

Climate Leadership Gloucestershire update

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Climate Leadership Gloucestershire

- In existence since November 2021
- Currently chaired By Cllr Chloe Turner with Cllr Chris McFarling as vice chair
- Delivers added value through a programme of countywide activity which can help to escalate action on climate change
- A CLG Greener Gloucestershire Action Plan is in development and will be agreed and published in February 2024
- CLG will be funding a suite of countywide climate projects including a Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment – to be approved and published in November 2023

Climate Leadership Gloucestershire Themes

CLG Theme	Thematic Lead
Adaptation	Gloucester City Council
Behaviour Change	NHS/Police/GCC
Biodiversity	Local Nature Partnership
Economy	GFirst LEP
Energy	Forest of Dean DC
Food & Farming	Cotswold DC
Planning	Cheltenham BC
Retrofit	Stroud DC
Transport	GCC
Waste	Tewkesbury BC

Thematic updates – synopsis

1. **Adaptation** – shaping a project to deliver a county Climate Risk and Vulnerability assessment
2. **Biodiversity** – proposed 5 key recommendations focused on nature and climate including seeking all councils to declare an Ecological Emergency
3. **Planning** – compiling best practice and identifying methods and resources for embedding these in local plan reviews
4. **Transport** – agreed the transport decarbonisation targets of an 80% reduction in surface emissions by 2030 and net zero for the sector by 2050
5. **Energy** – currently developing recommendations including the development of a Gloucestershire Local Area Energy Plan and support to create a Community Energy Network

Thematic updates – synopsis part 2

6. Food and Farming – fostering closer working with the Gloucestershire Food and Farming Partnership
7. Waste – working cross-boundary to increase recycling and improve the carbon footprint of collection fleets
8. Behaviour change – key set of internal actions developed to foster change and a county Community Fund in development
9. Retrofit – creating a countywide home improvement platform aimed at residents able to pay for retrofit
10. Economy – proposal for a county Green Skills Coordinator and green economy supplier platform to stimulate in-county skills provision

Forthcoming meetings

- **November 2023 agenda:**
 - Energy theme recommendations
 - Retrofit theme recommendations
 - Greener Gloucestershire Action Fund bids
- **February 2024 agenda:**
 - Election of chair and vice chair
 - Behaviour change theme updates
 - Planning theme recommendations
 - The Greener Gloucestershire Action Plan
 - A CLG communications plan

How you can get involved

- Join the CLG Engagement sub-group seeking to identify opportunities to engage the public on making the changes need for the transition
- Sharing your actions on climate change to demonstrate leadership and create bite-sized public engagement tools
- Undertake Carbon Literacy training
- Ensure you are aware and advocate for your organisational thematic lead
- Feed in locally on priorities under all themes, or via the central secretariat
- Join a CLG meeting as an observer or to discuss a particular agenda item