

**Appendix 1**  
**Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum**  
**FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS - Sample**

**1. Main interests and reasons for attending the Forum?**

Networking	
Passionate about the Outdoor environment and concerned we are not doing enough to combat climate change and bio diversity loss and the Conference was an opportunity to share and learn.	
Meet like minded groups and individuals, interested to see how we fitted in with Climate action.	
To find out about other environmental groups and actions in the area.	
Community energy support and local authority appetite	
I'm concerned about the climate crisis and want to learn how I can contribute locally to help. Also wanted to network with other like minded groups.	
Supporting the NW Net Zero Hub, learning about the challenges/successes/needs, networking with key stakeholders in the region and hearing about the work that is in flight/planned in the region.	
Networking with like minded people	
To connect with the community leaders	

To learn from other climate action groups, hear what councils are doing and planning, find groups that we could collaborate with in future, find a bigger voice for our mission	
To see the view of other community groups and to hear what they are doing/aspiring to do.	
To meet representatives of similar groups and learn about strategies to achieve aims and objectives	
Networking and building a united front to tackle key challenges	
Close links with Kate Gilmartin and the Halton Lune Hydro Community Project. Also District Environment Officer for 65 Rotary Clubs.	
Meeting like-minded individuals & groups in Lancashire/West Lancs.	
Wanting to learn from participants and contribute to an important discussion	
Networking with environmental community organisations and groups. Also finding out what groups are doing around action for climate change	
Networking with likeminded people and groups. Share ideas and learn from others.	
I volunteer for a few groups and a member of some other organisations it is good to find out similar groups are doing.	
Learning about projects and initiatives underway in Lancashire, looking for opportunities to support existing and future clients in the area.	
Learning more about the work of community groups across Lancashire on addressing climate change	
To see how other groups were engaging communities with climate action projects.	
For the Forum to be the Lancashire Voice of the Community in urging Local Authorities (County and Districts) to agree a common goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and establish a County wide Community	

Network, which supports local Groups and campaigns with them to ensure Local Authorities produce urgent robust, resilient and adaptive Action Plans in response to the Climate Emergency	
Making contacts and learning what is happening in Lancashire	
To enhance education for the environment through meaningful discussion and interaction with other education professionals.	
Networking with other organisations and groups involved in action on climate change and wider environmental work	
Meeting like minded groups/people and to see what Lancashire CC had planned for the future.	
Finding out what other groups are doing	
To gain an understanding on the challenges faced by organisations in Lancashire and to network.	
To meet likeminded people and share ideas. Helps get a picture of what happening across the county	
Connecting and collaborating with others	
To establish some new relationships and kick start some future collaborations.	
Networking	
To learn what people and groups were doing to combat climate change in Lancashire. Also, trying to work out how to get some of my own ideas off the ground by talking to a wide range of people. And generally just to see if I can do more.	
To connect with local organisations who are actioning climate change.	
Work in sustainability field, interested to meet like minded people	

To get an idea of the different organizations and businesses in the area that are interested in collaborating over climate action, to hear about their concerns and issues and how they are tackling them, all with a view to thinking about how Uni students, staff etc can get involved.	
I wanted to see and listen to what Lancashire is going to do about climate change. I also wanted a chance to meet new organisations that have the similar aims and goals.	
To better understand what the Network was about and how Pendle could link into and be part of this Lancs wide initiative.	
Connect with likeminded people in my area and learn from them!	
I'm a volunteer with Friends of Paradise Park and I wanted to see how the work that we're doing in the Park relates to climate action and to see whether there were any ideas for doing things differently.	
Concern about climate change and the future of our planet	
Connect with community initiatives	
I am part of Longridge Environment Group and we wanted to support this initiative and get out of it some ideas of how we can get more people to want to be involved.	
Networking with existing groups taking action for the climate. Interested in supporting a fledgling Lancashire wide Action Network.	
Food growing and plant growing, collaborating to make a difference and plan for further impacts of climate change	
Networking and understanding where climate action was already taking place at a community level	
Support the collaboration between community groups on climate action	

As part of Ribble Valley Climate Action Network I was keen to find out about local initiatives and groups and to learn from shared experiences	
Connecting with community groups from across Lancashire and understanding their needs in terms of developing collaborative projects. Getting involved with the LCCA Network at this early stage	
Networking and spreading the word that Mums for Lungs now had a branch in the north of England	
I am working with local communities in Merseyside so wanted to see what other community groups were doing for nature & climate. It was good from an organisational perspective to see what is happening across the region.	
Interested in the development of a climate action network in Lancashire	
I am very interested in finding out all the pieces and so getting a bigger picture of how I can help do my part and disseminate to others how we can all help to make real change. I also wanted to meet people I had seen only over Zoom before, and the event sounded really well put together. I wasn't disappointed.	
Climate change and how other groups are trying to approach it within local communities	
Meeting like minded people and hearing about their activities.	
General Climate/Nature	
To meet other organisations with similar goals to ourselves. Also to hear challenges faced by the community sector and to see if there are crossovers with businesses.	
Opportunity to find out what is going on in Lancashire and to meet people, have not been to this sort of thing for quite a while..	

## 12. Ideas and suggestions for Network events / actions in the future

Maybe opportunity for similar groups - campaigning, acting etc to meet up and explore how they can work together for increased effectiveness.	
Any kind of skills swap events would be good, for new groups like ours with loads of enthusiasm but not much experience that would be so helpful to get support from people with knowledge and expertise working in a similar field.	
I think there should be monthly meetings among and between the organisations. There should be a shared place for them to meet. They should have hybrid events so people can take part accordingly.	
As mentioned at the event, a combined voice from a Lancs network to help lobby MPs and government on climate/nature issues would be good.	
Using network to try to help general population engage with climate/nature crises a lot more and to energise people into taking action.	
Perhaps activity focusing on climate psychology and how to address disconnect between people's acknowledgement of the science and their actions and behaviour	
The idea of a young people forum or organisation is excellent. It should be free to join and participate. Ask individuals/groups to sponsor events so everyone, irrespective of resources, can participate .	
When the network is up and running, please map all the different community groups. This will allow other groups in the network to find groups by location & add filters to find the correct category. I can help with this.	

Some training/skill sharing/advice sessions mixed in in future, perhaps on things like securing funding (sources/application writing), working with contractors, local climate plans and targets, managing volunteers, financial modelling, succession planning, etc.	
I would suggest that the Network taps into the work being done nationally by XR and its various groups on aspects of Climate Change (e.g. Health, Peace, Biodiversity, Education, etc.)	
Theme based events (e.g. biodiversity), so more focused and can involve the appropriate staff from the NHS / councils universities, etc	
We could have some smaller sub-regional events/meet-ups and practice sharing sessions. Some training events with inputs from specialists in different aspects of climate action would be great. It would be great also to build a young people's dimension to this.	
Local small gatherings to swap ideas. Electronic Ideas forum (I am not very up with the technology to name something here)	
Hold a 'speed-dating' networking session to allow organisations to have five minutes or so with each delegate for exchanging contact details, may be called climate connect. An online directory or social network group with contact details (GDPR permitting).	
Events to encourage active travel and also safer streets so children can play	
Smaller groups need to understand where they fit into this Forum/Network. During the workshops is would good to see the penny dropping for some of them but there are others that didn't attend because they didn't see how they fit.	
Maybe very regular problem-solving meet up's for groups, possibly on teams in order to get issues sorted as soon as possible.	
Potential to move the event around the County to encourage further organisations to join the network.	

A peoples or citizens assembly would be great for the people of Lancashire.	
Perhaps allowing a bit more time for mingling, and facilitating a section where action dates are set for further collaboration	
This first event was mainly about finding out about what everyone does but it would be good if there was some kind of regular meeting between friends groups with discussion and instruction on how we can best make our groups help with climate change.	
Community Green Festivals with speakers / music / ideas / discussions / awareness raising / fun / education etc.	
Getting a baseline of where we are now, for example our organisation is frequently approached to plant more trees, to create more wildflower gardens, but actually, can we just look at what we have done, where we are, celebrate the baseline and encourage more is so much better than being pressganged to do things when so much else is already happening	
Something that was mentioned in the final session was a section on a future website that would allow people to share their 'asks' for support, and 'offers' of help. I thought that was a great idea	
It should become an annual event	
To maintain the momentum established, we need a Whats App group and a Facebook Group as well as sharing email links to those involved (subject to GDPR approval etc)	
Now that it has a successful "track record" it would be worth contacting some more potential exhibitors for a future forum, as a source of income to offset costs of the event. They could also offer discounts to member groups of the Forum.	
If groups are formed, we will have a powerful weapon to put pressure on councils at all levels which must be a vital outcome.	



Place Based Planning is a prominent theme at the moment, could this network help facilitate district / borough level action? Or bring together those working on specific themes, e.g. food growing and food waste?	
Could everyone record a 2 minute info video beforehand to share	
I know a few people which I would love to connect you with particularly right around Morecambe Bay Area.	
Field visits to successful projects so that people can see first-hand how a climate-centric approach is being applied.	
Am looking forward to the report of the day and the webinars.	

### 13. Other final comments

Regular webinars organised by the network / the 3 Lancs universities would be great.	
Rotating the venue for subsequent network forums between Edge Hill, UCLAN and Lancaster good idea - would balance out mileage for participants.	
Maybe if technology available could in future broadcast the live event at a few different venues across county to further reduce travel emissions. I am aware such technology exists e.g. transmitting conference lectures online but where participants at remote sites can ask questions etc	
The first stage Rotary three page summary document, just about to be expanded has been provided by email.	
I believe the connecting part is very important. We don't always know what another group or organisation are doing. They may have ideas that we can incorporate or resources to share. There may also be projects that can be helped with - such as citizen science surveys etc.	

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We do not have time to waste. We are in the midst of a Climate Emergency and not just a crisis, which implies we have to act now to stop the situation becoming any worse.

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I am a member of the Heritage Trust Network and something they do is have a network community forum where members can post about any events, jobs, resources, or funding they have which members can apply for. Organisations can post requests in a 'check-a-trade.com' type forum. I appreciate this may need further research but it seems to work really well and lots of information is shared on this forum.

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With Covid, it has been difficult to engage with Pendle Council in developing a concerted Climate Emergency Action Plan, as we only meet online. Councils need to hold face to face meetings of their Climate Emergency Working Group, which has a target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030

Meetings have been delayed due to the Local Elections which means that Councils have to reorganise their various Groups and Committees with different participants and Officers;

We must avoid the issue of the Climate Emergency becoming a party political as it affects every one of us - we need a cooperative consensual and holistic approach if we to produce effective Action Plans;

There is also a danger that some Local Authorities may tend to only develop 'in house' action plans in relation to the operation of their services. As the environment knows no boundaries, they should develop plans for their whole District, particularly as they are committed in the Vision Strategic Statement to "working with our partners to create a vibrant and progressive borough that seeks to conserve and enhance our quality environment and the character of our community."

Other reasons why resilient Green Action Plans have not been developed so far are that some actions suggested do not comply with National Policy, such as the ban on onshore wind farms, or Planning Guidance and Regulations, which Local Planning Departments are expected to follow (e.g. Developments on Greenfields which conflicts with their aim to stop Biodiversity Loss and enable Biodiversity Gain in any Development)

Another reason for not being able to produce much needed radical Policies and Plans to combat change

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and achieve their net zero target by 2030 is the cash strapped Local Authorities do not have Resources to implement such Policies and Plans.

Furthermore, there is a difference between the national and county target of 2050 for net zero carbon emissions and the target of 2030 set by many Local Authorities in Lancashire, which will make it difficult to agree a common united Plan by the Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum

It is also clear that the Government will not support the Climate and Ecology Bill, which is essential in addressing the Climate Emergency now, as the Government is relying on the 2008 Climate Change Act and the 2021 Environment Act to achieve their 2050 target.

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Just as mentioned previously about the time scale of 2040 being changed to 2030.

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Yes, forming and maintaining closer ties with educational institutions so that research and learning is shared more quickly.

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This would be a great event ran in the same principle but for businesses.

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