



Lancashire Climate Action Network

Annual Report 2024

1. Introduction

The Lancashire Climate Action Network ([LancsCAN](#)) was founded in June 2023 following the first Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum event held the month before at Edge Hill University. LancsCAN's membership has gradually expanded over time from its original 54 member organisations to just over 100 by January this year, and to over 180 organisations and 300 individuals by December 2024.

LancsCAN's shared *vision* is to collaborate together and with others to realise Lancashire's ambitious and urgent climate action goals. In doing so, make the county a more sustainable, healthy and greener place to live and work, while supporting a thriving economy that is regenerative and socially responsible. Its main *aim* is to help mobilise Lancashire's community voice and action on climate change, working collaboratively with others to advance the county's climate agenda. LancsCAN's *objectives* are to:

- Become an increasingly stronger, larger and effective network of community-oriented organisations in Lancashire working on climate action.
- Develop LancsCAN's mechanisms for collaboration, community-building and communication, in order to develop its capacities for partnership among its own membership and working with others.
- Inspire and help support all generations and communities within Lancashire to get more involved in climate action efforts
- Work alongside Lancashire's councils to realise the county's ambitious, urgent climate action goals.
- To facilitate opportunities for the exchange of knowledge and ideas that enable members to learn from each other and strengthen their position as climate action leaders.

This is the first LancsCAN Annual Report and its contents are outlined below:

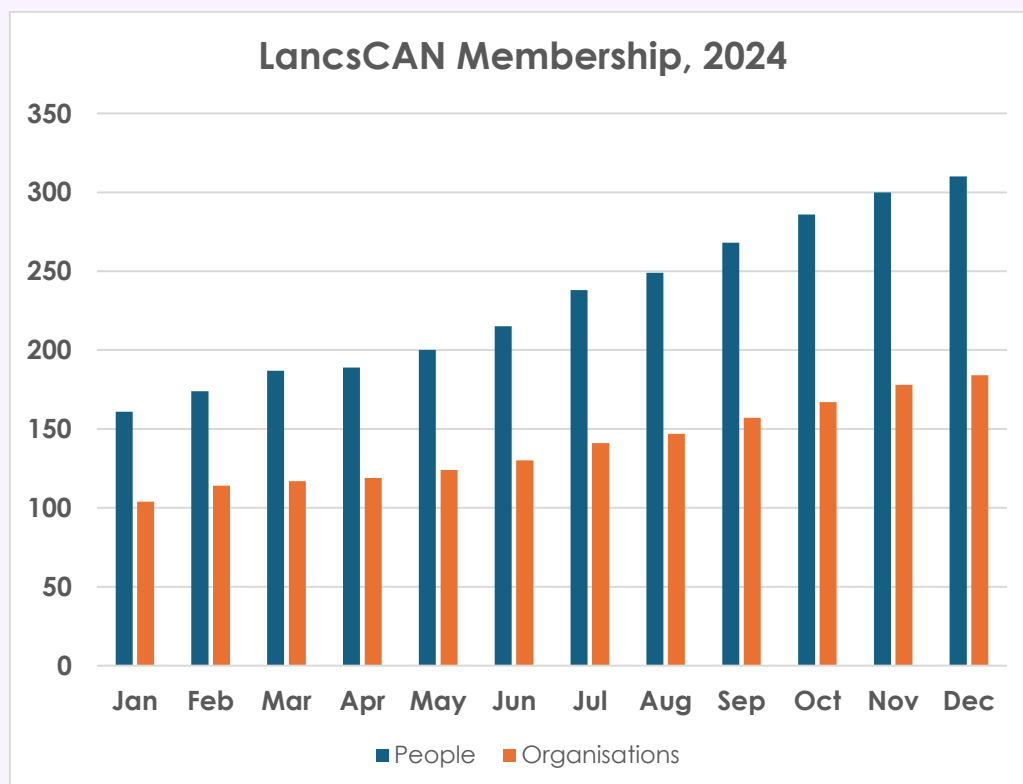
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2. Membership Development

LancsCAN's membership has grown at a constant steady rate over 2024 with typically between 5 to 10 new organisations joining our Network every month. Most that have joined have requested to do so through recommendations from existing members. The CAF application process has also raised LancsCAN's profile in the county and wider afield and led to further recruitment. Our membership continues to remain diverse with regards to:

- Organisation type
- Geographic location and coverage
- Climate action front or activity

The chart below shows the monthly growth of LancsCAN's membership over 2024, standing at 184 organisations and 310 people by December. We expect this to rise to 200 organisations and 330 people by early 2025. The larger we become as a network community, the greater the opportunities for synergetic collaboration, capacity to achieve real change in various climate action endeavours, and combined weight of our voice in our county and beyond.



3. Events and Activities

LancsCAN organised two large flagship events in 2024 – the first two listed – as well as its regular online event series, Lunch & Learn and Webinars. In addition, we promoted over 60 events organised by our members and secured some funding to run three LancsCAN Climate Collaboration Workshops.

Second Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum

The [Second Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum \(LCCAF\)](#) was held at University of Central Lancashire (UCLan) on Thursday June 6th 2024, and co-badged by LancsCAN member, Chamber Low Carbon. Under the lead of Naomi Robinson (UCLan), the day brought together the LancsCAN membership, council representatives and business leaders from all over Lancashire.

It was an opportunity for attendees to come together, highlight their climate action related projects, problem solve and share best practice. Workshops were guided by experts in the key climate action areas of energy, food, transport, and resources. Giving attendees the opportunity to see important large-scale projects being carried out in these areas, imparting that knowledge, and learning while also providing expertise to solve problems for attendees in these key areas.

The secondary focus of the event was to ask the question “what business can do for community groups” with the aim to help community groups grow the scale and scope of their projects with much-needed support. At the start of the event, there was a Roundtable Discussion where community groups had the opportunity to ask questions to key players. We also hoped to partner businesses with community groups to increase the success rate of their projects, and provide a venue to share knowledge, share resources, funding, advice, and support.

Lancashire Youth Climate Conference

The first ever [Lancashire Youth Climate Conference](#) took place at Blackpool Sixth Form College on 30 October 2024. Almost 100 young people aged between 16 and 19 attended this LancsCAN as delegates from 16 school sixth forms, colleges and youth groups across Lancashire. In all, over 50 organisations were involved in some capacity at the conference.

Two Young Climate Activists in Residence, Vlad Basiuk and Josh Brayshaw, led the organisation and hosting of the conference, supported by Blackpool Sixth, Blackpool Council and the Boingboing Foundation who funded their posts. The event included:

- Round table discussions linked to climate action
- An overview of progress to ‘carbon neutral’ from Blackpool Council and Lancashire County Council
- Workshops delivered by experts on energy, nature, creativity and the development of a youth-focused climate action app
- A ‘green skills and opportunities’ marketplace with over 20 different organisations and voluntary/community groups represented
- Performances from the wonderful Ludus Dance and Tenderfoot Theatre
- Staff sessions on Continued Professional Development (CPD)

The conference was extremely well received and will act as a catalyst for further engagement of young people and educators in climate action in Lancashire and beyond. Here are the key outcomes from the event:

- ➔ 96% of the young delegates said that the event had increased their knowledge about how to take action on climate change. The same figure said that they would like to attend events like this in the future
- ➔ All the key elements of the conference had very high satisfaction ratings, the most popular element was the workshop session, followed by the 'green skills and opportunities' marketplace and the round-table discussions with other delegates
- ➔ Staff accompanying the groups of young people attended training sessions with the Morecambe Bay Curriculum, Let's Go Zero and Solar for Schools, thus increasing their knowledge of relevant climate action initiatives from a teacher/youth-worker point of view
- ➔ A petition set up by the two Young Climate Activists in Residence calling on the three councils within Lancashire who have not yet declared a climate emergency to do so was launched at the conference and currently has 88 signatures. It can be accessed here:https://www.change.org/p/make-every-council-in-lancashire-declare-a-climate-emergency?source_location=search
- ➔ The feedback survey for the marketplace organisations showed high levels of satisfaction. They reported strong levels of interaction with the young delegates and several also noted that it had acted as a very useful opportunity for networking between the organisations themselves.
- ➔ The main actions which the young delegates committed to at the end of the conference were: using less electricity, increasing recycling, reducing use of single-use plastics, travelling in a more sustainable way, cutting meat consumption, spreading awareness of environmental issues and of the organisations tackling them, creating/sharing petitions, growing vegetables, buying second hand, volunteering with wildlife/environmental projects, setting up environmental groups in their schools/colleges.
- ➔ The four young LancsCAN members most involved with organising and running the conference have met with the LancsCAN Schools and Youth Lead to discuss the follow-up to the conference. This follow-up is likely to include the establishment of a LancsCAN Youth committee (see Future Plans) and the planning/delivery of a programme of youth engagement activities. They are also going to be involved in LancsCAN's youth-focused bid to the Lottery's Climate Action Fund (see later).

Lunch & Learn Series

These online events are held bimonthly and normally comprise two or three speakers. The aim of the [Lunch & Learn](#) events is to allow members to

showcase what they're doing, spread the word about upcoming opportunities, and support peer-to-peer learning. We also hope they will strengthen the network through interaction and help build the LancsCAN community. Here below was the 2024 schedule:

- January – Green Hubs
- March – Energy
- May – Healthcare
- July – Transport
- September – Wildlife
- November – Art and Culture

Attendance has been generally good for these events, typically with an audience of between 20 to 40 people. This series is led by Sam Marine (Groundwork) and Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe (Ribble Rivers Trust). A similar programme of Lunch & Learn events are planned for 2025.

Webinar Series

Over the course of 2024 LancsCAN has organised or linked to 12 webinar events as listed below:

- January – Introducing the Lancaster Sustainability Hub
- February – Communicating Climate Change
- April – Governance of Community Energy Groups
- May – 1) Signposting Communities to Decarbonisation and Grants; 2) Funding Opportunities for Farmers
- June – Community Energy in the North
- September – Communicating and Engaging with your Communities
- October – 1) Common Planning Considerations for Community Energy Projects; 2) Net Zero Terrace Streets (NSTZ) project; 3) Transport: How to make change: sharing learnings from the front line; 4) Food and Food Waste
- November - Energy

The series is led by Steve Rowe (Klimate Konnect) and is also linked to the SustainNET Webinar series at Edge Hill University. Attendance has been good and steady over the year, typically between 15 to 30 people in the audience.

LancsCAN Climate Collaboration Workshops

In early 2024, Kayt Horsley was able to secure £5,000 from Lancashire County Council to fund our LancsCAN Climate Collaboration Workshops scheme. Three applications were made, all approved and namely:

- *Forming a Lancashire Food Alliance* – Rachel Marshall (Food Futures CIC), £2,040
- *Sustainable Food Strategy for Lancashire* – Kay Johnson (Larder Lancashire), £1,920

- *Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action through Social Prescribing* – Allison Sathiyathan, (NHS), £1,040.

The first two workshop initiatives are food-related, and Rachel and Kay – whom know each other well – have looked to collaborate together on this work. Allison's planned workshop will be geared towards LancsCAN's application to the Climate Action Fund covered elsewhere in the Report.

The *first initiative* led by Rachel Marshall involved a series of three workshops to help form the Lancashire Food Alliance. They aim to bring together active Sustainable Food Places Partnerships, LancsCAN members, and other food partnerships and networks from across Lancashire to explore ways to meaningfully support each other and work together to shift our local food system at a county level. A preliminary survey was sent out to all LancsCAN members as well as an identified list of food organisations in the county. This survey was to help map who might be interested in the workshops and also asked questions around organisational priorities, strategies and values. The survey responses are being used to shape the three workshops with each workshop will build on the previous one, as per the details below:

- *Workshop 1* - Creating a shared understanding and mapping of food system work in Lancashire (4 December 2024), Preston
- *Workshop 2* - Identifying commonalities and points for collaboration (22 January 2025, online)
- *Workshop 3* - Creating a shared vision and an action plan (12 March 2025), in person, venue TBC. This final session will focus on the leverage points identified in workshop 2 to understand what success looks like and how we will get there. As part of this, next steps will be agreed for how this Lancashire-wide group should continue to meet and communicate and take forward actions.

Regarding the second initiative (*Sustainable Food Strategy for Lancashire*) here is project leader Kay Johnson: *"The purpose of the workshop events was to explore the potential for developing a farmer led food strategy for Lancashire - one that is designed with the needs and views of our farming community, but also takes on board the need for national impact on biodiversity, food poverty and education as well as health and wellbeing. The first event held on 18th October was online and involved discussions with people working at a national food policy level. The second event was held at the Eagle and Child in Parbold with farmers, people from environmental organisations, local authorities and universities. We listened to presentations from farmers and discussed the sustainability of current farming practices and the exploration of solutions for a more environmentally friendly future. There is a great deal of enthusiasm for the development of a strategy and the next steps are secure further funding and keep everyone engaged in the meantime."*

4. Operations – Leadership Funding Finders and Communications Teams

LancsCAN Leadership Team

This team was formed near the very start of LancsCAN's development and is the Network's main decision-making and governing body. It meets around 3 or 4 times a year, and provides the Network with strategic direction, ideas and purpose. It mainly comprises members that are community leads on the different climate action fronts LancsCAN works on plus a communications sub-team and three representatives from Local Councils and Universities. Its members are listed below.

People	Position
Darren Leadsom	Community lead - Arts and Culture
Clare Edwards	Community lead – Biodiversity
Stephen Sykes	Community lead - Business
Rosy Townsend	Community lead - Climate Activism
Kate Gilmartin	Community lead - Energy
Rachel Marshall	Community lead - Food
Allison Sathiyathan	Community lead - Health
Sam Marine	Community lead - Nature (Green Spaces)
Harvey Hamilton-Thorpe	Community lead - Nature (Blue Spaces)
Richard Watts	Community lead - Transport and Mobility
Andy Hardman	Community lead - Wildlife
Jon McLeod	Community lead - Youth and Schools
Bryan Irving	Communications
Steve Rowe	Communications
Elaine Beesley	Communications
Lisa Ratican (Gillian Wossick)	Local Council
Kayt Horsley	Local Council
Jo Beaman	Local Council
Christopher Dent	University (Edge Hill)
Sarah Rees	University (Lancaster)
Naomi Robinson	University (UCLan)

A new lead position for Arts and Culture was created in 2024, and there have been one or two replacement changes to the Leadership team due to changing circumstances. The team also has some overlapping membership

with the Funding Finders group below that helps ensure co-ordination and communication between both teams.

LancsCAN Funding Finders Group

The group was formed in summer 2024 and comprises the following LancsCAN members:

People	Organisation
Christopher Dent	Edge Hill University
Pete Bryant	Shared Future CIC
Kate Gilmartin	British Hydropower Association
Matthew Guest	University of Central Lancashire
Kayt Horsley	Lancashire County Council
Saba Iffikhar	Pennine Oaks
Darren Leadsom	More Music
Greg Mitten	Lancashire Association of CVS
Uzma Raziq	Super Slow Way
Steve Rowe	Klimate Konnect
Allison Sathiyathan	NHS Lancs and South Cumbria ICB
Richard Watts	Community Rail Lancashire

Its main task is to find and discuss new sources of potential funding for LancsCAN's development and support funding applications. Our efforts in the second half of 2024 has focused on the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund (CAF) detailed later in Section 6 of this Report. The group also tries to identify new funding opportunities generally for members which this year has led to a number of these being uploaded onto the [LancsCAN website](#).

Communications

Website

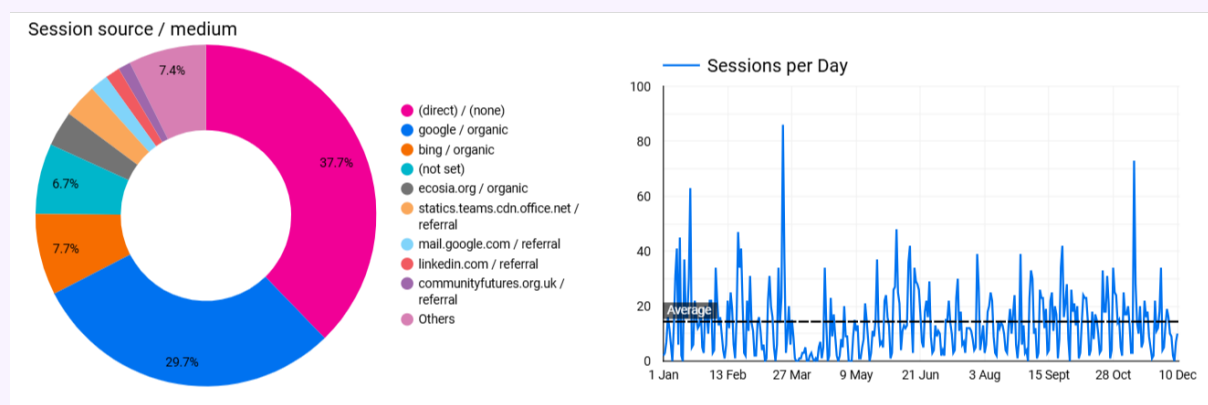
The LancsCAN website is managed by Elaine Beesley (Edge Hill University, IT Services), this being done in a very effective and efficient manner. Requests made to create and upload material on the website is usually processed on the same or next day. In addition, LancsCAN leader Christopher Dent handles new member organisations joining the Network and updates the Members webpage accordingly.

The Members Location Map created by Elaine Beesley in early 2024 has proved a very popular and useful communications tool (see data below), showing exactly where our member organisations are geographically situated across the county and beyond. As well as showing where neighbouring members are located, it also has a function that lists members working on the same climate action front (e.g. energy, food, transport), and where they can be found.

The website traffic data below shows that over 2024 the LancsCAN website had 10.3K views in total by 1.5K active users spread over 4.4K visits or sessions. The Table ranks the most popular webpages by views. As this is the first annual report, these set baseline figures for future years from which we can evaluate website performance. Overall, though, this first recorded annual data clearly shows the positive impact the LancsCAN website is having.

All pages	Views 10.3K	Sessions 4.4K	Active users 1.5K
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Page path	Views	Total users	Bounce rate
1. /lancscan/members/	1,558	302	24.82%
2. /lancscan/	1,326	480	23.08%
3. /lancscan/events/	1,170	270	20.66%
4. /lancscan/events/lancashire-youth-climate-conference/	709	283	45.96%
5. /lancscan/members/members-locations/	653	236	35.74%
6. /lancscan/events/lccaf-2024/	457	194	28.08%
7. /lancscan/background/	377	208	26.39%
8. /lancscan/events/lunch-learn-sessions-webinars/	373	93	27.02%
9. /lancscan/join/	372	187	38.54%
10. /lancscan/news-blogs/	302	101	16.11%



Social Media

Over 2024, the Communications team created a series of [LancsCAN social media](#) accounts, including:

- ➔ [Facebook](#)
- ➔ [Instagram](#)
- ➔ [YouTube](#)
- ➔ [LinkedIn](#)

These have been used with varying degrees of success. The LancsCAN Facebook page was set up by Communications team member, Bryan Irving, and has 74 followers. After an initial period of posting regular relevant content, there was an initial growth of subscribers but at a certain point new subscribers stopped. One or two members posted once, or maybe twice, a few liked posts, but rarely shared them. The LancsCAN LinkedIn has 67 members but has not posted yet. The Instagram account has 155 followers and is managed by

student member Ivy Harris (Edge Hill University) and has posted a few times this year.

Monthly Update Communications

These are published at the end of each month by LancsCAN Leader, Christopher Dent, that help members keep abreast of the Network's key developments, activities, events and plans. The latest monthly version of the LancsCAN Members File are also sent out as an attachment to the update communication email with new members joining that month highlighted in green. From the later mentioned Survey results, this resource seems to have been more widely used to connect to other members as 2024 has progressed.

The Communications team will look to develop a Comms strategy that the membership will be invited to engage with, and this will be their first priority in 2025.

5. Working Alongside Lancashire's Local Councils

Working alongside Lancashire's councils to realise the county's ambitious, urgent climate action goals is an aforementioned objective of LancsCAN. Leader, Christopher Dent, has a regular spot in the bimonthly Lancashire councils Climate Officers Group meetings where he is able to provide updates on LancsCAN events, activities and future plans, as well as convey the voice of its members on key matters. This is a vitally important dialogue mechanism between LancsCAN's membership and Lancashire's councils.

Over 2024 there has been a steady rise in the number of Lancashire's councils becoming LancsCAN members, 13 of the total 15, with only Ribble Valley Council and Fylde Council not yet members. LancsCAN remains keen to work with all the county's local authorities in the implementation of the [Lancashire 2050 Plan](#) on devolution but progress on this political front appears to be rather slow.

Moreover, the long planned Second Lancashire Climate Summit between mainly the councils, business and other relevant large organisations in the county has yet to materialise, despite being initially touted to take place in 2023, after the first summit was convened in March 2022. This has arguably made LancsCAN even more important in the role it performs.

6. Climate Action Fund (CAF, National Lottery) Application

Towards the end of the summer, the LancsCAN Funding Finders group decided that we should apply to the National Lottery's Climate Action Fund (CAF) to

help scale up collaboration and capacity both regarding the Network and its members. The first stage (expression of interest) submission deadline is 'Spring 2025' with a hard date to be yet confirmed. We would be applying for near the full £1.5 million permitted per application. The members' consultation process on the CAF application began in September and at time of writing is ongoing. Thus far, around 60 members from over 40 organisations have been actively involved in developing project ideas and plans that will form the main basis of our application. If we succeed in progressing to the second full application stage and securing funding this may not come on stream until late summer or autumn 2025.

7. Future Plans

Much of LancsCAN's future general development in 2025 and beyond will depend on the outcome of our CAF application (see above) but we will continue to explore other funding sources mainly through the work of the Funding Finders group.

We are hoping that the Third Lancashire Community Climate Action Forum, 2025 will be hosted at Lancaster University sometime next year after Edge Hill University and UCLan hosted the first and second Forum events respectively. A meeting has been scheduled for 10 January 2025 to discuss this further.

We may also organise in 2025 the Second Lancashire Youth Climate Conference (LYCC) if a relevant member organisation would be willing to take the lead on this.

LancsCAN is in conversation with the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership (ZCCP) on inter-county collaboration ideas. In November and December, Christopher Dent introduced LancsCAN at two ZCCP online meetings following discussions with Tim Gale who leads the Partnership. LancsCAN has also been invited to make a presentation on its work at the Zero Carbon Cumbria Summit taking place on 6 March 2025 in Penrith. There will be important mutual benefits arising from Lancashire-Cumbria community climate action collaboration that will be explored through this process, with a view to also connect with other similar network initiatives across the UK.

Following on from the October LYCC event, student member Ivy Harris (Edge Hill University) proposed the idea of creating a 'LancsCAN Youth' initiative and met with other LancsCAN student members to initially on 19 November to discuss how to take this forward. More details to follow in the forthcoming monthly update communications.

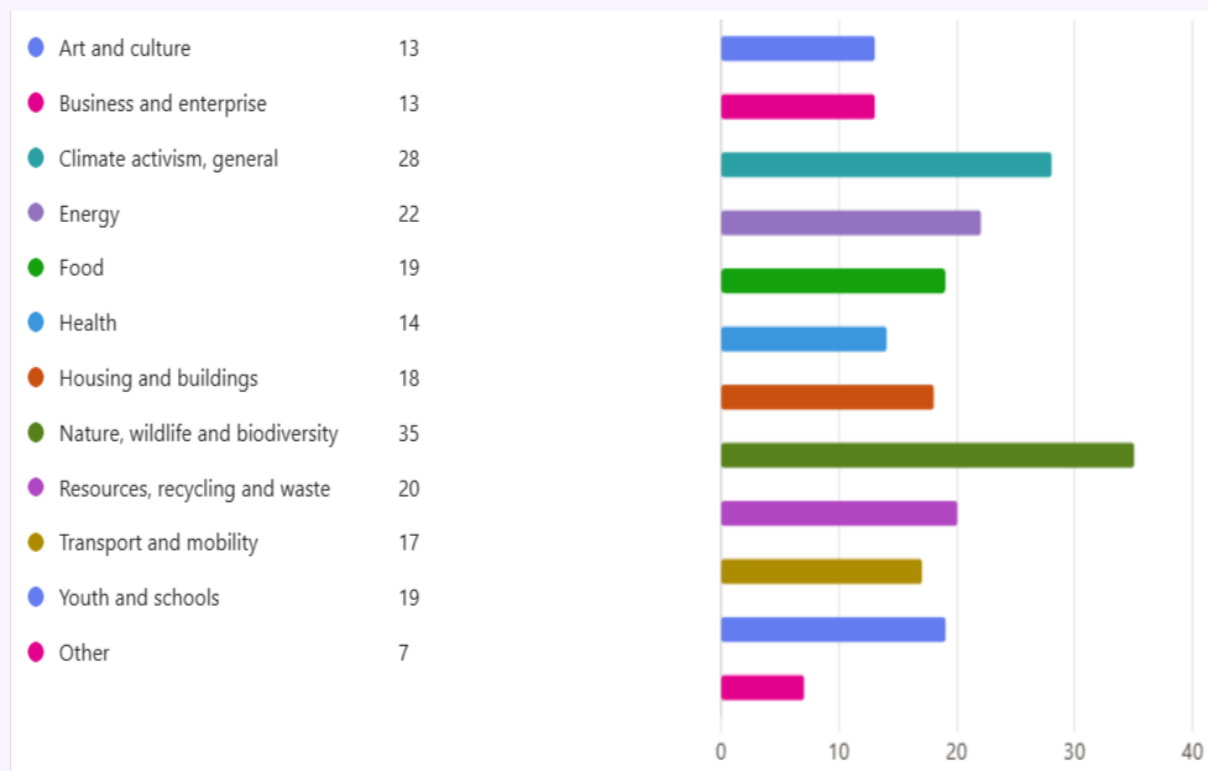
8. Members Survey 2024

This was the first such annual survey conducted, and it very important to LancsCAN's development for the following principal reasons:

- ➔ *Value of feedback* – ideas and suggestions on furthering improving and developing LancsCAN and how it can support members
- ➔ *Evidencing benefits and success* – knowing what positive difference LancsCAN has made to members will strengthen the Network's capacity to further support their work. For example, the more positive evidence we can show in the Survey the better our chances of securing funding for its member organisations
- ➔ *LancsCAN Annual Report 2024* – the Survey is the largest and arguably most significant part of the Report as shown below.

The Survey was open over the whole summer of 2024 and in total 63 members participated. Here are the results over the 13 question areas:

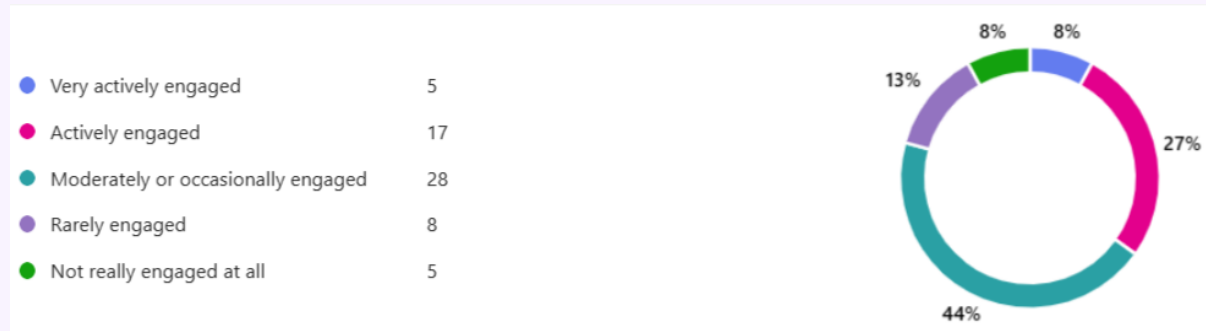
1. On which climate action fronts are you and your organisation working?



The above Survey graphic shows that LancsCAN has developed a diverse but also generally even spread of member organisations working on more or less all community-based climate action fronts. This profile of membership is a core strength of the Network, as are the inter-connections we are promoting between members working in different areas of climate action.

2. How engaged would you say you are with the Network?

Converting the below figures shown in the Survey graphic into percentages, 79% of respondents said they were positively engaged in LancsCAN (8% very, 27% actively, 44% moderately or occasionally) and 21% either rarely or non-actively engaged.



3. What positive difference has LancsCAN has made to you regarding new knowledge, ideas, inspiration and motivation?

Of the 61 members who provided comments on this question, 93% of them responded positively, 6% neutrally and 1% negatively, i.e. no or none. This was thus an overwhelmingly positive result overall. The main thematic headings are outlined below with an indicative selection of positive response comments from members on this question.

INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING GENERALLY

- LancsCAN appears well-resourced as an organisation and also in touch at a grassroots level and as such is an inspiring model
- Inspired to do more with others
- Learning how much is going on - very encouraging.
- I learned about a project on green spaces which was relevant to my other job
- LancsCAN has been very supportive and encouraging to the VCFSE (voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise) sector to ensure inclusivity and joint working with all stakeholders.
- LancsCAN has been motivating and a great networking resource.
- Has convinced me that to reach local communities we need organisations like LancsCAN members
- LancsCAN has positively impacted Pennine Oaks by creating and a network that enables effective information sharing and collaboration. This has led to the exchange of fresh ideas, knowledge, and best practices. Personally, I have benefited greatly, expanding my horizons and gaining inspiration and motivation to educate our communities. By connecting like-minded individuals and providing new insights,

LancsCAN has empowered us to drive positive change and increase our collective environmental awareness.

INSPIRED BY ORGANISED EVENTS

- Motivated by the 2024 Forum at UCLan
- The 2023 Forum at Edge Hill was very inspiring
- LancsCan Forum, and SustainNet events have been inspiring, I have taken evidence and suggestions from these back to my organisation.
- The lunch and learn sessions have also been useful, great to have a bitesize introduction to what other organisations are doing. I'm actively promoting LancsCan to our staff via staff bulletins and quarterly reports.
- Some new knowledge and contacts from the 2024 Forum at UCLan
- Greatly increased knowledge, inspiration and motivation chiefly because of the 2024 Conference.
- LancsCAN has provided a range of opportunities for stakeholders to come together to provide access to knowledge and idea development. This included the 2024 Forum in June which was a very positive opportunity to learn from the various excellent workshops, meet new members, exchange ideas and hear about potential collaborations and partnerships.
- The LancsCAN Lancashire Youth Climate Conference which is being organized by young people is a very positive example of work to ensure a place and voice for young people around climate action.
- Gained knowledge of other organisations climate actions via Webinars.
- After attending the first LancsCAN event in June 2023, I looked at my own lifestyle to see how I could improve my own impact on the planet. The two major things that I did were to buy a hybrid car and to have solar panels installed on the roof of my house.
- Good networking opportunities at in person conferences and online events. Thought the food workshop at the last conference was v useful
- Since the 2023 LancsCAN event I have been busy developing my own garden with improved biodiversity and hard landscaping to help combat the effects of climate change.
- I attended the LancsCAN event in June 2023 as a "Friend of Paradise Park" and the event made me try to understand how the work of friends groups tied into the climate emergency. Before the event I think that I saw the work in the park as a way of getting out into the fresh air and winding down after working in a factory all week but after the event I realised how important the work was in combatting climate change.

MOTIVATED BY BEING PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER

- Knowing that we are one of many organisations in Lancashire working on climate action.

- Offers inspiration, regional insights and opportunities to join forces and develop shared interests and activities.
- Great to be part of something bigger and connected to professional partners who themselves are working for larger organisations in the NW
- Bringing together a growing number of organisations concerned about the impact on climate change and how to mitigate it.
- Feel that you are not alone is a real key part of the network.
- There are so many actions being undertaken across a diverse field
- LancsCAN has acted as a lead body connecting us with a vibrant network of organizations supporting climate action across Lancashire.
- Astounding to know just how many climate/biodiversity organisations there are in the county. If we multiply that up across the UK there are probably in excess of 20,000. We need to find a way to maximise the impact of this work. That is really motivational.
- We definitely feel more motivated and inspired knowing there's a community of like-minded people and organisations around us. The events which allow us all to come together are great for sharing resources and collectively problem solving.
- Inspired us knowing that there is a large network out there to support us if needed.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH NETWORK CONNECTIONS

- Via the Members File, I have been introduced to other individuals / groups who are progressing ideas I had previously conceived, offering potential partners to collaborate with in some way
- Raised awareness of other groups
- Excellent way to network with other like-minded organisations, keeping up to date with what is happening throughout Lancashire and gaining insight and knowledge
- Inspired us to work with local schools and colleges to raise awareness about the industry, the energy consumption challenges in order to inspire young people to get involved and become part of the solution.
- Good for networking and ideas generation - learning about what others are up to. The connections with local policy makers are valuable for ensuring a wider community voice is heard.
- LancsCAN has provided regular communications for and between members and relevant stakeholders supporting information and knowledge sharing as well as increasing motivation for collaboration around climate action.
- Made me think more about connections to organisations outside my sector and made me aware that there are many people all across the county who want to tackle these issues proactively

- Reassurance that there are other like-minded people and organisations in this area of the country, and we can build on their ideas and experience.
- It has helped seeing the broader picture, plus, nice to meet folk with similar views and many different ways of working
- LancsCAN has positively influenced my perception of collaboration for the benefit of all not just organisational advantage. The sharing of contact details has enabled me to understand the types of organisations within the network and across Lancashire, inspiring me to incorporate other initiatives within organisation strategies I work with LancsCAN also motivates me to keep trying when sustainability implementation feels like a losing battle.

NEW USEFUL KNOWLEDGE and DECISION-MAKING

- Great to keep across what's happening locally and fund updates too
- Made me aware of various organisations and opportunities that I had not previously heard about.
- Seeing the other members in the network as well as projects and opportunities within the newsletter is really helpful. Gives me new avenues to get involved.
- Newsletters are really useful updates on local initiatives and there is a real feeling of dynamism in relation to LancsCAN's plans for development.
- Climate control has become integral in our business decisions and a key external message.
- Motivated me to make change in my personal life by agreeing to actions at the recent LancsCAN conference

4. What positive difference has LancsCAN has made to promoting your organisation's events and work generally?

Of the 63 members who provided comments on this question, 73% of them responded positively and 26% neutrally and 1% negatively, i.e. no or none. The latter figure revealed how many members have not taken up the regular monthly invitations (via the Update Communication) to use LancsCAN communications and events to promote their work but that a significant number of member organisations are doing so. The main thematic headings are outlined below with an indicative selection of positive response comments from members on this question.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- LancsCAN gives us a channel to promote relevant events, training, projects etc,

- LancsCAN has helped promote some of the events that Community Rail Lancashire has organised including the new Yorkshire Dales explorer rail service.
- LancsCAN kindly shared the news that we had joined the network, which did reverberate through to some of our colleagues / clients who were pleased to see we had joined.
- Attending events and networking has enabled me to discuss our activities with new organisations. it's been encouraging to see how interested others are in the work Lancashire Wildlife Trust (LWT) do.
- Really useful - and it's been just as useful to receive information on the events and work of others too.

NEW NETWORK CONNECTIONS

- Has been easier to talk to organisations which in itself promotes our Group
- LancsCAN events have provided an excellent and practical way to build our network connections, be able to discuss plus gain feedback into our own organisations work focus and activities. As we are a new project, the LancsCAN network, membership and range of activities has provide an excellent starting point for us to meet relevant stakeholders and understand the current focus of climate action across Lancashire.
- Meeting and connecting with people has worked well to promote our solutions
- I am in the early stages of my business startup but LancsCAN has given me a network of contacts so I can gain insights into the experience of others when promoting their business and future events.
- Made us visible to a new audience - organisations who wouldn't necessarily have heard of us before

LANCSCAN COMMUNICATIONS AND EVENTS

- Info from our work has been posted on the website and more groups know about us as a consequence
- Website and updates have been very helpful
- We were able to present at a LancsCAN Lunch & Learn event recently which sparked a lot of interest and some really good contacts for us.
- Participated in the webinar presenting about PP - hope this has helped spread the word about PP.
- Presented at a lunchtime webinar in June 2024 promoting the importance of environmental sustainability to health.
- Since the 2023 LancsCAN Forum, I have created a website that gives information about all of the South Ribble Parks that have friends groups.
- The LancsCAN monthly update communications allow us to share our events across other sectors.

5. What positive difference has LancsCAN has made to new connections, collaboration and partnerships with other Members?

Of the 63 members who provided comments on this question, 78% of them responded positively, 17% neutrally and 5% negatively, i.e. no or none. This could also be considered a very positive result. Most of those who answered neutrally answered 'not yet', indicating it may be still too early for them to reach out to other members. Many of these may have joined LancsCAN. Here are the main thematic headings outlined below with an indicative selection of positive response comments from members on this question.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Am working with partners and have made several new connections and this will grow as time goes on
- I know that if we needed support in a specific area we could ask members of the network for suggestions of where to get help.
- Just good to see an ever-growing map of individuals and groups which helps forging ideas and action.
- We are already actively working / collaborating with other members of LancsCAN and will do more of this going forward I am sure.
- We are now working collaboratively with two organisations who we met via LancsCAN
- Am now in contact with several organisations as a result of LancsCAN and SustainNET that I wasn't previously aware of.
- New connections with similar and different organisations, leading to partnerships, grant communication
- As we are a new project, the LancsCAN network, membership and range of activities has provide an excellent starting point for us to meet relevant stakeholders and understand the current focus of climate action across Lancashire.
- Lots of contacts, collaboration and hopefully partnerships in the future - we have met with lots of members outside of events too
- Good to keep across similar projects and new projects from members
- Yes, it's been great to find out who else is out there and hopefully new collaborations will come out of it.
- Planning some more collaborations in coming months
- LancsCAN has enabled me to identify which organisations I can partner to grow my business.
- We have linked and conversed with a number of members and learnt some great things. We have also promoted our work
- Connections and collaborations are our main reason for being part of LancsCAN - the change we need to see can't happen without community, and it's a great environment to foster a feeling of hope and unity.

- Through the LancsCAN website, I have made valuable contacts with other organisations.

EVENTS LED TO NEW CONNECTIONS

- Picked up some good new connections at the annual forum
- Taking an active role in the recent LCCAF was a great opportunity to develop new contacts.
- We have engaged with several new connections in developing the webinar series
- I have collaborated and made new connections with other members of the Lancashire Youth Climate Conference (LYCC) steering group.
- CMS has found the newsletter and the conferences useful in this respect

NEW SPECIFIC COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Plan to collaborate on an event with other Eco Churches in the Network.
- We have made a couple of new connections through LancsCAN, to other arts organisations.
- Recent localised relationships include: West Lancs Borough Council, West Lancs College, Skelmersdale Ambassador, Skills and Apprenticeship Network - climate control and our (SustainNET and LancsCAN) partnerships being a key theme in our discussions. Helping to spread the word via wider partnerships, social media / PR comms.
- Positive collaboration with Readstone Environment Group - members visited us with their thermal imaging camera and expertise to support our Warmer Homes project.
- The work to date has helped strengthen the relationship with Edge Hill University. It has also helped maintain connections with the other key organisations working on climate action in the county (for example, East Lancs Chamber of Commerce).
- New connection/collaboration made during the June 2024 LancsCAN Forum, e.g. with Afka, who founded the charity, Guardians of Nature, in Penwortham. We are in the process of helping the charity in the development of their garden sites and sharing useful information with charities, e.g. where to acquire redundant office/factory equipment that can be repurposed and recycled rather than purchasing new. See SAMS in Blackburn.
- We have a LancsCAN Leadership Team WhatsApp group. Through this group I connected with a manager at the probation service. After discussions, they have offered to provide probation workers to clean used walking aids in our 12 hospitals across Lancashire. This will enable walking aids to be recycled, potentially saving the NHS £250,000 a year. The probation workers will be doing the cleaning instead of therapy assistants whose time can therefore be spent with patients (this is still work in progress, a similar model exists in Wales).

- I attended the Lancashire councils' climate officers group forum with Christopher Dent to promote LancsCAN. As a consequence I now attend this forum on a regular basis. This will ensure councils and NHS are much more closely linked/ collaborate over environmental sustainability.
- I shared the LancsCAN Members Location map with 250 GP practices and 12 hospitals across Lancashire. This will support (green) social prescribing as well as the health and wellbeing of staff when the organisations link up with the community groups in their area. Encouraged staff in other NHS organisations and wider to become LancsCAN members.
- Made connections with councils, VCFS groups and university staff through the 2 annual conferences held, e.g. reconnected with a non-exec who I worked with at West Lancashire CCG. He is now our VSFS lead on our Net Zero Project Board that covers NHS in Lancashire & South Cumbria. Supported an application for Lion Trust foundation funding for £50,000 re Net Zero Terraced Housing (people living in poor housing are much more likely to suffer poor health as a consequence of extreme weather events due to climate change)
- Darren Leadsom, a member of the LANDS network has joined the LancsCAN Funding Finders group and attends regularly. He then feeds back to the network ensuring we increase our connections.

6. What positive difference has LancsCAN has made to new actions and activities within your organisation?

Of the 62 members who provided comments on this question, 68% of them responded positively, 21% neutrally and 11% negatively, i.e. no or none. This was a generally positive result overall. Again, most of those who answered neutrally answered 'not yet', indicating it is too early still for LancsCAN to make a difference to their work but it may regarding plans in their foreseeable future. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of positive response comments from members on this question.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Am engaged with a few projects and am sharing ideas from the CAN with hopes it will inspire others to connect and promote projects and ideas more widely
- Clearly more action and collaborative work via the LancsCAN collective
- Good to hear what others have done and whether their actions can be adapted to own situation
- Potential future projects, as I work around Lancashire, knowing connections and who I can refer the public and signposting
- Support for change in terms of better use of energy and resources

- Being a part of LancsCAN has presented a number of opportunities for new action and activities and has inspired our plans of action for the future.

EVENT FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- We have connected with the Lancashire Youth Climate Conference in October, which will be great for the young people we work with, in terms of connecting with like-minded young people from across the county.
- Updating case studies for LancsCAN and other organisations' benefit
- We are in a phase of future planning and will promote events, activities and developments using LancsCAN

OTHER NEW SPECIFIC ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- Lobbying Local authorities following empowerment of events
- We are exploring the idea of working on solar energy generation & storage as standalone projects, instead of as part of a wider retrofit or new-build home.
- Creation and development of Wildlife Hedge. Most other activities are regular, seasonally appropriate tasks.
- Enabled us to set up an advice pop up at one partners info hub
- Move into green social prescribing
- Spreading awareness of the Christian need to remind ourselves, and others, to look after our environment to the best of our ability e.g. reduce use of pesticides in gardens, making ponds, create wild areas in our gardens, picking up litter, giving car lifts, and generally motivate others to do likewise by setting a good example.
- Helping work towards A Rocha Gold Eco Church Award.
- We have included climate action and green spaces as one of our priorities and have taken part in LancsCAN activities. We have attended community activities around community views on their green spaces.
- Chamber Low Carbon, who I linked in with via LancsCAN, now provide funded carbon reduction plans (CRP) and advice to GP practices and other primary care small businesses. In June, three months into the project, 30 practices had received CRPs resulting in a saving to the NHS of approximately £100,000. As practices implement these plans, carbon will be saved and as a consequence, financial savings on energy and medicine. These financial savings can then be spent on patient care.
- Being part of the LancsCAN network has empowered us to launch community focus groups centred on climate and environmental education. These groups are dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of proper recycling and sustainability practices. Additionally, we've extended our efforts to offer outdoor sessions, where we use nature as a form of healing and well-being. These initiatives have brought our community together, allowing individuals to be conscious of

their environment and having collective responsibility towards environmental conservation and a deeper connection to nature. The network's support and shared resources have been instrumental in guiding us to effectively educate and inspire positive, eco-friendly behaviours

- Revisiting action plans and looking at more information about reusing and recycling.
- Considering a climate action festival as part of the CAF application which would engage hearts and minds in the actions of the scientific and engineering aspects of LancsCAN organisations

7. What positive difference has LancsCAN has made to your future plans?

Of the 62 members who provided comments on this question, 78% of them responded positively, 19% neutrally and 3% negatively, i.e. no or none. This was a very positive result overall. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of positive response comments from members on this question.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Hoping to help secure further funding to help LancsCAN to promote more of the good stuff
- To engage more businesses and save more carbon
- Consider opportunities to meet and develop impactful projects and get more involved with new or ongoing efforts.
- Further collaboration with the community of Lancashire and beyond, leveraging each other's strengths to help foster a more sustainable future for everyone and everything.
- To be precise at which events we target, to maximise our coverage but also have local Volunteers to staff events.
- To continue to engage with other members and attend upcoming events whenever possible.
- Continue promoting awareness of climate issues, in our industry especially
- Attend more LancsCAN events and become a more active member (organisation) within it.
- Greater engagement with the network
- Maintain contact with the network and members, continue to attend events and endeavour to help people and businesses on their Net Zero and Decarbonisation journey
- Continue to keep across what's happening thanks to this network
- Work with LancsCAN and its members to identify new funding opportunities

- Make the community more aware of what we are doing in the town and how they can be involved.
- Continue networking and sharing practice, knowledge and contacts
- We want to grow our organisation through the LancsCAN network, fostering collaborations with like-minded groups and organizations. This will not only strengthen our impact but also create a broader platform for sharing resources, knowledge, and ideas to drive meaningful environmental change.
- We are looking forward to future projects with LancsCAN members and the network as a whole.

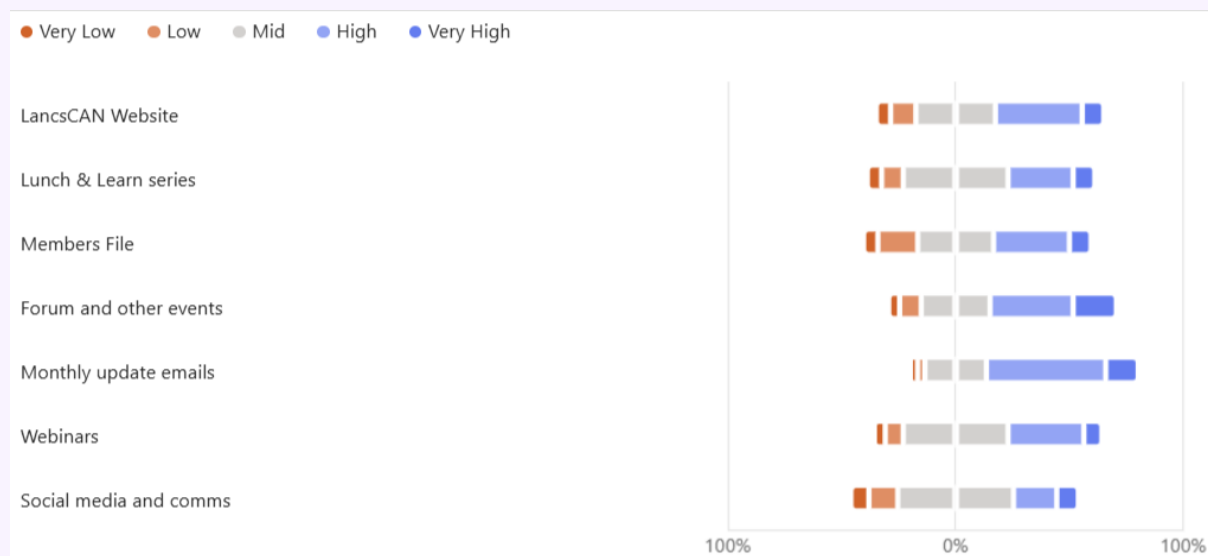
NEW SPECIFIC FUTURE PLANS

- To link with the local school. To raise awareness of issues via Facebook and events. To develop small garden areas for wildlife etc
- How to work more positively with Preston City Council now that the recommendations of the Climate Jury have been published
- Planning an event in collaboration with other Eco Church members of LancsCAN for Great Big Green Week.
- To keep planting and maintaining trees in the Burnley area
- To continue to develop awareness of climate change and sustainability in particular with school groups.
- Organising information sharing events with groups. Trying to work more with schools
- LancsCAN is helping us think about actively seeking funding to expand our efforts in educating communities and people of all ages about the environment, nature, and climate change.
- To build on our knowledge around existing green spaces and/or climate action projects within the VCFSE sector and develop ideas around how these can be promoted and supported. To identify key changes around climate action and positive use of green spaces which benefit our communities.
- To link up with members of Preston Climate Jury to help move recommendations forward
- Publicising LancsCAN on a broader basis
- I will be doing a workshop at the youth conference in Blackpool college in October. This will focus on the importance of the environment on our health and what young people can do to reduce their carbon footprint in relation to the NHS.
- Continue reduction of invasive species, working with Lancashire County Council and planting native species while doing minor repairs
- Regional economic frameworks, local and regional network collaborations, arts and culture involvement in sustainability and environmentalism.
- Investigate food waste and look at linking info to cost of living crisis.

- Explore LancsCAN promotion for events and CMS's wider work, such as community shares
- Planning to become more involved as I wear many different hats - including as a trainer for Learning through Landscapes on their climate 180 project and as a new trainer for Cumbria Action for Sustainability. I hope to really focus my work more on the climate action in all my work strands.
- Deliver a county-wide annual climate solutions festival engaging theatre and music and commissioning new work.

8. How would you rate the usefulness of following aspects of LancsCAN's work?

All 63 participants engaged with this questions. As the Survey graphic below reveals, members were overall very positive on LancsCAN operations overall. The top ranked was the monthly update communication emails (94% positive), followed by Forum and other events (86%), Lunch & Learn (84%), website (83%) also scoring highly. All aspects scored of around 80% or near to it revealing a general pattern of strong positive responses from members.



9. What specific feedback would you like to share on any of the above, or any other aspect of LancsCAN's work?

In total, 51 of the 63 participants engaged with this question. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of response comments from members, both feedback on developments up to now and suggestions for future development of the Network.

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Particularly impressed with Edge Hill's commitment to this endeavour

- There's a welcoming and enthusiastic culture
- A great organisation. Website and comms in general are very helpful. Events have been inspiring.
- Keep doing what you are doing.
- Good to hear/see what's going on elsewhere.
- As someone who was very new to the climate change world, a few months ago I have had to fund the contacts and knowledge provided by LancsCAN invaluable.
- The LancsCAN monthly emails are written well with key highlights, they are emails I put aside to read either on the day I receive or in week. Some months are busier than others to attend the events and webinars, but the huge variety is really good to see.
- Definitely great to see! We would certainly engage if something relevant came up, but our work is quite specific to working directly with schools on promoting healthy and sustainable diets.
- Very glad LancsCAN has been established
- I do welcome the details - we're very small and haven't been hugely active in the group, but it is useful.
- Excellent resources given the very limited financial support. It is invaluable to be linked to other enthusiastic individuals in other organisations across Lancashire with a common purpose. Collaboration and sharing resources will ensure we journey towards net zero much more effectively and efficiently.
- The network was much needed

EVENTS

- Sadly I have never gone to the website, a webinar, social media, lunch and learn, or members file. I am not very technical so avoid those sort of things. But the event (conference) face to face was very useful and enjoyable.
- LancsCAN's membership is diverse which is fantastic. However, it does mean that there are a range of different views and perspectives. This means that the annual forum may need to consider more themed/ clustered sessions in future (for example) along with the cross-collaboration elements.
- The 2024 LancsCAN Forum in Preston was excellent. Email correspondence is useful and helpful for feeling 'in the eco loop'.
- I think the LancsCAN Forum events were fantastic, and I think more events like that would be good, perhaps smaller more locally focused events in individual districts so members working in the same district can make connections.
- I thought this year's forum was a much more useful event than the first in that we gained experience of and insights into a range of aspects. In honesty I have to explore the LancsCAN website more fully - I tend to

react to news and events in the newsletters rather than checking the website or social media

- ➔ The Lunch & Learn and Webinars that I have attended have been very good.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ➔ A facility to interact with other members directly, Whatsapp group or similar.
- ➔ The conference was useful to meet other people / organisations. It would be good for views / campaigns to be passed on at university / council up to Government level
- ➔ Publicity of events is useful and can be shared with our members, and details put on the public notice board.
- ➔ Some of the comms are too lengthy to read when out and about, a short video or audio-clip may be more interactive to listen to with the links embedded in a list below. The member who recently shared the case study website was particularly useful.
- ➔ Have always had swift and positive responses whenever contacting LancsCAN so feel comfortable giving additional thoughts and feedback in due course

YOUTH AND SCHOOLS

- ➔ Social media seems to be the way to engage with our younger members. The more relevant we make tackling Climate change and the actions we are taking to try and reduce this, the more chance we have of getting them involved.

CASE STUDY (ON [WEBSITE](#)) RELATED

- ➔ I really like the mapping development of individual and group efforts and innovations. These also offer local and regional case studies others can learn from to develop insights and good practice, and opportunities to engage in some shape or fashion.
- ➔ Offer case studies covering updates on legislative/policy innovation, KTPs, knowledge exchange, work-related/based learning, transformative value (environmental, sociocultural, economic), impact, and methodologies/indices regarding measurement we can all learn from and develop together on a transparent, level playing field.
- ➔ Share a list of projects undertaken or being undertaken at the universities.

BUSINESS RELATED

- ➔ We are a smaller, younger but growing company with plenty of drive and ideas. It would be good to discuss what support can be gained via

the network so we can action more. Becoming members is just a starting point and we'd like to do more.

10. How can LancsCAN better support you and your organisation's work?

In total, 52 of the 63 participants engaged with this question. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of response comments from members.

GENERAL

- Mapping and insights, for research, teaching and learning, and engage in various other practical and innovative opportunities.
- Just keep campaigning and pressurising the powers that be.
- We are quite happy with the support we are given
- I already feel well supported. Your comms are very good at keeping me up to date on what is happening
- Try to attract even more organisations to become members
- Ensure its further continuation and accessibility.
- I feel like it is a supportive network
- I think initially we need to support LancsCAN first, get it established on the map. Then we can "lean" on each other
- Identify what services and support other members of LancsCAN provide, so that we can all consider where we can work together or utilise others expertise to progress Climate actions within Lancashire as well as our own organisations.

EVENTS

- More in-person events would be great.
- Sharing events and local ideas put out by members, maybe this is in the members file, I would not know having not gone there.
- To continue arranging conferences that bring together a wide variety of organisations and government organisations.
- More networking events

FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Understanding what local resources / funding is available to develop energy saving products, how might we promote our free Energy Management Review service to other members and local businesses
- If LancsCAN could access more funding then there would be the opportunity to provide experts in fields such as carbon measurement, funding applications, comms etc that could be utilised by members.

INTERACTION WITH LOCAL COUNCILS AND PUBLIC SECTOR

- Help us build relationships in the public sector in Lancashire; this is extremely poor at present at a county, unitary and district level through most of the area
- Let local councils know how important Friends of Parks groups are and to respect task days and to give more hours.

COMMUNICATIONS

- By keeping us up to date with climate related news in Lancashire e.g. what other groups are doing, events, training etc
- Find a magic wand to engage more people - maybe this is the need for a better understanding of comms - the term 'action' is off-putting to many
- Clear instructions on how to share opportunities with the network
- Sending emails about relevant courses, websites, meet ups etc
- Publication of our events is helpful. The forthcoming Climate Action Fund bid would help us free resources to engage more, if successful.
- There are a lot of networks out there and I find it hard as one individual to be as active in all as I would like. Email updates are really useful as a way to focus my attention on core areas.

VARIOUS CLIMATE ACTION FRONTS AND THEMES

- Develop Primary School involvement
- Bring together those interested in sustainable transport particularly in cycling in Lancs
- We need assistance with securing funding for nature-based activities. We also run a 12-week Eco-therapy course that we require help with.
- Business / IT support / bid writing
- Maybe some training on Local Area Energy Plans and how they can be best use.

11. What other suggestions do you have regarding LancsCAN's future work and development?

In total, 43 of the 63 participants engaged with this question. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of response comments from members.

GENERAL

- Please keep up the amazing work and continue into the future!
- Continue doing what you're doing and encourage us all to get more involved.

- Reaching further into communities alongside VCFSE local organizations.
- Collaborative funding applications would be beneficial

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND POLICY-RELATED

- More campaigning
- Understand the opportunities of the new Government
- Engaging with the general public and publicising what we are and what we hope to do
- Potentially developing a manifesto for Lancashire's climate action and identifying some solid outputs.
- How to be more urgent and radical as a network to make things happen. What does this look like and how do we do it?

EVENTS

- More in-person events or interactive online webinars would be great.
- More conferences and in person events would be useful
- Perhaps have mini conferences say, every 3 - 6 months, lasting perhaps /a day/a morning/an afternoon. at different venues, with a main conference annually in Preston again. People can bring their own water bottle, and packed lunch, notepad etc to keep costs / admin down.
- Notice that a regional summit is muted. There are so many summits, conferences etc. We really need to stop talking and do more! And large in person events like this are expensive, time consuming and often involve long car journeys as not everyone will travel by public transport. Please consider making it online, if a regional summit is what people want. I feel it's rather hypocritical to have a face-to-face regional summit which people can and will drive to, given why LancsCAN exists.
- Maybe more webinars on topics like cargo bikes, reducing personal carbon footprint, important climate change issues such as debates on farming and plant-based food (not avoiding it!) Could the network bring relevant orgs together to develop campaigns?
- Maybe a geographical or theme meet up to collaborate and share ideas to put some proactive actions in place linked to pledges.

COMMUNICATIONS

- More proactive social media presence would be good.
- There are still members of the public in ignorance about the climate crisis or in denial. How can you reach out to them? Young adults (under 30) are very eco-conscious and are inheriting the mess made by my and older generations. Could you engage more with them? Ethnic communities also need to feel their voice can be heard.

- LancsCAN is in a good position to give information on how individuals can live with the climate emergency.

VARIOUS CLIMATE ACTION FRONTS AND THEMES

- Energy projects
- As well as the collective aim of reducing carbon to improve our world I would suggest that we also need to highlight the benefits both on our physical and mental health as well as financially of environmental sustainability. We must also get the message out to the public re environmental sustainability and empower them to take action. To have a bigger impact we need to change the culture so there is more of a focus on our impact on the environment and this will take time. This links to the National Lottery funding bid being considered as well as the knowledge gained from the climate juries.

12. How can we as a network better collaborate together and with others to realise Lancashire's ambitious and urgent climate action goals?

In total, 46 of the 63 participants engaged with this question. Below are the main thematic headings outlined with an indicative selection of response comments from members.

TRAINING

- It would be great to offer climate literacy training to groups locally.
- Carbon literacy training

OUTREACH, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION

- Making sure there are regular meetings with local policy makers should devolution appear soon will be v important. Potentially using broad based community organising principles to get better connections between members and hold people in power to account.
- Try to keep the lines of communication as open as possible and remind people of that. Remind people we have just had a General Election. It's brought many new MPs to Parliament. Now, for the next few months, could be a good time to encourage LancsCAN members to get to know their MP, whether that be a newly elected MP or one that has been re-elected in their area, so they can encourage these MPs, of whichever persuasion, to do their bit, with the powers recently bestowed on them, to help solve our climate/energy crisis in as 'green' a way as possible
- Needs to be seen as a force to be reckoned with by councils and others, e.g. business. Therefore becoming more than the sum of our individual interests.

- Improved sharing and promotion about what other businesses are doing to help the climate cause, as might help to inspire and/or spark ideas.
- Skill shares where people can learn skills from each other where groups can support new business as a way of sharing their knowledge
- Creating collaboration between businesses and the public sector in Lancashire, which is extremely poor at present
- We could send delegates to work with certain groups of industry in the county. There is still some learning, a recent one is the possibility of a historic chemical issue at ICI Thornton
- Encourage swap days between members, visits to each other's organisation, to develop closer links\relationships
- Regular face to face workshops, collaborative projects, and unified campaigns will ensure that all members work toward Lancashire's ambitious climate goals.
- Have events where the groups can come together to do things such as tree planting or other nature-based activities.
- Thinking about how to connect our "network nodes" better with one another - what support do the key individuals need?
- Climate Fairs? Demonstrations?
- Share funding, new climate change schemes, snippets of information that can easily be shared with the public.
- Learn from similar networks in other areas who are further along in their journey.
- On housing, I think it would be good to get the Halton co-housing on board, provide opportunities to enable what they do to be shared with people who might be interested in setting up their own co-housing across Lancs including social housing providers. People love what they do but it's daunting to set something like that up and it's pricey, so having a Lancs wide strategy could possibly enable us to draw down central govt funds to enable it to happen on a bigger scale.
- Maybe defining some specific local shared goals and targets?
- LancsCAN could seek partnerships with local businesses, governments, and educational institutions to broaden its reach.

13. What other organisations or people should we invite to join LancsCAN?

In total, 45 of the 63 participants engaged with this question. Below are suggestions from members on organisations not yet part of LancsCAN that will be approached if contact details for them can be found.

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

- Halton (Lancaster) Co-housing (info@forgebank.org.uk)
- Good Life Project in Nelson (info@goodlifeproject.co.uk)

- ➔ Faith organisations
- ➔ More Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations
- ➔ Penwortham in Bloom Leyland in bloom Outdoors for all together

LARGE ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESS

- ➔ AECB?
- ➔ Larger industrial partners – e.g. BAE
- ➔ Energy distribution companies DSOs/ DNOs.
- ➔ Booths supermarket
- ➔ Caravan and leisure parks, sustainability is low on their agenda and most do not have a strategy despite high emissions and waste.

YOUTH AND SCHOOLS

- ➔ Sixth Form colleges
- ➔ Schools and colleges
- ➔ Youth groups and organisations such as UK Youth and NYA

INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE

- ➔ Lancashire based celebrities, sporting/artistic or otherwise, and famous north west gardeners
- ➔ Patrick Grant (community clothing and Great British Sewing Bee) is doing a lot of work on the impact of fast fashion on the planet.

COUNCILS

- ➔ Fylde and Ribble Valley Councils, who are not yet members... and have not yet declared climate emergencies like the others have
- ➔ Ranger Team at Chorley Council

NEXT STEPS

Results from the Survey will be discussed among LancsCAN team groups – Leadership, Funding Finders, Communications – from which a series of recommended actions will follow. All LancsCAN members will also be provided the opportunity to do the same.

This Annual Report will be circulated in the December LancsCAN update communication and will also invite comments from members on its content.