

Newham Climate Collective – Climate Target Group



Vision & Objectives

Climate Emergency



“In 2019, Newham Council declared a climate emergency and has since set a raft of environmental measures to tackle global warming, poor air quality and waste. The measures are aimed at making Newham carbon neutral by 2030, and to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, in line with UK government targets.

In July 2020, the council agreed a Climate Emergency Action Plan, which sets out some of the key steps we are planning to take in the next year or so. As the action plan is implemented, the council will identify further steps it will take to tackle the climate emergency locally.” – Newham Council, 2021

The current climate and biodiversity crisis is an existential threat to our communities and livelihoods. It has a fundamental impact across all peoples, communities, businesses and industries.

Having been one of the first London councils to formally declare a “Climate Emergency”, the council is recognising the clear and present danger of Climate Change and is in a unique position to be able to act and act fast.

The Climate Emergency Action Plan is a comprehensive document which, if enacted in its entirety, will have wide ranging benefits and impacts across Newham communities. It is vital that the council are not only held to account against their proposed plans but that the community does what it can to aid in the development and implementation of that strategy, through the provision of knowledge, advice and expertise where it can be offered.

Our newly formed group, brings together expertise and experience from a number of active environmental groups, hoping to build a consensus of knowledge, advice and assistance to the council in meeting their action plan goals, policies and initiatives. Our aim is to expand and incorporate the views of other community groups, seeking to be as representative as possible in ensuring a better environmental standard of living for all.



**CLIMATE EMERGENCY
ACTION PLAN**

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Who we are...?



We are a newly formed group within Newham and we bring together a group of key representatives from a number of Newham's existing, key environmental groups. This includes (but is not limited to):

- Fossil Free Newham
- Extinction Rebellion Newham
- Newham Cyclists
- The Newham Climate Collective

Our diverse group seeks to provide representation and coverage across many different community, social and environmental groups.



What do we do?



Our aim is to provide scrutiny, advice and recommendations on Newham Council's climate and environmental policies and action plans.

We strive to hold the council to account against its own climate change and environmental targets through a thorough process of assessment, review, and development of the climate action plan and climate and environmental targets offered.

Our focus is on helping to ensure that Newham's Climate Action Plan achieves the following:

- Alignment with the targets outlined in the Paris Climate Accords
- Meets the Council's own climate and environmental objectives outlined in numerous policy documents but consolidated in the Newham Climate Action Plan
- Ensures that community needs and concerns are addressed through collaborative scrutiny of climate action policies

Our Vision



“Newham has a prime opportunity to be a visionary leader across London, in showing how an actionable, justified and well managed climate change action policy can bring about successful environmental change and justice for its residents.”

Our Vision



We are mindful that, while all nations have a common responsibility to combat global warming, here in the UK, as a fully industrialised country that has a historical responsibility for global greenhouse gas emissions, we acknowledge our greater responsibility and greater capacity to respond to the climate emergency.

Climate change is a threat to us all and it requires fundamental changes at international, national and local level. We commit ourselves to the principle of a just transition at all levels. We believe climate change can be expertly mitigated at the local level. Our small group of representatives seeks to be a voice for the people of Newham in ensuring that Newham Council are held accountable to the promises, policies and proposals laid out in the Newham Climate Emergency Action Plan.

There is a need for community level advice and guidance that we can provide to the Council in their ongoing mission to tackle the climate emergency. We are a bridge between the politics and the people, offering advice and scrutiny where required and ensuring progress and accountability.

Creating Change – Fostering Progress



Our Five Step Approach:

- Understanding the scope and approach of the Newham Climate Emergency Action Plan
- Ensuring the Action Plan adheres to contemporary, up to date information, data and initiatives
- Maintaining a holistic approach to environmental improvements and the social and business connections that come with it
- Providing advice, scrutiny and assistance on the deployment of climate emergency policies and initiatives to ensure community participation and coverage
- Assisting with community level engagement and action

Our Objectives



Our objectives are currently based around the Newham Climate Emergency Action Plan. We want to ensure the timely delivery of the promised policy and process changes to achieve Newham Council's climate emergency objectives.

Our Key Objectives:

1. Review the Climate Emergency Action Plan in totality and prepare a list of policy related questions, advice to consider and areas of concern
2. Work with the Council to establish a base line set of measurable statistics and figures on which to measure progress. These should include:
 - Annual CO2 emission output across the borough (to confirm reduction and progress against the plan)
 - Detailed milestone plan and policy initiative for each of the Action Plan categories
 - Identification of key owners and stakeholders for accountable delivery
 - Category specific target identification to base line progress
 - Category progress reports
3. Review and assessment of the Action Plan for each category. Providing advice and scrutiny against each to ensure progress and compliance
4. Offering further progress points and considerations to be included in the evolving plan

Newham – Climate Emergency Action Plan - Categories

