

<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>SOUTHAMPTON CLIMATE COMMISSION</b>
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<b>Time:</b>	<b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 4pm</b>
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<b>Location:</b>	<b>Network Eagle Labs</b>
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**Attendees:** Phil Horton (Royal Yachting Assoc), Jessica Lewis (SCC), Melanie Robertson (SCC), Bakr Bahaj (UoS), Liz Harris (SUSU), Lyn Brayshaw (Cycling Campaign), Lindsay McCulloch (SCC), Mark Hancock (Southampton Friends of the Earth/SoCAN), Rosie Newey (Greenpeace), Libby Terraz (Lets Go Zero), Adam Tewkesbury (NHS), Ben Jacobs-Hower (Balfour Beatty), Roger Munford (West Solar co-op), Adam Goulden (tec), Rebecca Kinge (SoCAN/Southampton Collective), Pete Thomas (Retrofit Southampton)

**Apologies:** Alan Whitehead, Sarah Puckett (UoS), Jason Light (Green Robin), Gareth Miller (Chamber of Commerce), Stuart Perry (Science Park), Phil Dominey (SW Rail), , Emma Hyslop (Upper Shirley High School), Colin MacQueen (National Park City), Marty Climenhaga (HIOW Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust/UoS), Flavia Macedo (Bring Energy), John Savage (Cllr),

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**Meeting Overview**

- **New Members:** Libby Terraz (Lets Go Zero) and Colin MacQueen (Southampton National Park City) confirmed as new members
- **Chair/Vice Chair Nominations:** Nominations are to be submitted before the December meeting (Forms attached)

**Key Agenda Items & Discussions**

**1. Renaissance Scrutiny & Strategy**

- The Renaissance Position statement was approved and sent to relevant stakeholders
- **Doughnut Economics** was proposed as a visual and conceptual tool that shows the connections between strategies.
- Members expressed interest in attending the SVS meeting in October where the Renaissance Strategy is being discussed to present their views directly (can someone provide a link/ more info on when and where this is)?

## 2. City Plan Consultation

- There was consensus on submitting a Commission response to the City Plan, potentially drawing from Renaissance strategy insights.

## 3. Presentation by Libby Towers – Let's Go Zero

Libby shared her background in education and her role as a **Climate Action Advisor**.

- She highlighted:
  - Support for schools in creating climate action plans.
  - Use of the **Count the Carbon** tool for accessible carbon footprinting.
  - Success stories like **Bevois Town School**, which received funding for outdoor adaptation.
  - She encouraged Commission members to help schools sign up and connect with funding opportunities.

## 4. Engaging Schools in Climate Projects

- Challenges in engaging schools due to staff burnout and limited capacity were discussed.
- Suggestions included:
  - Framing projects around co-benefits like air quality and nature access.
  - Linking initiatives to DfE requirements to increase relevance.
  - Building stronger networks and support systems for schools.

## 5. Health & Wellbeing Strategy

- Rebecca Kinge raised the need to review new council strategies (health, housing, biodiversity).
- A subgroup was proposed to draft responses before October deadlines.
- Climate anxiety and mental health were highlighted as key issues.
- Rob Hopkins' book *How to Fall in Love with the Future* was recommended for hopeful framing.

## 6. PhD Researcher Inquiry

- A final-year PhD student expressed interest in supporting the Commission.
- Members suggested inviting her to future meetings and exploring potential contributions, especially around transport resilience and tracking Climate Assembly recommendations.

## 7. Local Government Reorganisation & Combined Authority

- Discussion on the upcoming **combined authority and mayoral model**.
- Members considered drafting a policy framework for the incoming mayor, focusing on climate, transport, and economic development.
- RK signposted to political priorities work [SoCAN News - SoCAN: Southampton Climate Action Network](#)

## 8. AOB (Any Other Business)

- Proposal to move future meetings to start at 5PM.



### Action Points

- Speaker on LGR at next commission meeting
- MH to draft paragraph and share with group on proposed green hydrogen at Fawley.
- AG to feedback on statement being prepared by HCAN.
- JL to contact Transport team on PHD proposal
- Set up meeting to review City Plan, and Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Housing Strategy.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11am Loft, SUSU