Annual Report 2018

Leeds Climate Commission

AMBITION: To continue to develop awareness and a sense of positivity and shared ownership of the climate issue in Leeds.

- Collaborating with CITU to develop a climate/energy knowledge sharing/ networking platform for the city
- Connecting Leeds universities, organisations and businesses to deliver projects through student research
- Contributing to Culture 21 Self-Assessment for Leeds to pilot environmental events standards
- Collaborating with arts and broadcast media on new sustainability networks
- Celebrating success stories online
- 2 major livestreamed public events

Foster collaboration
Bring groups together

AMBITION: To work to raise capacities to act on positive opportunities for climate action.

- Completed a survey of existing communication and engagement activity in the city; recommendations actioned
- Evaluating Carbon Literacy and Carbon Conversations projects with employees at CITU and ITV to develop an evidence base for effective public engagement
 - Supported, promoted and coordinated local events/activities: visioning a low carbon future with Leeds stakeholders; climate change survey at Leeds station; slideshow on Leeds Big Screen; #MyClimate installation on Platform Building

 Networking event for 100+ to unlock low-carbon investment in Leeds

- Four project development workshops have now been fully planned to support medium-sized enterprises to secure investment for low carbon projects (launching Feb 2019)
- Leeds is host for a national conference on energy and green finance with Dept for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and UK100 (BEIS postponed to Jan 2019)
- £40k funding secured for developing the business case for a crowd-funded solar project on Council buildings.

Measurable contributions

Adding value

Independent voice in the city

Enabling

positive

choices

Evidencebased advice

- Three advisory position papers are in train on carbon mitigation for: Food Waste, Hydrogen, South Bank
- We are preparing a 'roadmap' (by March 2019) to deliver city-wide carbon reduction targets and bring forward evidence based proposals for city level carbon budgets
- Supporting a 3-year ESRC funded Research Fellow on the Economics of Climate Resilient Cities and Infrastructure assessing climate risk
- Workshop explored wider potential for Leeds to tackle consumption emissions, eg from food waste

AMBITION: Make a clear and discernible contribution to the delivery of climate compatible development in Leeds.

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