



## **Whalley Range Community Forum**

### **Climate Emergency Statement and Strategies**

In line with the Manchester City Council (MCC) declaration of a Climate Emergency (CE) (July 2019) and subsequent actions to become zero carbon by 2038 or earlier, the Forum will work proactively to support these goals and actions, particularly over the next 5 years when urgent action is required, by supporting and encouraging:

#### **1) Organisational actions to**

- increase the Forums sustainability and reduce our carbon emissions e.g. where ever possible reduce, reuse and recycle.
- limit or stop use of single use plastics, and non recycled paper, where practically possible e.g. all activities such as Celebrate to use non plastic / recyclable and compostable products
- ensure that any financial transitions/purchases are based on ethical/sustainable principles
- encourage cycling, walking, shared use of transport and use of public transport e.g. supporting the Big Bike Revival
- encourage education and information about the CE and what actions can be taken:
  - show cost, health and environmental benefits of actions.
- implement the ward and management plans in relation to valuing the green environment, growing and planting activities.

**2) Individual actions** take a 'ripple' approach, and support staff, trustees and community members to increase their awareness of the CE and possible actions, and share strategies (as above). Give support to people who may be particularly adversely affected by the climate emergency e.g. young people and children, other vulnerable groups.

### **3) Group actions to**

- support actions of local groups and businesses, e.g. Whalley Range Climate Action Group, Whalley Rangers, British Muslim Heritage Centre.

make the link between the environmental and health e.g. importance of, reducing pollution for good air quality.

- publicise activities, share resources and good practice/examples for reducing our impact.

### **4) Neighbourhood actions to**

- work (where ever possible optimistically) across Chorlton Whalley Range and Fallowfield, to disseminate the strategies amongst diverse partners e.g. help reduce NHS emissions (see Health Care Without Harm and NHS Sustainable Development Unit research).

### **5) City and wider actions to**

- work with MCC and other partners to inform and implement targets and actions at a city wide level, disseminating good and effective actions e.g. encourage public transport, (local bus routes) participate in cycle/pedestrian consultations

- work with national partners to network and share strategies/actions e.g. Friends of the Earth.

We will aim to involve as many people as possible in CE discussion and actions, reviewing this statement and subsequent actions.

Recognise that some community members will be more adversely affected by CE impacts (e.g. through poverty, migration, ill health, conflict, disability, age) and seek to ameliorate this and reduce social isolation.

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