

Working for a Better Future

Commitments for Zero-Carbon Lincolnshire

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3. Take Responsibility and Pride

"We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children"

Everybody needs to take responsibility for their part of the World. Lincolnshire has a lot to offer and there are many reasons to be proud of the county. Being proud of Lincolnshire makes it easier to take responsibility for its protection and improvement.

If every resident pledges to leave their part of Lincolnshire in a better condition than when they found it and act as custodians of the future then the natural environment has the opportunity to thrive. Our natural spaces will have the chance to flourish with new and mature species, and invite a wide range of creatures to make Lincolnshire their home.

Looking after the natural environment is the right thing to do. It is crucial to look after our natural world to minimise the impact of climate change and preserve our way of life. As organisations our responsibility runs deeper. We need to ensure that our activities do not cause harm and that we take responsibility for the sustainability of the whole value chain.

Examples:

Lincolnshire County Council - Low Carbon Lincoln Castle

Lincoln Castle is exploring opportunities so that they can become a low carbon visitor attraction by 2030. They are working with Lincoln based consultants Delta-Simons to understand where their biggest environmental impacts currently are and some of the ways these could be addressed. In conversation with staff, volunteers and visitors they hope to unearth some innovative ideas that can help with the transition to net-zero over time. Museums shape our view of the world and are ideally placed to make a difference. They help us understand who we are and the world in which we live. They influence how we think and the way in which we behave. They are, therefore, key to shaping attitudes towards all sorts of contemporary issues. They are unique in having responsibilities to people of the past, present, and future to ensure that collections remain in good shape and accessible for years to come.

Partners – GLNP, Lincolnshire Records Centre

Community – Plastic Free Communities [Students for Climate (school strikes, email group)]

Plastic Free Communities are popping up all over Lincolnshire (currently Caistor, Keelby, Lincoln, Horncastle, Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea, Skegness, Grantham, Barrowby, Sleaford, Boston, Spalding, Stamford). This is part of a campaign organised by Surfers Against Sewage

that aims to eliminate single-use plastic from our communities and stop the tap of plastic ending up in rivers and seas. The campaign works with businesses, community groups and householders to educate and offer more sustainable alternatives to single-use plastic locally. The groups are run by local leaders who are proud to volunteer in their communities to make a positive difference in their area.

Louise Brown, co-leader for Plastic Free Lincoln, says that she is only able to make a difference in her patch of the world and was inspired to act for the benefit of her children. If every community can act in a similar way, then globally we can make a huge impact.

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