



Lewes District Council

LDC Climate and Nature Strategy Refresh Survey

1. Strategic Vision



We are refreshing Lewes District Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy (2021).

The refreshed strategy will be renamed the Climate and Nature Strategy and will reflect goals, targets, and ambitions for both for the council and the district to reach net zero by 2030.

We are asking stakeholders and our partner organisations across Lewes district, to take part in a consultation which will inform the strategy refresh.

Please complete the questions below by Wednesday 6th March.

1. The Vision

By 2030 we will have a net zero carbon and fully climate resilient council. Through our partnerships we will have enabled the district as a whole to progress to net zero carbon and to address the ecological emergency. We will be able to clearly demonstrate progress on the climate mitigation measures we are taking and we will lead on adapting ourselves and our communities to reduce the risks posed by projected climate change.

Please refer to Page 2 'The Vision'

How much do you agree or disagree with the vision statement for Lewes district?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Comment:

How will emissions savings and other indicators be measured and quantified both for LDC and the District, and how will progress be communicated?
Would welcome clarity on the definition of the term 'fully climate resilient'.
Opinion that 6 years to 2030 is quite a short timescale for achieving this - is this realistic?

2. Harnessing Community Action and Expertise

Please refer to Page 3 'Harnessing Community Action and Expertise'

Would you like your organisations logo included on the Harnessing Community Action page of the strategy? Yes, emailed.

If yes, please email a JPEG to jo.wunsch@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Would you like your organisation reflected as a case study in the Climate and Nature Strategy annual update?

This would be a short case study of around 200 words describing your organisations activities and impact, this would be due by end of August.

If you would, please enter your email address below and we will contact you about your case study.

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Does your organisation or group have a report or strategy you would like included in our Climate and Nature Strategy annual update? Yes, Climate Emergency Policy emailed.

If you do, please email this to jo.wunsch@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

The Youth Voice

Please refer to page 4 'The Youth Voice'

How do think the council should engage with young people in the district about nature and climate change to make sure their views are heard?

Members suggested getting involved with the schools and youth groups. Appropriate digital engagement would be a valuable method for engaging with young people. Facilitating engagement with young people on nature and climate change could make an interesting and worthwhile project for the Young Mayor.

3. Policy Framework, Alignment with Corporate Plan 2024-2028 & UN Sustainable Development Goals

Please provide your comments on the following sections of the strategy - Please refer to pages 5 – 8 of the consultation document.

- **Policy Framework**

LDC

- **Alignment with LDC Corporate Plan 2024-2028**

- **Alignment with UN Sustainable Development Goals**

4. Strategic Action Areas

Energy and the built environment: Page 10 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils' goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the energy and built environment section?

Climate Emergency Policy:
14. Protect, conserve and enhance the town's built environment and distinctive heritage by ensuring that any development is as sustainable as reasonably practicable, with sufficient infrastructure to support it and that all development meets the highest environmental standards.
12 Identify and implement appropriate ways to minimise carbon usage and emissions by the Town Council.

(12) is a Strategic Project which includes assessment of the town council's assets including building stock.

Sustainable Travel and Air Quality. Page 11 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the Sustainable Travel and Air Quality section?

STC has two strategic goals pertinent to this: enhancing connectivity between the town centre, seafront and other areas of Seaford utilising active travel as one mechanism, and the the point in the Climate Emergency Policy: Encourage use of low-emissions transport options both in public and shared transport and active travel, for health as well as the positive environmental benefits. Continue to develop safe walking, cycling and mobility scooter routes and promote cycling, scootering and walking around the town.

Biodiversity. Page 12 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the biodiversity section?

Members would welcome engaging with LDC on its plans to map trees and biodiversity in green spaces, and share knowledge on the Town Council's green spaces, to encourage treating Seaford's urban environment as a whole i.e. town and district working together for biodiversity planning and resources.
STC Climate Emergency Policy: 13. Protect, conserve and enhance the town's natural environment and its biodiversity whilst improving our open spaces, public rights of way and green corridors.

Agriculture and Food. Page 13 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the Agriculture and Food section?

STC are working with external stakeholder and advice organisations to ensure the Town Council's management of agricultural land on Seaford Head is sustainable in the context of its natural environment. STC already has active partnerships with community groups such as the allotments, Morrisons community food plant beds, and the Seaford Community Garden at The Crouch.
STC would welcome the inclusion of Town Councils when discussing the district and Sussex-wide food strategy.

Reducing Emissions from Waste. Page14 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree

- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the Reducing Emissions from Waste section?

Points from STC Climate Emergency Policy:

7. Continue to improve performance to prevent all types of pollution from our activities, including greenhouse gases.

8. Minimise the production of waste from our own activities and adhere to the principles of the waste hierarchy - reducing, reusing, recycling or composting wherever possible.

Water, Rivers and Seas. Page 15 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the Water, Rivers and Seas section?

STC are a major stakeholder in Seaford seafront. We have a Beach Users Group which contains stakeholders directly affected by water quality and access.

STC are currently considering whether to proceed with other key stakeholders in the creation of a National Nature Reserve which would be centred on the chalk aquifer underneath the Seaford and wider area, which is vital to water supply and quality.

We would welcome greater transparency on sewage dumping in rivers and seas and more dialogue with LDC on the work of the water champion.

Sustainable Community Wealth Building. Page 16 of the consultation document.

Do you agree with the councils goals:

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree or disagree
- disagree

- strongly disagree
- Other (please specify):

Does your organisation have a strategic goal or target you would like included in the Sustainable Community Wealth Building section?

The Town Council favours working with local suppliers which is reflected in the Concessions Policy. Members recommended that Lewes District Council work more closely with Seaford Town Council on addressing the potential decline of the town, particularly further to the Town Centre Audit that LDC is undertaking with STC.

5. About you

5. Which organisation are you representing?

Seaford Town Council.

6. Which area of Lewes district does your organisation cover?

Seaford Town.

7. Email address: to keep you updated on the strategy refresh.

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