

Climate Action Lewisham

Impact Report 2021 to mid-2023

CAL has had a busy few years, with everyone recovering from COVID lockdown and making connections again. We have seen CAL increasingly run along different strands with our incredible volunteers putting time and effort into supporting the environment.

Our wonderful Chairperson Zaria Greenhill also left Lewisham for northern lands in 2023 – we miss her incredible commitment, energy, enthusiasm and leadership.

But CAL continues and what follows is a summary of our actions over the last few years:

Lewisham Family Cycling Library

CAL together with Lewisham Cyclists set up this library in 2021 to demo and lend out cycling equipment for young families. It has been a huge success – in 2022 we reached out to over a 100 households in the borough, over 300 individuals, held 10 workshops and lent out equipment 17 times.

2023 brings us a volunteer shortage unfortunately. The project is also likely to be moved over fully to Lewisham Cyclists later this year.

Responses to Council Plans

Lewisham Council produced a range of strategy plans which we have responded to:

- Local Plan
- Flood Risk Management
- Waste
- Air Quality

<https://climateactionlewisham.org/category/consultations/>

Influencing Councillors

We have an Influencing Councillors group who meet regularly and attend local council meetings, to monitor the decision-making process. We raise issues such as:

- Retrofitting
- Felling of mature trees
- Active Travel
- Climate Emergency plan

Campaigns

- Moremead Oaks
- Senlac Road Plane Tree
- Slim Your Bin
- Advent Calendar
- Breathe

Green Your Eats

For the last 3 years we have encouraged people to cut down on their meat intake and try out plant based meals.

- Plant-based cook-a-longs via Zoom each January
- Best Plant-Based Restaurant in Lewisham competition
- Green Your Eats WhatsApp group to support, share and discuss recipes, products, restaurants

Litter Picks

We held 6 litter picks around Lewisham in 2021 & 2022.

We have the equipment – we need volunteers to continue this in 2023

Community Streets

Burnt Ash Road

Cranston Rd

Public Meetings

We have had online or face-to-face public meetings on the following:

- Waste
- Plant-based food
- Airports
- 2 Volunteer events
- How Clean is Your Money

We've also reached out to the public via stalls at places like Beckenham Place Park, Salifest, Brockley Market...

Ted Talk

Zaria gave a brilliant talk on climate change via TedxLewisham. You can see her talk [here](#)

Social Media

Great growth since 2021:

Twitter: from 567 followers to 1482

Instagram: from 165 to 824

Mailing list: from 488 to 836

Thanks to all the volunteers of CAL who have made this possible!