

# Kendal Climate Change Citizens Jury Recommendations Panel

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## Present:

- Chair, Chris Bagshaw, Kendal Town Council Clerk
- Helen Moriarty, Project Manager, Kendal Town Council
- Karen Johnson, South Lakeland Area Manager, Cumbria County Council
- Cllr Shirley Evans, Cumbria County Council
- Sue Nicholls, Kendal Citizens Jury Member
- Dan Hudson, Strategy Lead Specialist, South Lakeland District Council
- Sarah Kitching, Group Secretary for Kendal and Sedbergh, National Farmers Union
- Paula Scott, General Manager, Kendal Futures
- Phil Hammond, Kendal Citizens Jury Member
- Natalie Nesbit, Local Authority Co-ordinator for Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership
- Virginia Branney, Policy Officer, Westmorland and Lonsdale Constituency Labour Party and convener of Climate Working Group
- Hannah Girven, Sustainability Co-ordinator, South Lakeland District Council
- Ian Wheeler, Head of Clean Energy, Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership
- Cllr Jon Owen, Kendal Town Council, Chair Environment and Highways Committee
- Duncan Pollard, South Lakes Action on Climate Change
- Hillary Murphy, Kendal Citizens Jury Member
- Cllr Chris Rowley, Kendal Town Council
- Craig Russell, Torchlight

## Apologies

- Pete Byrant, Shared Futures
- Cllr Dyan Jones, Climate Change Portfolio Holder, SLDC

## Introductions and Welcome

Panel Members introduced themselves and the Chair thanked the Environment and Highways Committee for convening a Citizens Jury in response to the Town Council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency.

Jury member Sue Nicholls praised the creation of the Recommendations Panel which actions Recommendation 12a that all levels of local government meet to report back to the Jury to sustain momentum. Sue also referenced the Jury’s statement:

**‘This is a problem that belongs to us all and we all have a collective responsibility to question our everyday decisions and take action both as individuals and as a town. We share both a deep concern that our recommendations will not be acted upon until it’s too late and a belief that this is Kendal’s opportunity to be a beacon and an example for all to follow’**

Detailed responses for each recommendation from each tier of local authority are [available here](#).

The Chair introduced Jury member Sue Nicolls to present the first set of recommendations and partner organisations responded.

Recommendation	Organisation	Project	Action
Food & Farming Recommendations 1-8 presented by Jury member Sue Nicholls	NFU	NFU aim to support members to be net zero by 2040. Farmers are part of the solution, all farming can be sustainable and carbon friendly. Pleased to see educational awareness highlighted in recommendations. Raised difficulty of labelling system recommendation.	<b>ALL</b> Avoid implicit criticism of farming community – bring them with us as part of the solution. (reinforced by Jury member Hilary)
	CCC	Partner of Zero Carbon Partnership and in agreement with these recommendations. Waste Carbon Reduction Group are looking at allotments as part of the solution.	<b>CCC</b> Continue working in partnership.
	KTC	Allotment expansion at Canal Head.	<b>KTC</b> Promote the 25 new sites

		Garden Waste Scheme – development of a municipal composting site.  Online Inspiration Hub to highlight Kendal Market local produce	<b>KTC</b> Develop feasibility of municipal composting  <b>ALL</b> Utilise Hub to promote local and low carbon food options.
	SLDC	Kendal Market to promote local food and produce to develop a circular economy.  Developers to deliver allotments is a difficult ask.  Community Infrastructure Level opportunity to fund new allotments	<b>SLDC</b> Improve Kendal Market  <b>ALL</b> Feed ideas into the Local Plan
	Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership	Grow Local Eat Local – to increase local production with local farmers creating a Edible Acre. Arco Forestry promotion to increase biodiversity. Climate Decision making support re projects.	<b>ZCCP</b> Promote pilot Grow Local Eat Local and support route to market
	Kendal Futures	Allotment land will be included in Land Allocation discussions with land owners. Community Action Groups to focus on planting and vegetable schemes similar to Incredible Edible Todmorden.	<b>KF</b> Promote and support Community Action groups

Chris thanked all and introduced the next set of recommendations via Hillary Murphy.

Recommendations	Organisation	Project	Action
	CCC	Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan – consultation. E bike hire schemes and storage included in this plan.	<b>CCC</b> Bid to Department for Transport’s Capacity Fund ‘Mini Holland’ improvement projects. Bring plan

<p>Transport recommendations 18 – 21 presented by Jury member Hillary Murphy</p>		<p>National Bus Strategy to inform an improvement plan</p> <p>Young People A-B reduced fare scheme</p> <p>Bus Shelters -Bus Service Operators Grant is available.</p>	<p>when ready to this panel for discussion</p> <p><b>CCC</b> Promote reduced fare scheme</p>
	Kendal Futures	<p>The Vision identified that traffic dominance within Kendal is the biggest barrier to cycling and walking in Kendal.</p> <p>Review one way system , introduce a 20mph zone and create shared spaces.</p> <p>Link to flood scheme.</p>	<p><b>KF</b> Work with partners to reduce feel of car dominance.</p> <p><b>KF</b> Test and model recommendations to develop.</p> <p><b>KF</b> Work with EA.</p>
	Kendal Town Council	<p>Councillors supportive of 20mph town wide speed limit to support shift toward pro people Cycling and walking improvements</p> <p>Active Travel Group key member</p> <p>Support and challenged LCWIP</p>	<p><b>KTC</b> Work with CCC to develop and deliver.</p> <p><b>KTC</b> Police and Crime Commissioner meeting to confirm 20mph support</p>
	SLDC	<p>Development of Local Plan with knowledge that 75% of Kendal traffic is short trips within town boundary therefore cycling and walking is the greatest opportunity for Kendal to reduce its carbon. Highways engineers to shift towards thinking of streets as places rather than routes.</p> <p>EV charging points, locations identified</p> <p>Bus strategy, move towards local ownership will lead to improvements</p>	<p><b>ALL</b> Provide Local Plan support for case that improving the town centre makes economic sense</p> <p><b>SLDC.</b> Project to continue</p> <p><b>SLDC.</b> Project to continue</p>

	Torchlight	<p>Transform festival into a walking lantern parade to create a 'Garden of Delights' to celebrate our need for nature as a means for survival and recovery.</p> <p>Great Big Green Week Activities to link to Jury recommendations</p>	<p><b>ALL:</b> Support and promote Torchlights shift and theme</p> <p><b>ALL:</b> Promote and support Great Big Green Week 18<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> September</p>
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Cllr Owen praised the Jury for including the public ownership of buses in the recommendations and noted that Greater Manchester have implemented this to improve their service.

Craig Russell thanked Jury members for the recommendations which have inspired and informed Torchlight's green shift and invited all to support.

Chris introduced the next set of recommendations introduced by Phil Haddon.

Recommendations	Organisation	Project	Action
Housing & Energy Recommendations 9-11 presented by Jury member Phil Haddon	KTC	<p>Town Wide Solar Audit</p> <p>Zero Carbon Inspiration Hub – highlight residents who have successfully retrofitted their homes, highlight supportive businesses.</p> <p>Explore potential links to LDNPA Borderlands Cycling Funding</p> <p>Co-ordinate a plan for a hydro audit</p>	<p><b>KTC.</b> Co-ordinate Solar Audit and invite members to task and finish group</p> <p><b>KTC.</b> Develop and promote online hub</p> <p><b>KTC.</b> Develop with LDNPA</p> <p><b>KTC.</b> Explore via E&amp;H Committee.</p>
	SLDC	Develop Local Plan to drive up the energy standards of local housing.	<b>ALL.</b> Feed into the Local Plan to include energy

		Support for SLH low carbon houses	efficiency measures. <b>KTC.</b> Promote SLH standards vi online hub
	LEP	Borderlands Funding Deal includes clean energy support and includes an Energy Master Plan to identify schemes that can be funded.	<b>LEP.</b> Promote funding opportunities
	CCC	Supportive of accreditation schemes to upskill  Energy Efficiency improvements via Carbon Management Strategy to decarbonise CCC's property portfolio.	<b>CCC.</b> Develop in partnership with Kendal College  <b>CCC.</b> Share template with interested partners.
	Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership	National Sustainable Warmth Competition to upgrade properties from gas to low carbon options.  Social Housing De Carbonisation Fund to upgrade existing properties.	<b>SLDC / CCC</b> to apply as appropriate  <b>SLH</b> to apply as appropriate.

Cllr Chris Rowley suggested a 'One Warm Room' concept to make the feasibility of effectively retrofitting houses more achievable within the timescales of the Climate Emergency.

Chris introduced Sue Nicholls to lead the next set of recommendations and emphasised the importance of education and the additional recommendations that didn't fit under a category which included tree projects and making Kendal a single use plastic free town.

Recommendation	Organisation	Project	Action
	KTC	Inspiration Hub to engage partners and celebrate progress and develop a physical space going forwards. Utilise to	<b>KTC.</b> Develop hub in partnership and source a potential town centre space, investigate

Leadership, promoting action and raising awareness and other recommendations		<p>host celebrity chefs and young activists.</p> <p>Kendal Town Council's latest budget predominantly supports green projects.</p>	<p>library and EA Flood Hub opportunities.</p> <p><b>KTC.</b> Deliver green projects</p>
	Torchlight	Torchlight Procession to highlight green leadership	<b>ALL.</b> Support and promote Torchlight .
	CCC	<p>CCC's decarbon challenge is mainstreamed and there is a definite movement across Cumbria and its districts to action green budgets.</p> <p>South Lakeland Committee welcomes applications for carbon reduction projects</p>	<b>ALL.</b> Apply as appropriate
	SLDC	Political leadership is evident in the Council Plan which integrates the carbon challenges. Also have dedicated Climate Change portfolio holder and a dedicated budget.	
	Labour Party	<p>Raising awareness amongst membership and the Kendal experience to the wider Labour Party. Participative democracy is now on the agenda thanks to Kendal experience.</p> <p>Tackling national policies that block progress, such as buses ownership and building regulations.</p>	
	SLDC	<p>Carbon Literacy Training for staff and Councillors</p> <p>Encourage take up of sustainable lifestyle options via integration of messages</p>	
	Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership	Carbon Literacy Training for CCC Officers and Councillors and town and Parish Councils.	<b>ZCCP.</b> Share training and summit

		<p>Training for community groups.</p> <p>Co-ordination of a Youth Summit</p> <p>Research regarding best practice of Citizens Jury</p>	<p>opportunities</p> <p><b>ZCCP.</b> Share best practice to inform Recommendations Panel monitoring process.</p>
	KASTLE	<p>Lead via hope not panic and acknowledge actions need to include an element of 'what's in it for me' to create value for both the participant and the project.</p>	<p><b>ALL.</b> Support and promote the Global Thought Festival</p>
	SLACC	<p>Measure and manage the progress of the recommendations based on the desired outcomes.</p>	<p><b>KTC.</b> Develop performance and lagging indicators in partnership with Professor Becky Willis and volunteer evaluation group steal with pride the best ideas from other places.</p>

Members then had a general discussion which included the following key points:

- Tree recommendations – need to develop as a partnership project
- Cllr Shirley Evans suggested Jury members might be interested in a presentation from the EA regarding the flood scheme.
- Chair and Cllr Owen commented that this forum should steer away from 'big P' politics and focus on actioning the recommendations.
- Bus ownership – CCC shared Austin Shields details to link with VB.
- Ian Wheeler suggested linking to the Transport for the North consultation, LEP will respond and encouraged other to participate.
- Avoid carbon calculations, utilise CCZP evaluation model.

The chat function was utilised and it summarised below.



### ***Hydro Audit chat***

**Hilary Murphy:** Really like the idea to do a Hydro audit too. Feel this has potential. Thanks.

**Natalie Naisbitt:** I can feedback the idea for a Hydro Audit back to the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership and NW Energy Hub.

**Christopher Rowley:** Whilst I understand the proposal for a hydro audit it is first worth asking groups such as the Killington hydro project which had considerable problems and is never likely to produce anything like its anticipated potential. Hydro does not provide anything like as much as it is often cracked up to produce and is expensive compared to solar.

**Dan Hudson:** There is experience on bigger river hydro at the Lancaster co-housing scheme in Halton. They have a generator driven by the Lune and (I think) generate a surplus. It will also power a new South Lakes Housing development there.

### ***Hub Chat***

**Christopher Rowley :** Do we know the ownership and potential of the flood hub after the EA leaves it. Also Waste into Wellbeing is currently looking for a partnership with a kitchen in town and their objectives could potentially sit alongside the ideas for a sustainability hub.

**Christopher Rowley :** In terms of an information Hub there is an opportunity to respond to Cumbria Libraries consultation on Kendal Library proposals. We should maybe be asking for a section of the library to focus on this in the refurbishment of the inside. The consultation is available online.

### ***Torchlight Support Chat***

Natalie Naisbitt: Craig - Helen Attewell at the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership is trying to co-ordinate community group activity for the Great Big Green Week so may be aware of other events in your area - her email is [helen.attewell@cafs.org.uk](mailto:helen.attewell@cafs.org.uk)

### ***Monitoring Progress Chat***

**Dan Hudson :** Carbon accountancy is an incredibly complex area. There is a County wide baseline through Smallworld consulting's work but it doesn't disaggregate. At a local (Kendal) level, I would focus on monitoring project/proposal delivery rather than spending a lot of time trying to quantify emissions

**Christopher Rowley :** That matches the advice that Mike Berners Lee of Smallworld gave us when we established the Jury.

The chair and Cllr Owen closed the meeting by highlighting how seriously the local authorities, festival volunteers and activists have responded to the recommendations and shared his optimism that the efforts of the Jury will positively pan out in various forms to benefit Kendal. All partners were thanked and asked to return in January to continue progress.