



YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors Zafar Ali, Chris Church, David Cockburn-Price, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Ash Sutcliffe, Y. Tennant and Lola Whipp).

TO BE HELD
REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON
15th DECEMBER 2025

AT 6.00 P.M.

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AGENDA

1. Minutes

Enc. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 15th September 2025.

2. Guest Presentation:

i. United Utilities

Iain Pilling, Area Engagement Lead – Lancashire
Steve Walker, County Business Lead for Lancashire

To receive a presentation on plans UU has to increase climate resilience and cope with increased flooding events and more periods of drought

ii. Ribble Rivers Trust

Ellie Brown Head of Data, Evidence & GIS

To receive a talk on Marsden Park Nursery and volunteering opportunities.

3. Recent Engagement of CEWG with National Government and Other Bodies

Calderdale Energy Park. In addition to the response from DESNZ that has been circulated, Pendle Council officers recently received a presentation from the applicants, and this presentation will be shared with the Working Group.

4. Update from the Economic Growth Team

i. Verbal progress on providing EV chargers in Pendle Car Parks

ii. Verbal update progress on recruitment of a new Climate Emergency Officer

5. Lobbying our MP and H.M. Government on Climate Emergency Issues

To approve the draft email to the Government from the Chair, on behalf of the Working Group on the 30 by 30 Treaty.

To agree on any additional issues to lobby Government for.

6. To Brainstorm Community Engagement in 2026

The Chair and Angela Moran recently attended a webinar about how to garner public engagement on Net Zero and the Climate crisis. Hearing about some of the best practice from around the country was inspiring, but it was also chastening, as it was clear that other areas have active Citizens' Assemblies and regular outreach to community groups and schools. Last year, we held a series of FRESKs and while these sessions were thought provoking and some young people were involved, it is clear that there is still a considerable challenge ahead if we are really to engage properly with the different demographics in our community. There is always the danger that we project our messages to an echo chamber of people who share our views, and we require innovation to break out of that. Given the tree vandalism we see in our

towns in Pendle, I was impressed by this scheme in Camden: <https://www.thinkanddocamden.org.uk/communi-trees/>. There was also a section on urban rain gardens that was inspiring and a way to engage with residents on a street by street basis: <https://robertbrayassociates.co.uk/portfolio/camley-street-raingardens/>, <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/news/2024/hove-rain-garden-making-splash-reduce-flood-risk> <https://www.wsp.com/en-gb/projects/how-rain-gardens-are-keeping-marylebones-streets-flood-free>

However, I fear that such impressive planting schemes only succeed with long term maintenance funding.

Knowing that we much cut our coat according to our cloth, let's discuss some ideas to engage with different sections of our community over the next year.

7. **Items for Noting**

- i. Efforts have continued to engage Lancashire County Council for support setting up a reusable nappy campaign in Pendle. Potential commercial partnerships are currently being explored. It is hoped that there will be further developments to bring to a future meeting.
- ii. Glyphosate Ban
The Chair recently met a Brighton resident. This Council has implemented a glyphosate ban, but on a voluntary basis. The idea is that a street could carry out a referendum to refuse spraying in their street. Quite a few streets have opted out (42). You can read more about the scheme here: <https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-streets/streets/opt-out-scheme-weeds> However, the resident told the Chair that the scheme has been poorly administered and Council operatives have sprayed a few of the opted out streets in error. Nevertheless, this is an interesting approach to a topic we have been discussing for a long time.
- iii. Recommendation to the Executive to sign the Plant Based Treaty on behalf of the Council and at the recommendation of the Working Group has been submitted.
- iv. The Peat Policy for town and parish councils and community groups, such as In Bloom Groups or Allotment Societies, which was drafted by the previous Climate Emergency Officer, will be finalised by his successor in the New Year.
- v. Pendle Council has developed a Climate Change section on its website. This new section will be discussed at January's meeting when everyone has had a chance to review it fully. Here is a link: <https://www.pendle.gov.uk/climatechange>

9. **Items for a Future Agenda**

The following were suggested for inclusion on agendas for future meetings:

- Community Energy / Community Heat Networks / Rossendale Visit
- Geothermal Energy opportunities in Pendle – for the new Climate Emergency Officer to take up
- An update from LCC on the progress of its Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets projects in Pendle.

Future Guest Speakers

January: Nature Recovery Strategy for Lancashire
Lancashire County Council: Ollie Mackrill, Senior Ecologist - Nature Recovery

Other potential for guest speakers to invite

- Lancashire Peat Partnership
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) Active Travel Team
- Recycle IT
- Inviting the LCC officer responsible for Street Trees

10. **Dates of Next Meetings**

The next meetings will be held on:

Monday, 19th January 2026 at 6.00 p.m.

Monday, 16th March 2026 at 6.00 p.m.