

Climate Partnership

Notes and actions from last meeting (5th September 2024)

Items - Climate Partnership (CP) Meeting
<p>Welcome</p> <p>Introduction of the New Co-Chair Shafi Udin Ahmed</p>
<p>Introduction of Environment and Climate Emergency in the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Cllr Natalie Bienfait</p> <p>A new Scrutiny Lead role was created for Environment and Climate change and Members voted for Cllr Natalie Bienfait to assume this position.</p> <p>This will allow increased overview and scrutiny of key aspects of Tower Hamlets environment and climate change policy. The portfolio includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste management and recycling • Street management and cleanliness • Environmental Health and Protection • Environment enforcement Parking Services • Parks and Open Spaces • Transport Services • Neighbourhood refresh programme • Licensing, Policy and Strategy Trading Standards • Air Quality Sustainability
<p>Matters arising from last meeting & sub-group feedback.</p> <p>Seth Bondonno – presented the actions from the previous meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB to meet with the chairs to plan Climate Partnership meetings based on the survey data feedback. <p>Action completed. Partnership meeting agenda's have been formed based on survey feedback with climate funding and opportunities and sustainable supply chains featuring on the agenda for the next partnership meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – provide information on communication networks that the climate partnership could utilize for communications. Seth to prepare further work on this. <p>Action completed. SB to distribute newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALL – contact Seth or fill in the Climate Partnership Form to register interest to join the subgroups. <p>SB asked partnership members to join the subgroups to support delivering the climate partnership goals and deliverables.</p> <p>There will also be ongoing actions present at each climate partnership meeting which includes:</p>

- ALL - Send emissions data to sustainability team or contact the team if their organization needs support in reporting emissions by 5th June.
- ALL - organizations to give an update on what actions they are taking to transition towards reducing their carbon emissions or reaching net zero.

Presentation - Plastic Reduction Campaign by Sunny Jar Eco Hub

Plastic-free Poplar is a community-led project run by [Sunny Jar Eco Hub](#).

The project supports the local community to take action and come together to create a planet-friendly action plan and find practical solutions for the day to day, to reduce plastic waste.

“Greener, low waste living

Sunny Jar runs workshops to spark conversations about greener, low waste living and inspire people to take action. Plastic-free workshops have taken place with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners, at local festivals and community centres – focusing on craft, upcycling and wellbeing. Types of workshops include turning t-shirts into bags, plastic-free wrapping (Furoshiki), cooking skills, craft skills, and sewing.”

You can find out more about the project by visiting - [PLASTIC FREE POPLAR - JUST FACT](#)

Innovation and Leadership Subgroup

- Met in August.
- The subgroup is finalising the milestones and actions for the subgroup as well as creating a library of useful resources and a list of events and a library of case studies for our members to share their best practise.
- Recruiting new members.

Greening Growing and Biodiversity

- Any biodiversity enquiries please send to – Tower Habitats email Tower.Habitats@towerhamlets.gov.uk
- Major piece of work is on the new local biodiversity action plan.
- Abdul is to lead and oversee the group with support from subgroup members.
- A description of the roles and responsibilities for supporting with organising the group will be sent to the group members.

Zoe Miles (Women's Environmental Network) – requests that the subgroup also focus on food growing alongside its biodiversity commitments.

Climate Funding Opportunities – GLA

- Mayor extended his programmes and launched a new London Climate Finance Facility. Its aims are:

1. To unlock billions of long-term, flexible, private finances to support the decarbonisation of London's buildings, energy and transport systems, thereby tackling the triple dangers of toxic air pollution, climate change and congestion.
2. To accelerate significantly the development and delivery of climate and environmental projects, working with strategic partners.
3. To build on London's existing financing capabilities to secure investment for London and strengthen its competitiveness.

London Community Energy Fund (LCEF)

Wave 6 and 7 have closed. The GLA is currently exploring opening another round or extending the programme.

Objective of the fund:

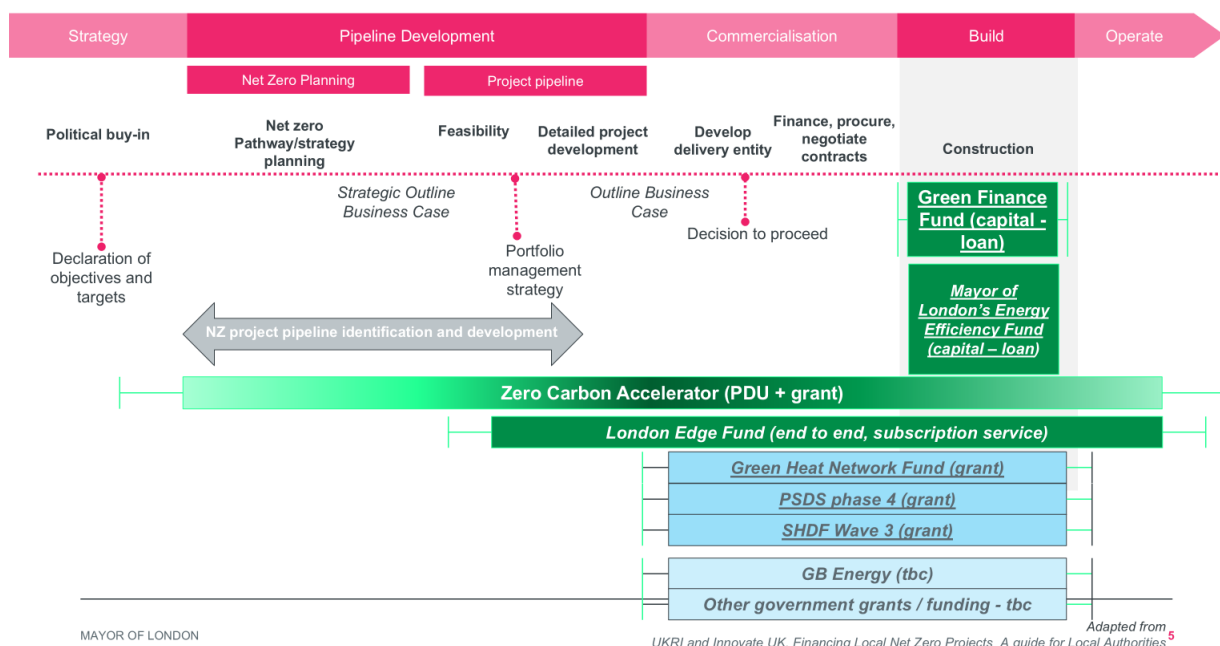
- To support the development of community energy projects in London
- To accelerate and enable the delivery of community energy projects in London
- To build support for, and capacity of community energy groups in London

Who can apply to LCEF

Targeted at small organisations with charitable aims, but open to most organisations with a community focus including:

- Schools working with community groups
- Community and voluntary groups,
- Co-operatives / CICs / community benefit societies / registered charities / social enterprises
- Housing associations
- Faith groups
- Schools working with community groups
- ... any organisation demonstrating a benefit to London's communities

FINANCING NZ PROJECTS – FROM PLANS TO DELIVERY



Pitching skills – East London Business Alliance

Discussed different methods and skills to utilise when pitching.

Audience: Who are you presenting to?

Context: Who else is in the room?

Purpose: What are you hoping to achieve?

Be concise – Think about quality not quantity.

Be creative – How can you stand out from other organisations?

Be authentic – Think about how and what you are comfortable delivering

If there are any organisations that would like to attend workshops in the future, you can sign up to the East London Business Alliance [community newsletter](#) or you can reach out to community@elba-1.org.uk for any questions.

Actions for Next Meeting

- ALL - Send emissions data to sustainability team or contact the team if their organization needs support in reporting emissions.
- ALL - organizations to give an update on what actions they are taking to transition towards reducing their carbon emissions or reaching net zero.
- SB to distribute newsletter.
- Set up subgroup meetings.
- Share biodiversity officer role with organization networks. Council Sustainability Team to send out description of the vacancy to lead the Greening, Growing and Biodiversity subgroup.

Next Climate Partnership Meeting - November 14th.