

Outline of the Climate Coalition Leicester and Leicestershire.

If your group, organisation or community wants to join the Climate Coalition as a partner, we ask that you:

- 1/. Explicitly support our overall goals. This means we can say publicly that you support them.
- 2/. Have your name on our website as members of the Coalition.
- 3/. Tell your membership that you are part of the Coalition, what we are doing, and encourage them to get involved.

As coalition partners you don't have to support all the smaller working group aims (what we have so far are listed below). These aims will change as the working groups develop.

Coalition partners can choose to what extent you get involved with Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire's work on specific working group aims, you can work on those aims as a group or you can encourage members to get involved with Climate Action's working groups – or you can have nothing to do with them.

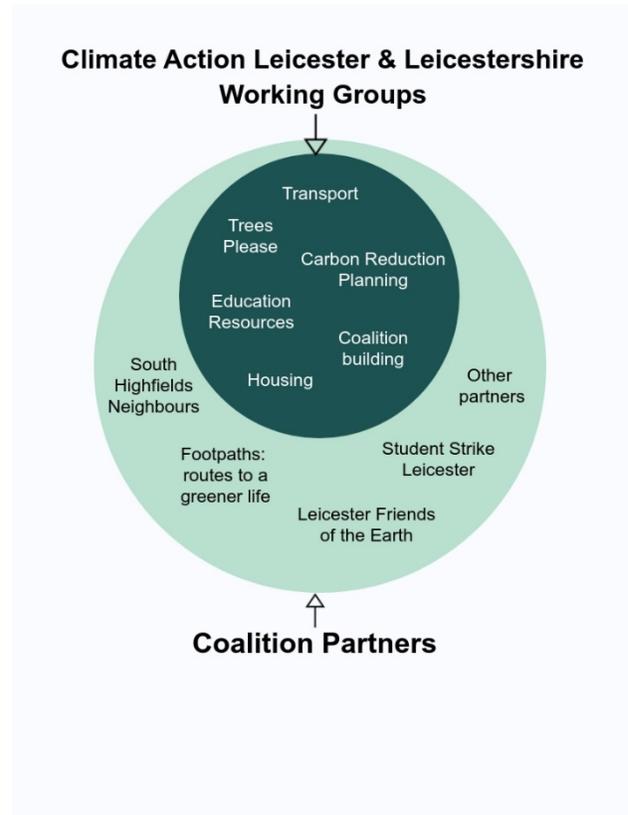
As a coalition partner you agree that you will try to ensure what you do does not in any way undermine what other coalition partners are doing to tackle the Climate Crisis by checking before you act. If conflict arises you will work together to resolve it.

Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire (CALL) will have a website and/or other communication platform where both CALL and the Coalition's partner organisations can post their climate related events on a calendar, and which signposts visitors to the organisations organising them. It will act as a noticeboard/events calendar and signpost as well as advertising CALL's work.

Sometimes CALL working groups will organise activities or events which everyone in the Coalition is invited to join in with – such as action days, petition signing, tree planting and demonstrations.

The Coalition's overall goals which Coalition partners need to support are:

- 1/. The City and County Councils to set annual, measurable carbon reduction goals for Leicester and Leicestershire to achieve net zero greenhouse emissions by 2030.
- 2/. The City and County Councils to identify both a councillor at cabinet level and a lead officer as Climate Champions who are required to publish annual independent and audited report to the public on progress in meeting climate change targets. The lead councillor in the City is currently Cllr Adam Clarke and the County lead is Cllr Blake Pain.
- 3/. The City and County Councils and Leicester & Leicestershire Economic Partnership to review their Local Plans, Strategic Growth Plan and all other future strategic plans in the light of their climate emergency declarations and national carbon reduction targets.



So far the Coalition contains:

- South Highfields Neighbours
- Leicester Friends of the Earth
- Climate Strike Leicester
- Footpaths: routes to a greener life

Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire's working groups and their aims at the moment:**Carbon reduction planning group**

- To campaign on the overarching goals (see above)

Coalition building group

- To set up a coalition supporting our overarching goals (see above)

Trees Please

- To increase tree cover in Leicestershire to 20%

Transport group

- The proposed workplace parking levy (WPL) to be up to the outer ring road and explicitly linked to public transport improvements
- That the council enforce bus and cycle lanes and reprogram traffic lights to prioritise buses, pedestrians and cyclists
- More and secure bike parks across the city
- The proposed clean air charging zone to be up to the outer ring road, offer a discount to people on benefits/low incomes so that it starts to tackle issues of deprivation, and offer something like a free bus pass for people on low incomes who apply for the discount.

Education resources group

- Improving schools-based education, across primary and secondary levels, on climate change and climate justice.

Housing group

- That all new council buildings and homes be net carbon neutral and include renewable generation.
- That the council act quickly to externally insulate all their remaining solid wall housing, and offer to insulate privately owned homes included within terraces which they are insulating.
- That the council impose higher than building regulation energy efficiency standards for all new building developments.