Joint Strategic Committee 8 September 2020



Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected: All

Collaboration on the climate emergency - update on the success of Adur & Worthing Climate Conference 'Zero 2030' and next steps

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources

Executive Summary

- 1. Purpose
- 1.1. This report updates members on the ongoing work with external partners to address the climate emergency.
- 1.2. The Zero 2030; the community led climate conference for Adur and Worthing was a well attended and celebrated local event, delivered collaboratively between Worthing Climate Action Network, Transition Town Worthing and Adur & Worthing Councils.
- 1.3. A *Draft Climate Plan for Adur and Worthing* has been developed, produced by Worthing Climate Action Network and the councils based on feedback from the Zero 2030 Climate Conference. The Plan recognises the diversity and strength of current local climate action by external partners. But it highlights that greater collaboration is needed for Adur and Worthing to jointly achieve the 2050 carbon neutral target.
- 1.4. An Adur & Worthing Carbon Neutral Study has been produced by Anthesis. This Study sets out the scale and challenge ahead to deliver local carbon neutral ambitions. It identifies the scale and types of interventions needed to achieve the 2050 target.
- 1.5. To address the Climate Emergency, greater collaboration on climate action is proposed through enhanced engagement with community, business and

public sector partners; developing joint ownership of a refined climate plan; and creating clearer methods of joint working.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That members:

- 2.1.1. note the success of Zero 2030 the community led Climate
 Conference, and the extent of community activity happening across
 Adur and Worthing;
- 2.1.2. Recognise the work of Worthing CAN in particular for their work on the Draft Climate Plan
- endorse ongoing collaboration with local communities on the
 Climate Emergency as set out in Next Steps Section 7 of this report;
- 2.1.4. endorse the use of the Adur & Worthing Carbon Neutral Study (by Anthesis) to inform the Draft Climate Plan and other action on the Climate Emergency.

3. Context: Zero 2030 the Climate Conference

- 3.1. Despite reductions in global carbon emissions of up to 30% during lockdown, these will have limited effect on averting climate change unless a green recovery is established as the world emerges from lockdown¹. Record breaking global heating temperatures are continuing to be recorded. In July 2020 the Meteorological Office published it's sixth 'State of the UK Climate' report. This confirmed consistent increasing warming temperatures in the UK with a new all-time record in 2019 (38.7° C) Cambridge, July; and a new winter record (21.2° C) London, February.
- 3.2. During lockdown, council work has continued with urgency to address the council's own carbon emissions, and to develop strategies to address the area wide carbon emissions including preparing for a comprehensive inclusive Climate Assembly with local residents in autumn 2020 and publishing the first SustainableAW magazine to promote, celebrate and enhance local activity.
- 3.3. Following the Declaration of Climate Emergency by the councils in July 2019, Adur & Worthing Councils joined forces with Worthing Climate Action Network

¹ A study by <u>Leeds University</u> found that during lockdown, carbon dioxide and other emissions fell globally by between 10-30% due to massive behavioural shifts. It concludes this will have only a tiny impact on the climate, because the decrease in emissions from confinement measures is temporary. The researchers modelled options for post-lockdown recovery showing that our current situation provides a unique opportunity to implement a structural economic change that could help us move towards a more resilient, net-zero emissions future through a green recovery.

- (WCAN) and Transition Town Worthing (TTW) to hold a Climate Conference for Adur and Worthing on March 4th 2020 at the Assembly Hall, Worthing.
- 3.4. This aimed to bring communities, sectors and individuals together to deepen engagement and generate ideas, projects and partnerships to tackle the dual challenges of mass ecological extinctions and the climate crisis.
- 3.5. The Conference achieved huge success, recognised by an award from CPRE
 the Countryside Charity, and has created the foundation for further activity
 and engagement. This report brings several strands of work before members
 that have resulted from the Conference:
 - 3.5.1. An update on the success of the Climate Conference (Section 4)
 - 3.5.2. A Draft Climate Plan, developed from the outputs of workshops held at the conference (Section 5)
 - 3.5.3. A Draft Study created by consultants Anthesis, which outlines potential pathways for Adur and Worthing to become Carbon Neutral (Section 6)
 - 3.5.4. Proposals for next steps. (Section 7)

4. Success of the climate conference Zero 2030 the Community Led Climate Conference

- 4.1. The conference responded to council commitments:
 - 4.1.1. UK100 Cities Pledge to achieve 100% Clean Energy across Adur and Worthing by 2050;
 - 4.1.2. Platforms for Our Places Going Further 2020-22 to convene a large Climate Change Event to bring businesses, public organisations and communities together and develop ongoing engagement;
 - 4.1.3. all the SustainableAW themes, particularly: Shared Leadership; Carbon Reduction; Climate Resilience; and Biodiversity.
- 4.2. The Conference was titled 'Zero 2030' in response to the 2018 International Panel on Climate Change *Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5* °C. The report identified that going beyond 1.5 °C of catastrophic warming could be prevented through "rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" from governments and individuals by 2030.
- 4.3. The councils are working hard to put their own house in order, having committed to work towards a council target to become carbon neutral by 2030 and developing a Carbon Neutral Plan. The Climate Conference was seen as an opportunity to work with external partners to address the challenge of becoming carbon neutral across the wider area of Adur and Worthing.

- 4.4. The event was delivered through close collaboration between WCAN, TTW, AWC with support from many local individuals and organisations, including:
 - 4.4.1. more than 50 local volunteers:
 - 4.4.2. input from over 30 local organisations;
 - 4.4.3. with ten local experts offering their time to lead workshop discussions.

Worthing Borough Council provided venue space throughout Worthing Town Hall. The event was part funded through a Crowdfunding page, a grant from LUSH and a contribution from Adur & Worthing Councils.

- 4.5. The aims of the conference were to consider:
 - 4.5.1. What steps are needed *from us all* across Adur and Worthing?
 - 4.5.2. What commitments are local communities willing to make?
 - 4.5.3. How can we work together?
- 4.6. The conference was planned as a day of insight, motivation, and involvement; and a springboard to work more closely with communities on the climate challenge. National and local speakers presented in the morning, and expert local speakers in the afternoon at participatory workshops. See Appendix 1 for the *Zero 2030* programme.
- 4.7. This was the first climate event held by a local authority in Greater Brighton, East Sussex or West Sussex following their Climate Emergency Declarations in 2019. The event was completely booked out with a long waiting list, filling the Assembly Hall with 300 delegates including 125 organisations (Appendix 2). The event had overwhelmingly positive feedback, as can be seen from conference feedback and comments from participants:
- 4.8. Feedback forms showed that delegates rated their experience as follows:

The conference overall	98%	Felt significantly better informed about the climate and ecological crises and how to respond	
Speakers	98%	Excellent or Good	
Venue	96%	Excellent or Good	
Workshops	86%	Excellent or Good	
Food	92%	Excellent or Good	

4.9. Excerpts from feedback on twitter and email (see appendix 3):

Ground-breaking event	Very proud to be a Worthing Resident right now
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Inspiring event	A stimulating and beautifully organised event	
Wow! You've set the bar high	Fantastic range of community stakeholders	
Positivity and energy from everyone	Great to see a pro-active local council teaming up with community	
A&W Councils lead the way	You smashed it! What a great turnout	
A pleasure to speak at	Great to see council leader and chief exec	
Excellent knowledgeable & academic presenters	Great to see such enthusiasm to address the biggest issue of our time	
A joy to host	Want to see how we could replicate it in Chichester	

- 4.10. WCAN, on behalf of TTW and the councils, has been given an <u>award</u> from CPRE, the Countryside Charity for 'Spreading the Net for Climate Action' and forming a 'unique partnership with their local councils to inspire more people to take positive action on the environment'
- 4.11. Resources from the event have been posted by WCAN on the <u>FutureEcologic</u> website along with slides and recorded talks from key speakers.

5. Draft Climate Plan for Adur & Worthing

- 5.1. Feedback from delegates (over 1000 post it notes) was gathered during the workshops and these have been summarised into an ambitious Draft Climate Plan, produced with support from WCAN and input from TTW. WCAN have summarised workshop outputs into an excellent overarching Plan for Adur and Worthing (see appendix 4).
- 5.2. The intention is currently for a jointly owned and shared plan between community, business and public sector partners locally. The Plan provides a vehicle for joint working and focus, but actions need to be refined and owned by partners. For this to happen effectively, a collaborative forum needs to be created. The desire for this type of forum was strongly promoted by delegates at the conference, and is a shared ambition from the councils.
- 5.3. It is intended that the final plan will shine a spotlight on activity in Adur & Worthing; deepen ambition; encourage greater cooperative working; and provide a vehicle to support funding applications and further work.

- 5.4. The Plan follows the SustainableAW themes, with an additional theme added on *Wellbeing*, *Ethos & Spirit*. It includes a vision for each theme; sections on what is already happening locally; and what needs to happen next.
- 5.5. Approval is sought to continue local engagement on the draft plan. This will be consulted on locally and it is intended a final plan would also incorporate outputs of the Climate Assembly being held September 2020 to January 2021.
 - 6. A Carbon Neutral Study for Adur and Worthing: Exploring pathways to achieve the target (SCATTER Study)
- 6.1. The councils committed under the *UK100 Cities Pledge* to work towards 100% clean energy across Adur and Worthing by 2050; and in *SustainableAW* and *Platforms for our Places* (3.1.4), committed to produce an action plan for carbon reduction across adur and Worthing, and.
- 6.2. The Carbon Neutral Study for Adur and Worthing (see appendix 5) was developed by consultants Anthesis for Adur and Worthing Councils using their SCATTER Tool (Setting City Area Targets & Trajectories for Emissions Reduction), developed using research from the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research. The SCATTER tool is designed to help local authorities set baselines and model trajectories in order to reduce emissions and meet their climate change objectives. It is recognised by BEIS as a robust data-driven model to help understand the nature and extent of future action required.
- 6.3. The study does not *define* the pathway for Adur and Worthing to achieve the 2050 target but outlines the *level of ambition* needed to achieve an area based carbon neutral target.
- 6.4. The Study identifies that in 2017, 272 ktCO2e were emitted across Adur, and 407 ktCO2e in Worthing. Both profiles show the largest source of emissions are Buildings (57% and 67% for Adur and Worthing respectively), followed by Transport (30% & 23%) and Waste (13% & 10%).
- 6.5. The Study identifies a 'carbon budget' for Adur and Worthing of 3,700 ktCO2 from 2020 in order that Adur and Worthing aligns with the Paris Agreement. This is a finite amount of carbon that should not be exceeded in order to remain under the international and national 2050 100% carbon reduction target (estimated to prevent breaching 1.5 degrees global warming).
- 6.6. Adur and Worthing's emissions are tracking a 'business as usual' scenario, which will exceed Adur and Worthing's carbon budget by a factor of 3 by

- 2050. This underscores that the scale and ambition of intervention needed is transformational. A step change in behaviour, policy, investment and collaboration is required, which brings with it both opportunity and challenge.
- 6.7. The study sets out a series of potential interventions across a suite of key themes. These are set out on page 24 of the report onwards and are calibrated at a 'high ambition' level (Level 4). Targets are offered for 2025, 2030 and 2050: Some examples targets for 2030 are:

Theme	Intervention - 2030 target	
Domestic Buildings	 Moving off gas boilers for heating homes: in homes 26% are heated by heat pumps, and 1% by district heating. Shifting off gas for cooking: 76% of cooking systems are electrified. Appliance & lighting efficiency: Average electricity demand per household is 30% lower than 2015 (down to 2.12 MWh/year) through use of LEDs and A* ratings. 	
Non Domestic Buildings	Improved energy efficiency: 24% reduction in heating and cooling demands against 2015 levels.	
Transport	 Using cars less: 10% reduction in car transport. Greater use of active and public transport (walking and cycling): 6% by active transport, 20% of mileage is by public transport. 	
Waste	 Producing less waste: 11% decrease in overall quantity of commerciand domestic waste against 2015 levels. Increased recycling rates: 61% of commercial and household waste sent to recycling. 	
Renewable Energy	 Increased solar (PV & thermal): 0.67 km2 of PV arrays across roof space (equivalent to arrays on 58% of households) 226 MW installed capacity. 	

6.8. The study will help to inform local debates, and shape local policy and actions: it identifies some of the *types of interventions* that need to happen, but not how. It is proposed that engagement and collaboration with local partners will help to shape how these interventions can be implemented.

7. Recommended next steps

Further Engagement on climate action and the Draft Climate Plan

- 7.1. It is proposed that engagement be undertaken locally with partners from all sectors and especially those represented at the conference to:
 - 7.1.1. gain consensus on the recommended community level actions for the Draft Climate Plan;
 - 7.1.2. fill any gaps and gain agreement on the scale of actions needed;
 - 7.1.3. agree ownership of actions, and fine tune their content; and

- 7.1.4. consult on what partnerships and forums are needed in Adur & Worthing and how these can be established to address the climate emergency.
- 7.2. The consultation will be achieved through meetings and forums established by the newly expanded Sustainability Team and promoted through council channels including the new <u>SustainableAW magazine</u>.
- 7.3. It is proposed the Draft Climate Plan, having been through a robust process of consultation be brought back to Joint Strategic Committee in early 2021 in order to incorporate outputs from the Adur and Worthing Climate Assembly.

SustainableAW: a shared framework

- 7.4. In December 2019 SustainableAW was adopted as a shared framework for action with the intention to work with the community to develop commitments that would be included in the framework. Engagement is underway on these community level actions for SustainableAW.
- 7.5. It is proposed a report be presented to Joint Strategic Committeeby the end of 2020 to formally adopt the community actions into SustainableAW with an update on progress against council actions.

8. Engagement and Communication

- 8.1. Zero 2030 was coordinated through close collaboration and joint working between WCAN, TTW and the councils. It was a community engagement event, designed to bring together a diverse range of stakeholders to consider climate and ecological action.
- 8.2. The Draft Climate Plan has been developed through extensive consultation with the 125 organisations and 300 delegates that attended the climate conference. It is proposed that there be further engagement with partners on the Draft Climate Plan.
- 8.3. AWC provided considerable resources to the climate conference, in particular the services of the Facilities Team to help set up and accommodate afternoon workshops at Worthing Town Hall. There were 50 free tickets provided to council officers and members. Many council officers stewarded or volunteered at the event. The input from the Leader of Worthing Borough Council who gave a welcome speech, and from the Chief executive who chaired the session on *questions to the panel of speakers*, was noted and appreciated by many delegates.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The costs for the Council related to the Climate conference 'Zero 2030' were minimal and were funded from the Sustainability Service Budget.
- 9.2. Any costs associated with further consultation work will be met by the existing budget within the Sustainability Service. There are no other financial implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.
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 Date: 27/8/2020

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10. Legal Implications

- 10.1. The Climate Change Act 2008 is the basis for the UK's approach to tackling and responding to climate change. It requires that emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are reduced and that climate change risks are prepared for.
- 10.2. Some of the proposed actions set out in the Climate Plan will have legal implications that will need to be considered fully as they come forward. This includes things such as local plan documents which are subject to separate legislative requirements and processes.

Legal Officer: Louise Mathie Date: 20/08/2020

Background Papers

- Report to JSC 09.07.2019: Climate Emergency Becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030
- Report to JSC 03.12.2019: Platforms for Our Places: Going Further
- Report to JSC 03.12.19 SustainableAW
- International Panel on Climate Change Report of October 2018 Special Report: Global Warming of 1.5 °C

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

 Transition to a low carbon economy is vital to provide future energy systems resilience, and to address and reduce potential impacts of climate change

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

 The conference demonstrates the social value that can be harnessed through collaborative working with the local community.

2.2 Equality Issues

 The impacts of climate change are predicted to impact on all communities, but the greatest impact is predicted to impact the most vulnerable communities. It is imperative that all is done to mitigate climate change.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

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3. Environmental

 The key driver for the Councils' Climate Emergency Declaration and commitment towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030, is avert the predicted catastrophic impacts of climate change on the environment, economy and communities.

4. Governance

• The delivery of a Climate Conference is a commitment within *Platforms for Our Places: Going Further 2020-22 and Sustainable AW 2020-23*.

APPENDIX 1 - CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The community led Climate Conference for Worthing and Adur Wednesday 4th March 2020 - Assembly Hall bar)



9.30	Welcoming Introduction from the organisers Michelle Furtado, Worthing Climate Action Network and Pauline Cory, Transition Town Worthing
9.45	Opening Address Dan Humphreys, Leader of Worthing Borough Council
9.50	SustainableAW and the Climate Emergency Francesca Iliffe, Strategic Sustainability Manager, Adur & Worthing Councils
10.00	Carbon neutral Adur and Worthing: what needs to happen Achieving a route to a carbon free Adur and Worthing, Matt Rooney, Anthesis
10.20	Climate Change and Economic Transformation: moving to a low carbon economy Alex Chapman, New Economics Foundation
10.40	Rewilding Isabella Tree, Knepp Estate
11.00	Break for 30 minutes

11.30	Questions to the panel Chaired by Alex Bailey, Chief Executive, Adur & Worthing Councils
12.00	Just a minute x 20 Showcasing fantastic local projects. Chaired by Michelle Furtado, Worthing Climate Action Network
12.30	Fingerprints not Footprints Engaging young people in positive actions, Pupils and Phil Dean, Teacher, Chatsmore High School
12.40	From What Is to What if ? - how communities and individuals can transition Video message from Totnes: Rob Hopkins, Co-founder of the Transition Town Movement
12.50	Round up Michelle Furtado, Worthing Climate Action
1:00	Lunch & Screening of Help our Kelp by Big Wave TV for Sussex Wildlife Trust, Blue Marine Foundation, and the Marine Conservation Society.

2:00	About the workshops Michelle Furtado, Worthing Climate Action Network
2:20	Workshop Session 1 Participatory spaces in various rooms (see map)
3:20	Workshop Session 2 Participatory spaces in various rooms (see map)
4:20	Next steps Workshop highlights, and what happens now Facilitator Michelle Furtado, Worthing Climate Action

Zero 2030 - SustainableAW Workshops

SustainableAW Workshop Theme	Workshop	Location
Ecology	Tony Whitbread, President, Sussex Wildlife Trust Climate and nature - Restoration of ecosystems - What can we do	Gordon Room Worthing Town Hall, Ground Floor
Climate Resilience	Peter King, Director, Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust The astonishing EPIC project redirecting the Sompting Stream to create a new river bed - how natural systems can contribute to addressing the climate crisis - natural flood management - benefits to wildlife and the environment	Assembly Hall, Reception Room (between Assembly Hall and Town Hall)
Carbon Reduction & Energy	Developing a pathway to Carbon Neutral Adur and Worthing Matt Rooney, Principle Consultant, Anthesis Use the SCATTER approach to test out how we can transition to net zero carbon across Adur & Worthing - what do we need to change in our energy and transport use,	Main Hall Assembly Hall
Water	Ben Earl, Head of Water Efficiency, Southern Water Reaching Target 100 – how do we secure supplies of water in a climate changed world? - The energy efficiency/water efficiency link - Campaigning for a universal water label - Benefits of water efficiency	Committee Room 3 Worthing Town Hall, 1st Floor
Transport	Dr Gary Fuller, Environmental Research Group, King's College London What does carbon neutral mean for transport - why do we need to change our transport behaviour	Council Chamber Worthing Town Hall, 1st Floor
Shared Leadership & Economy	Steve Creed, Director, Creed Management Solutions Circular economy - How can organisations and individuals address the challenges of creating a Sustainable world	Education Room Worthing Museum
Waste	Carrie Cort, Sussex Green Living, Horsham Repair and Climate Cafe The climate impacts of waste - how communities can play a part in waste reduction & recycling - the environmental & social benefits of Repair Cafes	Committee Room 2 Worthing Town Hall, 1st Floor
Food	Victoria Williams, Food Matters Building capacity and action for a healthy, sustainable, fair food system	Committee Room 1 Worthing Town Hall, 1st Floor
Land Use & Planning	Creating a more sustainable Adur & Worthing Jennifer Ryan, Senr Planning Policy Officer, Adur & Worthing Councils How can the Planning system create a more sustainable Adur and Worthing - How can we ensure the new Worthing Plan delivers sustainable development - introducing the UN Sustainable Development Goals	Worthing Room Worthing Town Hall, 1st Floor
Ethos & Spirit	Emma Cameron, Worthing Climate Action Network Dealing with climate and ecology grief, loss and anxiety - having a positive climate response that protects our wellbeing	Richmond Bar Assembly Hall,

APPENDIX 2 - ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED/ATTENDED ZERO 2030

125 Organisations were represented at Zero 2030:

A Greener Alternative Ltd Action in Rural Sussex

AD Fuels Ltd

Adur & Worthing Councils
Adur District Council

Anthesis Architect BHESCo

Breathing Spaces
Brighton Energy Co-op
Brighton & Hove City Council
Brighton & Hove Food

Partnership

Brighton University Business Consultant Chatsmore Catholic High

School CityFibre

Coastal West Sussex Colonnade House Community Chest

Community Energy South East

Community Works
CPRE Sussex

Crawley Borough Council Creed Management Solutions

Doctor

East Preston Parish Council East Sussex County Council

Eco Step-by-Step

EYE Project (Eco, Young &

Engaged)

Environment Agency Environmental Life

ETI Ltd

Findon Valley Residents'

Association Food Matters Freecycle

Friends of Shoreham Beach Local Nature Recovery Pp

Friends of the Earth Futurecologic FutureGov Good Tech Conf Green Tides

Greenhavens Network

Greenpeace Greg Harper Music

Guild Care

Hastings Borough Council Hawton Mead Sustainability

Consultancy

Henry House Hot Pool &

Therapy Centre

HMRC

Horsham Climate Cafe Horsham Repair Cafe Independent Ecologist Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority Inside Worthing Keep Lancing Lovely King's College London

Knepp Estate

Lancing Parish Council

Larder

Lewes District Council

Lux Perpeuta

Maybridge Community Church

Meaningful Events
Member of Parliament
Mid Sussex District Council
Mind Your Wildlife Manors
New Economics Foundation
Ouse & Adur Rivers Trust

Paper Round

Plastic Free Worthing

Raise Bakery RandDTax

Recycling In Lancing Refill Lancing Refill Worthing RetrofitWorks Ltd

Ricardo

Royal College Psychiatrists

CCOL

Safe in Sussex School of the Wild

SH2030

Shoreham by Cycle Shoreham Harbour Regeneration

Sim Brody development

SJM Change Solutions Ltd

SLF Research

Solesco Co-Operative Ltd

Sompting Estate

Sompting Parish Council South Downs National Park South East Climate Alliance

South-by-West Ltd Southern Water Space Doctors

Sussex Community NHS

Foundation Trust
Sussex Green living
Sussex NHS Trust
Sussex Sea Search
Sussex University
Sussex Wildlife Trust
Sustainable Business

Partnership Sustrans

The Conservation Volunteers
Thomas Becket Junior School

Time Out Fostering
Transition Chichester

Transition Town Worthing CIC

Tree Action UK Unum Limited Warmer Sussex Warnes Projects

West Sussex County Council Whytemead Primary School Worthing Climate Action

Network

Worthing Community Chest

Worthing Digital

Worthing Eco Open Houses

Worthing Fairtrade
Worthing High School
Worthing Homes Ltd
Worthing Repair Cafe
Wowbagger Productions

XR Shoreham XR Worthing YMCA DLG

APPENDIX 3 - FEEDBACK

Feedback received by email within 24hours of the event

An excellent event yesterday. There were a fantastic range of community stakeholders in the room, and it was clear how A&W Councils are leading the way with climate and food resilience. **Fran Southgate, Sussex Wildlife Trust**

Wow! You've set the bar high. I'll be using it as a benchmark for what is done in Chichester when it starts on its Climate Emergency Action Plan. Today was just what I needed. I'm still reflecting on how good Zero2030 was and enthused about it to my colleagues at XR Chichester. So much so that they want to see how we could replicate it in Chichester. Would you be willing to come and talk to us about it? **Tom Broughton, Chichester Transition/XR, SECA and Solesco**

You are all brilliant, what more can I say? Thank you for inviting me to be part of your ground-breaking event! Carrie Cort, Sussex Green Living, Horsham Transition/Horsham Climate Action

Fantastic climate conference in Worthing today. Zero 2030 opened the council's doors to a panoply of local green groups, school students, local businesses and experts. Congratulations to everyone involved. Great to see a pro-active local council teaming up with community groups to make change happen. Geoff Barnard, Greening Steyning, South East Climate Alliance

Fantastic day with great and inspiring contributions from everyone and Chatsmore pupils you rock!

Julia Carrette, Director, Transition Town Worthing

It's great to see such enthusiasm to address the biggest issue of our time and I know with such passionate people, plus a good chunk of political will, we can achieve so much. **Edward Crouch, Councillor, Marine Ward**

Congratulations on such a stimulating and beautifully organised event. **Isabella Tree, Conservation** pioneer, award-winning author, Speaker at Zero 2030

Very proud to be a Worthing resident right now. Jean Raleigh, Plastic Free Worthing and owner of Larder, Zero Waste Store

You smashed it! What a great turnout. Naomi Wildey, Community Chest

We both really enjoyed today, so informative, thank you for all your hard work in putting the event together. So much food for thought. **Trudy Wyatt, local resident**

Amazing and very well organised day at Worthing Zero 2030. Excellent, knowledgeable and academic presenters from the start. Very well supported by Adur and Worthing Councils. I am thoroughly exhausted! You really cracked it. Fingerprints not Footprints you really are leaders of the future! Liana Naylor, Owner - Inside Broadwater, Tarring and Durrington magazine