. The roadmap provides carbon projections for Lincoln across a range of sources, domestic gas, domestic electricity, minor roads etc. The roadmap identifies gaps in the projected emissions towards net carbon zero between 2020 and 2030 (primarily based on Gov't Policy) and identifies CO2 emission sources that the commission will need to focus in order to achieve the net zero target.
- SCATTER's emission pathways functionality tool was published in March and will be used in the action plan to guide the level of local intervention required to meet the emissions target. More info at <https://scattercities.com/>
- Propose that we set up a working group to focus on the Lincoln Climate Action Plan (previously progressed through the delivery group but now requires more focussed working group to progress this). If you would like to be involved in this working group please contact Kate Bell ([kate.bell@lincoln.gov.uk](mailto:kate.bell@lincoln.gov.uk))

#### Community Consultation

- In January 2020, the Chamber of Commerce and City of Lincoln Council completed a Climate Change survey with members/residents to establish local understanding of the implications of climate change and the need for a wide range of national and local actions. The chamber of commerce results show that businesses are engaged in the climate agenda and overwhelmingly supportive of the need for action. 88% of Lincoln residents support local solutions to address climate change, alongside national policies. A summary of survey results and the council's response to comments can be viewed [here](#)
- Consultation events with business (to be hosted by the Chamber of Commerce) and the community sectors were due to take place during March and April, with a larger world café style event in May (to be hosted by the University of Lincoln) in order to start the conversation and consultation on local climate action. Discussion and feedback from these events will form part of the Lincoln Climate Action Plan.
- Due to Covid-19 face to face events have been temporarily suspended and the communication working group are currently planning virtual events over the coming months to ensure that the conversations about climate change continue.

#### Communications

- Our Communications delivery group are continuing to meet virtually and are currently working on setting up an independent website for the commission. Please email [lincolnclimatecommission@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnclimatecommission@gmail.com) if you would like to be more involved with this group.
- You can follow news about the Lincoln Climate Commission on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and our [Twitter](#) page.

#### Response to Local/National Policies

- Future Homes Standard Consultation – Jan 2020
- Lincoln Transport Strategy workshops and consultations during 2019. Published by Lincolnshire CC in March 2020.

- Decarbonising Transport – consultation launched at the end of March 2020 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2020.
- Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership [Energy Strategy](#) published in July 2019 and working with the GLLEP to delivery strategy goals
- Input into existing networks within Greater Lincolnshire to deliver local policies and strategies with Climate Change as priority, ie Housing Infrastructure Group, Energy Steering Group etc.

#### Next Steps

- Develop Lincoln Climate Commission Website, Logo, Social Media and circulate to existing contacts as well as promote more widely.
- Appoint the members of the Lincoln Climate Commission, based on the applications received by the end of May 2020
- Future work for the commission (once appointed):
  - Prioritise Community Consultation and Climate Action Plan
  - Input into the review of the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan – due to be completed in 2021.
  - Develop a Climate resilience (adaptation) Plan for Lincoln/Lincolnshire.