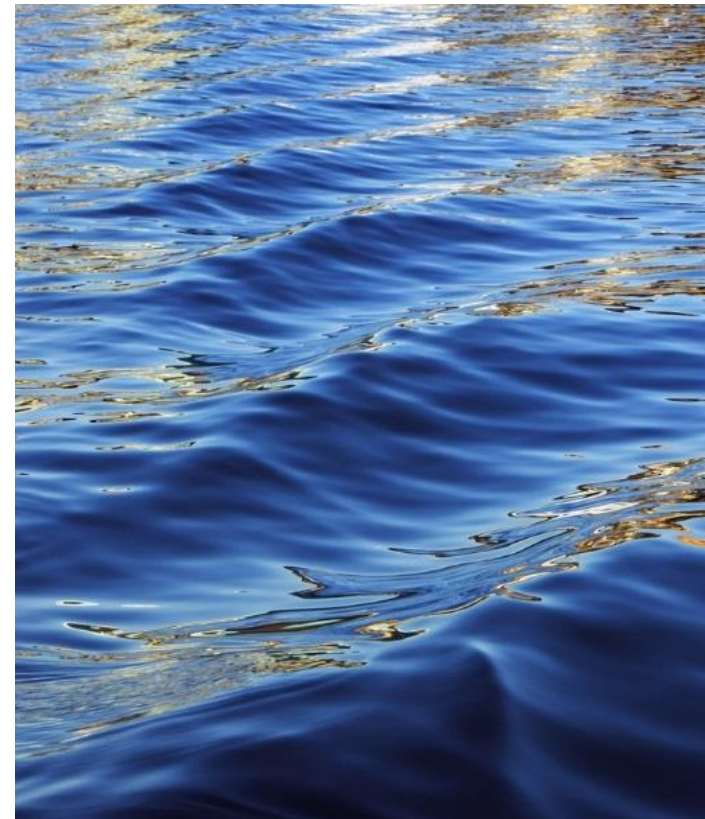




Surrey Energy Partnership

Chair's Report
April 2022 – March 2023

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Energy Partnership



Review of the last year: April 2022 – March 2023



Highlights:

- Continued support from the University of Surrey
- Membership has increased from 101 individuals to 146 individuals (40%+)
- Projects:
 - ‘The leaky pipeline of home energy improvements’ – SCC & UoS
 - ‘Active Travel in Surrey’ – Surrey Climate Commission, UoS, SCC Transport etc
- SEP Autumn Forum Sep 2022: Sustainable Transport
- Secretariat service now funded by UoS and provided by Surrey Climate Commission

Surrey Energy Partnership’s Vision:

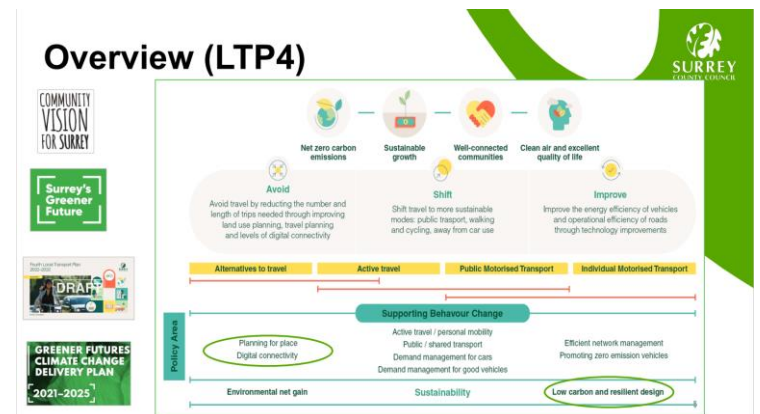
To accelerate the transition to clean, fair and sustainable energy
across Surrey and beyond

Review of the last year - detail



Activities and Projects:

- Regular newsletters
- ‘The leaky pipeline of home energy improvements’ – SCC & UoS: this collaborative project researched the reasons why residents ‘drop out’ of energy saving council-run initiatives.
- ‘Active Travel in Surrey’ – Surrey Climate Commission, UoS, SCC Transport and others: initial research in 2020 led to further workshops, community activities and the Sustainable Transport event. There is scope to build on this activity.
- SEP Autumn Forum 26th Sept 2022: Sustainable Transport: 6 speakers plus discussion sessions. Circa 53 attendees from across Surrey and positive feedback.



New secretariat for SEP



Background:

- Good relations between UoS, SEP and Surrey Climate Commission.
- Cat Reeby's UoS contract ending in December 2022.
- UoS agreed to fund Surrey Climate Commission to provide the ongoing secretariat for SEP.

Key deliverables – January to December 2023

1. Arrange 2 Steering Group meetings per year
2. Arrange min 2 Forum events per year
3. Maintain and grow the SEP membership (by 10%)
4. Regular information bulletin / newsletter circulated to members, and news / articles for website maintained
5. Encourage and support 1 – 2 projects per year

Future direction, opportunities and challenges for SEP



Overview:

- SEP is referenced as a key partner in Surrey's Greener Futures Strategy, and has strong links with many key partners (e.g. UoS new Institute for Sustainability)
- The SEP priority areas for action were: - domestic net zero, - renewables, - sustainable travel.
- We have built a Surrey-wide network with limited resource.

Future considerations

1. Impact: How can we gear up to achieve more and progress with our vision?
2. Surrey structures: Should there be a formal link between local partners, business and the councils (e.g. via the Greener Futures Boards)?
3. What resources, funding and partnerships do we need to have greater impact?
4. Where could SEP look for funding & support? E.g. National Lottery energy & climate fund.



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