
Climate Action Fund: New partnerships and action for a more sustainable city

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Agenda

- **Background to Climate Action in Bristol**
- **Discussion: the role of community in tackling the challenge**
- **Climate Action Fund details and coordinated bid**

Bristol's Green Roots

Bristol has a long history of environmental action and innovation, going back many decades



Figure 13. Windmill Hill City Farm (photo © WHCF)



Climate activism in Bristol

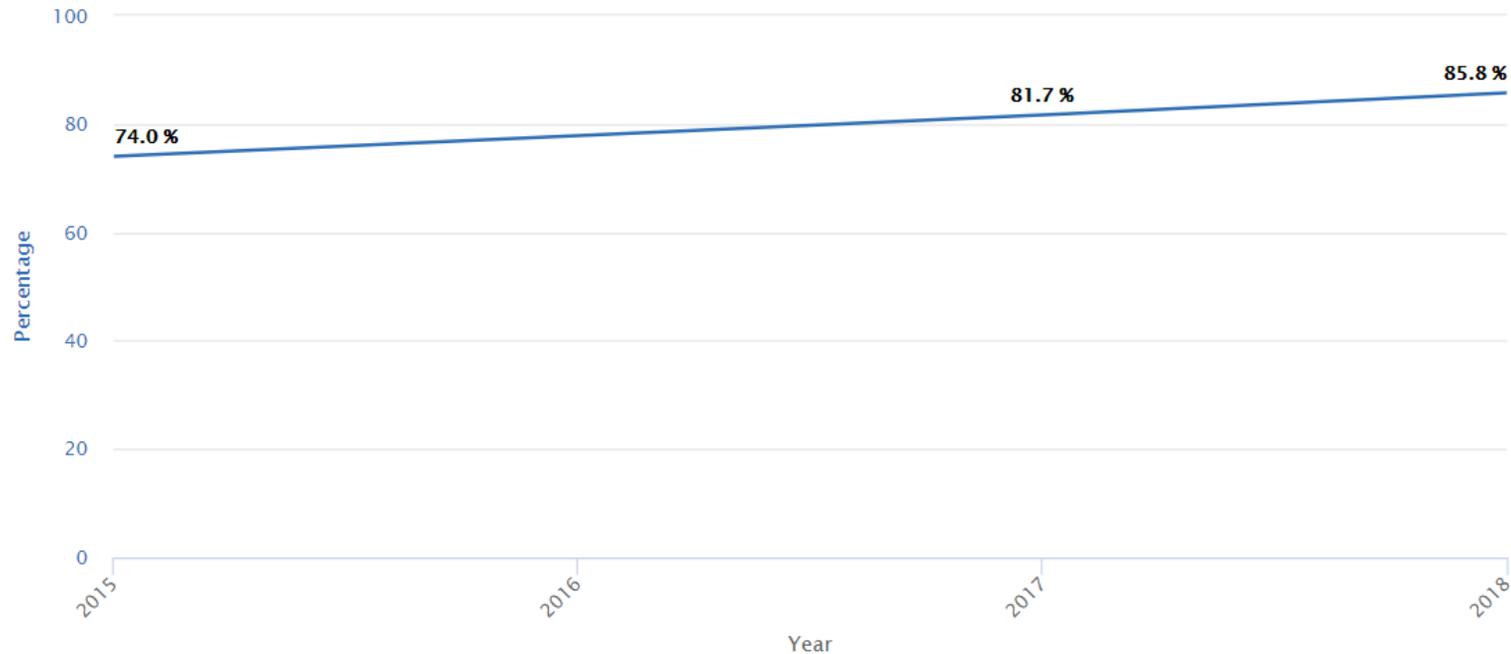


2019 saw unprecedented levels of awareness about our climate

Figure 15. Food Co-op (photo © HHEAG)



Bristol is concerned about climate change



**Bristol Quality of Life Survey
'Concerned about climate change'
In 2019, 85.8%
across Bristol say
'yes'**

Three year trend is : **Significantly Better**

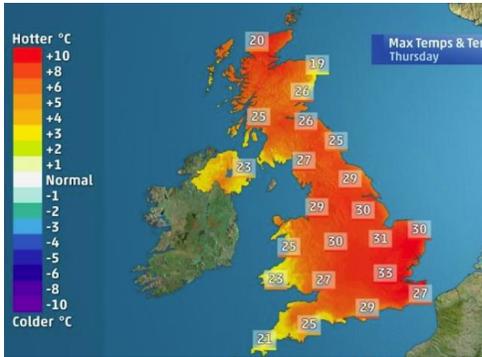
Bristol Average : 85.8 %

10% Most Deprived : 80.4 %

Local affects



Based on current projections, climate change is likely to impact Bristol



Communities are already active here!



Lawrence Weston Community Farm

Woodland Skills Course 2019

Meet other people, enjoy being outside, gain confidence

Have a go at whittling, fire making, weaving, using tools and more

A collage of small photographs showing people engaged in various outdoor activities. One photo shows a person whittling wood, another shows a person making a fire, and others show people in a wooded area. The text is overlaid on the collage.

Community action in Bristol

Discussion in plenary:

- **What roles can communities play to prevent/prepare for climate change?**
- **What are you already doing?**
- **What can you do that no other organisation or institution can?**
- **What is already happening in your area?**

National Lottery Community Fund Climate Action Fund

Background to fund

New fund available from the National Lottery Community Fund

First focus for Lottery on climate change

Looking to fund 15 partnerships UK-wide

Total available for each Project is £2.5 million over 5 years

Initial ideas were submitted 5pm Wednesday 18 December

Full proposals Friday 27 March 2020

**Bristol Green Capital Partnership coordinating a bid,
bringing capacity from Bristol organisations**

Background to fund

“led and driven by local groups with a deep understanding of local needs. You will have developed your idea by involving the people who will benefit. We want to see that you’ve spoken to people and listened...”

Partnerships

High CO₂ impact

Sustainable energy, sustainable transport, consumption (food and waste)

Lasting impact

Reach “outside of those already taking action on climate change”

Steer from Community Fund

Has to include place grassroots / based-community groups

Requires the 'needs' to be identified by and come from the grassroots community

Aware of tension between working with more deprived communities vs highest CO₂ savings potential lying within wealthier communities

Activity to date

Bristol Green Capital Partnership:

Supported by BCC to convene consortium and build and relationship with Community Fund

Bid Development Group:

- BGCP
- Avon Wildlife Trust
- Bristol Energy
- Bristol and Bath Regional Capital
- Voscur
- Quartet
- UWE Centre for Sustainable Energy
- Sustrans
- Bristol Water
- Bristol City Council
- Environment Agency (Observer)
- Resource Futures

Proposal outline

Puts local people 'in the driving seat'

Starts with local concerns and perception

Will provide communities with a menu of CO₂ saving projects with proven track records that respond to those concerns and perceptions

Provides additional evidence - Responding to community concerns and perceptions

Leads to a decision by the community on which projects to take forward in yrs 2-5 (or 3-5).

Exchange between groups across the city sharing experience, skills, successes, lessons learned

Builds on organisations existing strengths and enhances groups/ partnerships

How to allocate funds?

Funding local champions within communities to create and carry narrative?

Core costs of community partners?

Engagement officers?

Year 1 (&2?) funding for research and the “iterative conversations” between community partners and environmental partners?

Monitoring and evaluation

Communications of findings, travel to share nationally ?

Resources available in years (2?) 3, 4 and 5 for deliver their projects for both place based community partners and environmental partners

A small amount on project management

Outcomes

New projects run in new neighbourhoods which save CO₂ or improve resilience but which are chosen at least in part for their co-benefits such as health, employment, wellbeing or other social benefits

Longer lasting legacy through projects surviving for longer, due to being embedded with pre-existing neighbourhood and community groups that will likely continue beyond projects

Empowered and informed local people and community partners

... and Empowered and informed environmental partners in terms of engaging with new audiences

Shared challenges identified and fed into local environmental policy and management, such as the One City Plan

A more inclusive and fairer city

Many thanks

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