



LOWER HUTT

**COMMUNITY
CLIMATE CHANGE
RESPONSE**

PETONE HUI

UNITING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

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About this document

// Petone Climate Hui – Design Log

This document outlines the insights, action and energy of the **Petone Community Climate Change Response Hui**. It is not intended to be a comprehensive report but a visual capture of the work done during the workshop. We reserve the right to make corrections.

We are extremely grateful for all those who came to our evening hui and gave us so much of their time. It was a wonderfully energetic evening with some competition for the fastest summary of priorities.

Lower Hutt Community Climate Change Response

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Update**

The climate crisis requires government and all individuals, businesses and communities across the country to take prompt action to do our part to limit global warming. This is a big task and will take huge effort from the whole of our community to make it happen. The community engagement hui have provided extensive insight through May and June 2021. Thank you for your continued support and leadership in the face of climate change. Keep the momentum going!

Video link:

www.climate-action.co.nz/video



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Community insights and priority areas *(to date)*

Lower Hutt Community Insights

During April – June 21 over 300 community representatives across 18 climate hui engaged in the process. In July we will be ramping up engagement with mana whenua and the Lower Hutt Chamber of Commerce is co-hosting the business engagement.

This document captures the community's input and voice 'in their words'.

It identifies the priority areas of interest for this group. The information in this document informs part of the community insights synthesis which can be found at: www.climate-action.co.nz/insights



Te ao Māori Principles



Community Education



Connected Community



Behaviour & Mindsets



Leadership



Keep it Up!



Transport Emissions



Electric Vehicles



Public Transport



Alternative Transport



Active Transport



Transport Infrastructure



Natural Environment



Renewable Energy



Energy Efficiency



Water Efficiency



Waste Management



Green Economy



Urban Design



Climate Resilience



Circular Economy



What the Petone community got up to!

We opened with a warm welcome and big thank you to Pam who had bought so many people together for the evening.

The community voice is hugely important and we outlined the process of our growing community action to help Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt to zero net carbon emissions by 2050.

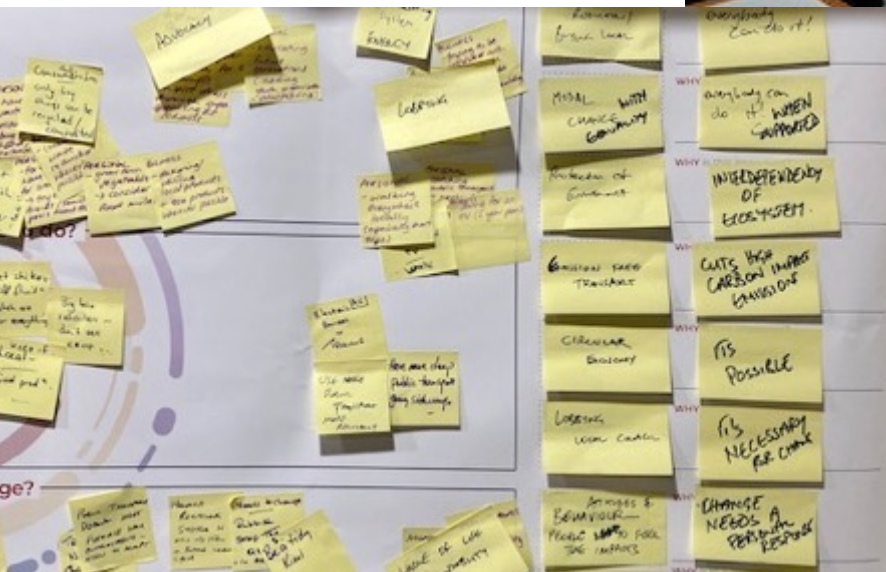
- We talked about Lower Hutt's carbon footprint which is heavily skewed to transport and stationary energy and the impacts of climate change already manifesting in flooding and sea-level rise.
- We asked 'where do you stand' and got to understand which of Transport, Waste, Energy or Other were areas of greatest focus for the group.
- We followed through with questions on what actions the community were already undertaking to address climate change, what their ambitions were and where change needed to happen.
- We concluded by asking what the unanswered questions were and how the community wanted to stay in touch.



Starting with context

We shared with the community a little about our programme and the challenge we face in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt around climate change

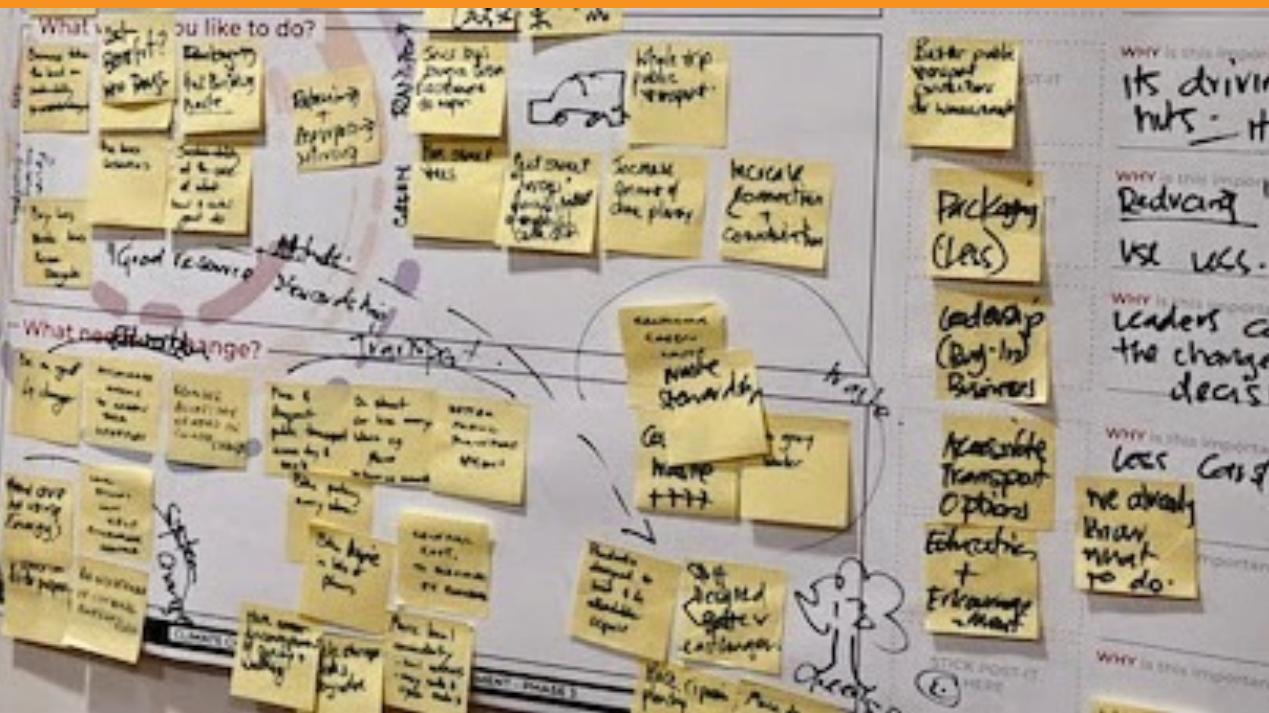
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"I would like to see sustainability at the core of what local and central governments do."

Key Focus Areas

P E T O N E C O M M U N I T Y



What community actions are already underway?



What would you like to do as a community or individual?
What needs to change?



Where will we have the biggest impact? What are the overarching hui themes?



What else? How does the community want to stay in touch?



Where do **you** stand?

As a way of introducing everyone, we asked people to reflect on which of four choices they were most concerned about 'now' – TODAY. **Waste. Energy. Transport. Other.**



Where we stand: what are you most concerned about NOW?

Transport

"Congestion is a significant issue for Petone."

"All the traffic sitting there puffing out baddies is huge for climate change."

"We need to be less car dependent and more people friendly."

"We need better public transport to break the gridlock."

"Buses are a main mode of transport to get to places like the airport, work, etc."

"Petone has opportunities to make a big difference short term and long term through transport."

"The solution is not more roads = more traffic in future."

Waste

"Waste is a 'low-hanging fruit' - easy to begin significant and immediate change."

"Managing waste is an effective way to reverse methane emissions."

"Current council's systems are inefficient."

"We need to get a local recycling process going instead of shipping it overseas."

Energy

"Using renewables instead of non-renewable resources is so important."

"Petone has so much wind energy potential."

Other

"Community resilience and long-term planning has the most impact."

"In terms of climate change what concern me most is resilience and resource planning."



Where we stand: where could our actions make the biggest impact?

Personal Behaviour Change

"Understanding the impact I'm making on the environment with a 'how I can change' mindset."

"I think about it as a drop and ripple effect."

"If you want to make big changes you have to start in your own backyard."

"You can incentivise local govt through your votes. Some expansion is needed in that direction."

Community Activities

"Lead by example."

"Empower youth to get involved."

"I would be really pleased to get it out there so we can get more helpers."

"I feel that I am used best in my capacity to liaise between these two groups (business and community)."

Business and Infrastructure

"Business can build a lot of momentum in addressing climate change."

"I'm very interested in influencing the way that businesses operate in the climate space. I want to see district plan reviewed so that every chapter actually acts on sustainability and climate change."

"I have a lot of activity in relation to business so I'm a bit split. I don't believe we can achieve anything unless we get direction from local and central government."

Central and Local Government

"I believe that policy setting and investment decisions can be the drivers of change."

"More 'bang for your buck'."

"I believe that the community has a lot of power to influence policy."

"I believe speaking truth to power through processes like the district long-term plan is also important from the community. Take the plastic bag example. Behaviour change happens from above as well as locally."



Action spectrum

We asked participants “What are you currently doing to contribute to net zero-carbon emissions for Hutt City by 2050?” What do you want to do and what needs to change for you to be able to do that?

Individual reflections enabled participants to capture their views and then share through table discussion.

Participants explored three focus questions:

- What are you doing now?
- What would you like to do?
- What needs to change?



What are we doing now?

PERSONAL ACTION

COMMUNITY ACTION

Education

- Educating and inspiring future generations
- Educating community about sustainability
- Educating peers and contractors in building sector
- Empowering youth to get involved in the community
- Talking to friends and family about climate change
- Speaking up at local level

Lobbying

- Lobby local/ central government for change
- Trying to be involved with MBIE etc in order to make meaningful change to the building sector
- Lobby for sustainable transport
- Making submissions to parliament
- Gathering info like statistics and data
- Network and connect
- Public submissions to LTP on sustainability
- TTLM supporting local resilience

Waste

- Family waste reduction plan e.g buy second hand, no plastic packaging
- Only buy things that can be recycled/ composted
- Only buy second hand clothes
- Reduce - less consumption
- Think about my personal emission budget
- Composting food and worms, avoid packaging e.g. BinIn

Energy

- Impose energy conservation
- Dumped gas heating system

Transport

- Reduce car ownership
- Use electric vehicles
- Saving for an EV
- Catching public transport rather than using a car
- Walking everywhere locally (short trips)
- Personal transport ev walk

Conscious consumerism

- Designing/ utilizing local products and eco products
- Purchase sustainable products from companies that are ethical

Community Food resilience

- Grow own vegetables - consider food miles
- Eat a more plant-based diet vegetarian diet
- Community gardens- connected to food and local
- Weeding, Planting, Picking up litter

Natural Environment

- Friends of Petone Beach
- Building the dunes on the beach
- Cleaning river
- Started trust to clean up waterways/ beaches
- Planting throughout Hutt Valley
- Predator free Petone - trapping in backyard



What would you like to do?

PERSONAL ACTION

Energy

Get out of gas

Have the city operate off renewable energy

Become self-sufficient with power and water

Food resilience

Consume less

Eat less meat

Keep local (food produce)

Link more with others on gardening

Waste

Buy less, waste less, reuse, recycle

Transport

Use public transport to go to work and more regularly

Walk more

Electric buses and trains

Have more cheap public transport going sideways/across the city?

COMMUNITY ACTION

Transport

Establish a bus service from Eastbourne to Wellington

Make whole trips on public transport accessible

Increase connection and coordination
75% less car parking in shopping areas

Natural Environment

Local planting initiatives

Increase amount of dune planting

Community Outreach

Expand blogging to friends and acquaintances (networking)

Find 'think tank' opportunities

Support less knowledgeable people in becoming engaged

Influence more than NZ

Get street 'heroes'- facilitators and rubbish collection

Support local initiatives (like common unity project)

GOVERNMENT ACTION

Urban Design

Influence HCC not to build new apartments in Petone/ Moera/ Eastbourne

Influence HCC not to build 1 block from the beach.

Sustainability should be at the core of what local and central government do

Retain and repurpose housing

Create 15-minute cities, be local

"8-80 spaces" that work and are suitable for all ages e.g. footpaths

Support more trees/green space in our communities

More street trees

Green Economy

Get stickers of all fruit (catch all for everything)

Big box retailers don't sell crap

Make producers responsible

Circular economy

Businesses should take the lead on sustainability



What needs to change?

PERSONAL ACTION

Education

Education on alternatives and opportunities
Change behaviour through education:
Telling the story, Making it fun. Removing barriers (often perceived)

Behaviour change

Our mindset- we need to be more optimistic
Cultural and attitude

Waste

Recycling green waste
Waste stewardship- increase waste cost
Use grey water
Stuff designed better to last longer
Got rid of plastic bags why not other plastics?
Encourage producers to use less plastic
More plastic recycled in NZ
Needs to change rubbish, stop throwing away around and in oceans
Be a tidy kiwi
Incentives to reduce waste
Whole of life accountability

COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Resilience

Community connections
Feeling of safety
Community links and activities made more easily visible
More trees and planting

Urban Design

Stop building in high-risk areas.
Build for long term, not money
Look to technology to manage and monitor risks e.g. flooding

GOVERNMENT ACTION

Lobbying

More effort all international forums to get emitters to change
Money for sustainable house changes
Local/central government opportunities
Policy systems changing
Central government to subsidise EV purchase
Amend district plan re building in Petone/
Moera/ Eastbourne (it shouldn't be happening)
Legislation

Local Government Leadership

Manage recycling system in HCC - NZ e.g future consumption cycle
Government action on packaging, recycling
Making producers responsible- regulation
More support from local government for positive change

Green Economy

Address packaging of consumer goods to minimise waste
Manufacturers take responsibility
Businesses e.g Kmart, Bunnings etc takes responsibility
More sustainable products
Good resource stewardship

Transport

Bring back the airport connection bus
Free and frequent public transport across day and week
On street car hire everywhere eg. Mevo so lower car ownership
Bike hire/parking in lots of places
More local connections- local services, easy walk and cycle routes
Encouragement of cycling and walking
More reliable buses e.g. electric
Public transport doesn't meet flexible working environment - needs to adapt



Where will we have the greatest impact?

We asked participants to choose their top 3 activities that would have the most impact on climate change for each of the three areas:

- What are you doing now?
- What would you like to do?
- What needs to change?



What are we
doing now?

Impact Areas

T O P 3 B Y T E A M

TEAM 1



Waste Reduction

Everyone can do it- we need a
collective effort



Equitable Modal Shift

Everybody can do it when supported-
This is the biggest contributor to
carbon emissions and has the biggest
impact on quality of life



Environmental Restoration

Interdependence of the
ecosystem- we need to restore it.

TEAM 2



Reducing Food Waste.

Effective way to reverse methane,
and absorb greenhouse gases -
Good area to push council on



Education and Personal Awareness

Helps us to get started and drives
decision making



Plant- Based Diet

The impact of diet on emissions can
make us more food resilient

TEAM 3



Reduce Footprint

Reducing in the areas of waste, transport, energy means that everyone makes a difference



Community Engagement

Building a 'consensus' movement



Reducing Consumption

Important to reduce carbon emissions

TEAM 4



Alternative Transport

We need a modal change with equality- so everybody can do it



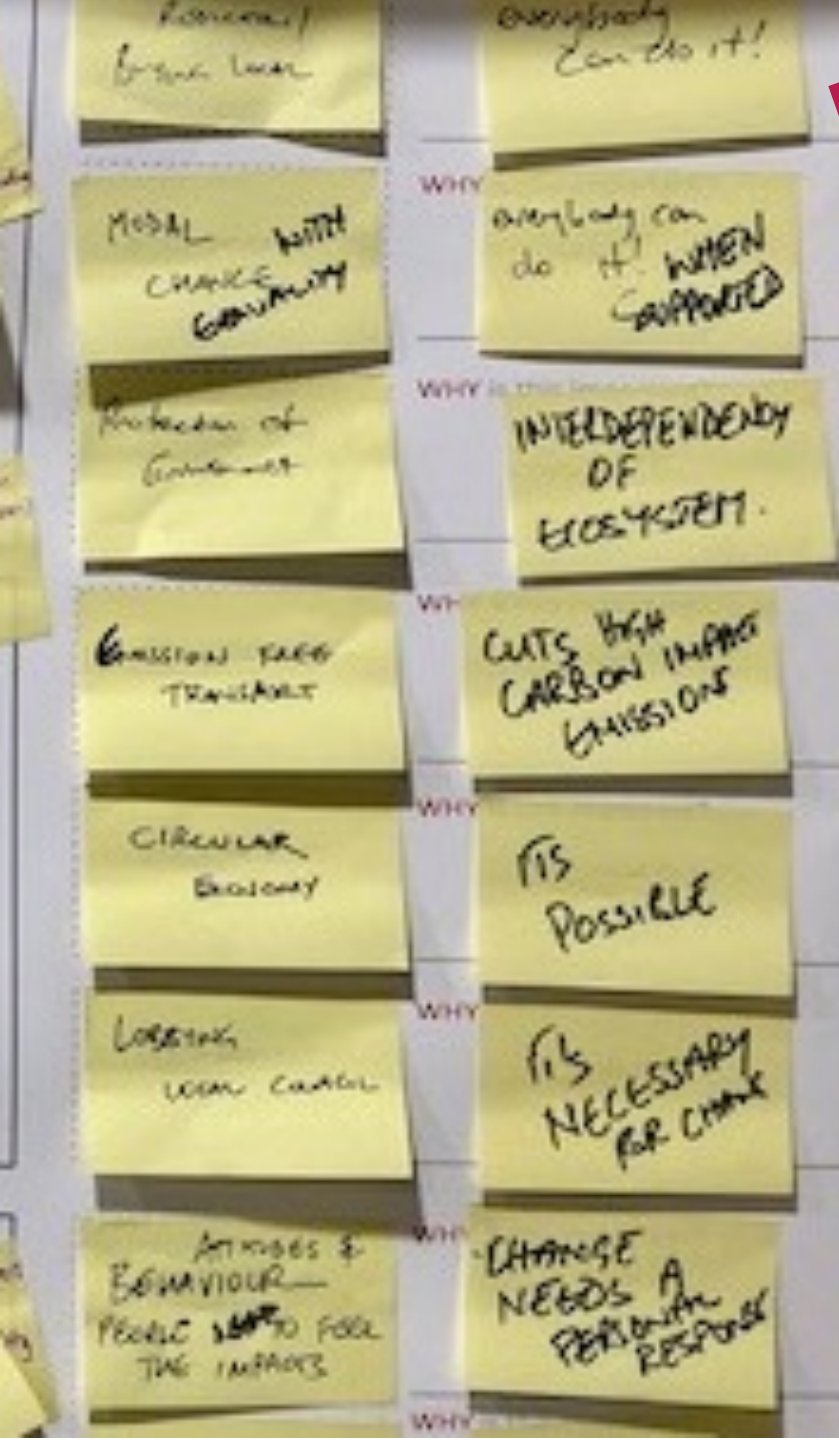
Reduce Transport

It is the biggest contributor to carbon and has the biggest impact on quality of life



Environmental Resilience

We need to consider the interdependence of the ecosystem





What do we
want to do?

Impact Areas

T O P 3 B Y T E A M

TEAM 1



Infrastructure Transport

Better transport connectivity for Wainuiomata- Stronger infrastructure is needed. It should be better.



Sustainable Packaging

Sustainable packaging: Reducing end-to-end by buying less



Business Leadership

Leaders can initiate change by making decisions

TEAM 2



Natural Environment

Local planting initiatives- Local resilience, reduce transport carbon



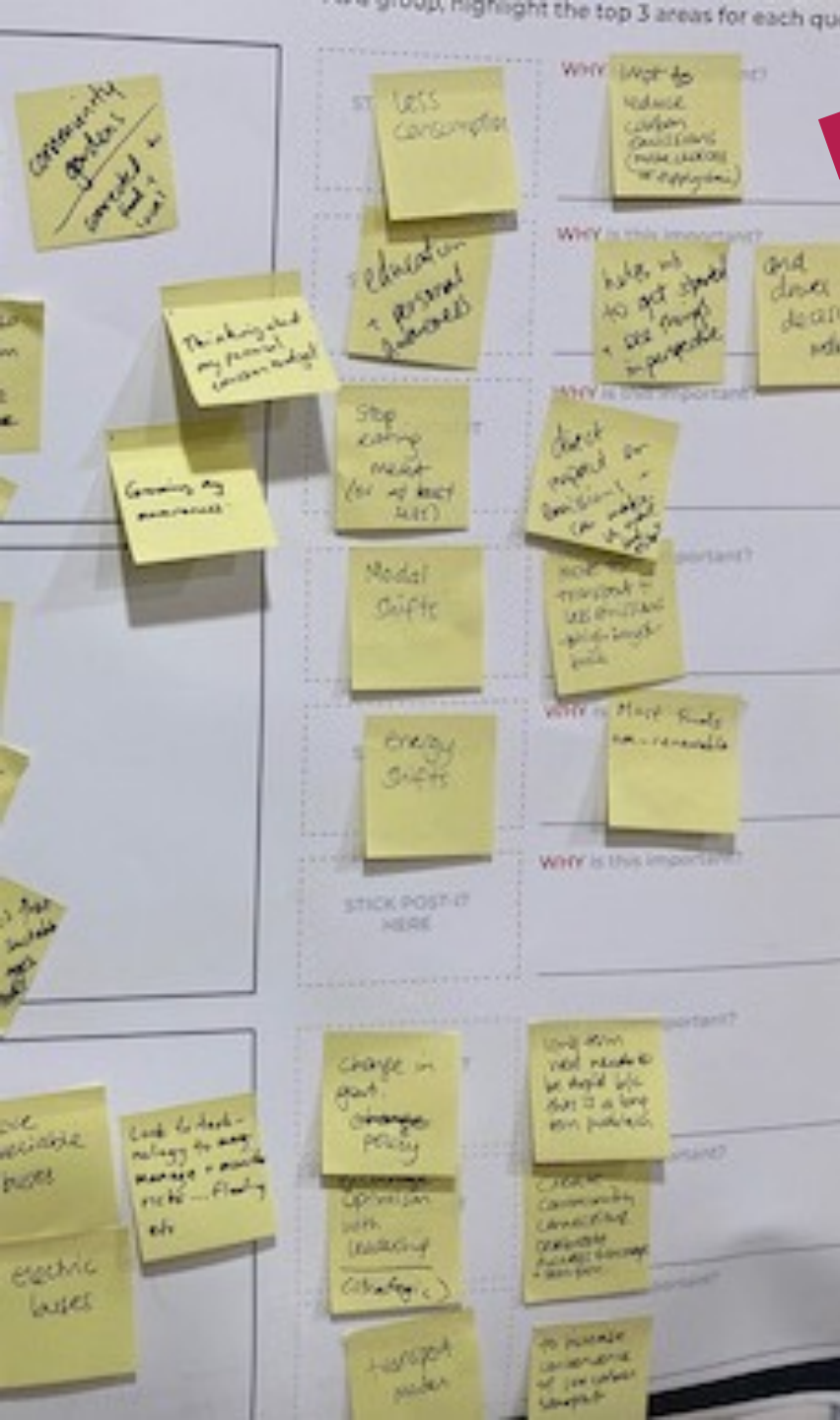
Alternative Transport

Has a significant impact on carbon- a quick turnaround in a short period of time



Consumerism Behaviour Change

Consumer consciousness- Reducing waste and methane emissions through conscious decision making



TEAM 3



Local Government Advocacy

Lobbying local council – it is necessary for change



Circular Economy

Circular economy – it is possible



Alternative Transport

Emission-free transport cuts high impact emissions

TEAM 4



Alternative Transport

Modal shifts- Move to transport with less emissions. This is a high bang for buck



Renewable Energy

Energy shifts- Most fuels used currently are non-renewable



What do we
want to do?

Impact Areas

T O P 3 B Y T E A M

TEAM 1



Personal Accountability

Change needs a personal response



Change Behaviour

Sustainable waste and transport
systems makes it easy to change
behaviour



Local and Central Govt Leadership

Government has to make it possible
and desirable

TEAM 2



Community Leadership

Create community connections.
Celebrate success and
encourage and learn from each
other.



Policy Lobbying

Long term plans need to be
developed to address long-term
problems



Low-carbon Transport

Transport modes: Increase the
convenience of low-carbon transport



TEAM 3



Public Transport

Increase public transport accessibility and reduce individual carbon footprint



Disincentivise Private transport

Create disincentives for private transport to reduce individual carbon transport footprints



Reduce Waste

Review recycling approaches making business and local government more responsible in plastic recycling and reduce waste

TEAM 4



Encouragement and Education

We already know what to do



Accessible Transport

Accessible transport options for fewer cars and less congestion on roads



Summary of hui themes - Petone

Local and central government

- Leadership from local and central government
- Lobbying local council
- Change in government policy
- Encourage optimism with leadership
- Leadership (buy-in) business
- Circular economy

Education and engagement

- Education and personal awareness
- Community engagement
- Attitudes and behavioural change

Environmental protection

- Protection of the environmental
- Local planting initiatives

Transport

- Better public transport connections for Wainuiomata
- Modal change with equality
- Modal shift to low carbon and active transport
- Emission-free transport
- Create disincentives for driving and parking

Waste

- Waste reduction
- Transport and recycling emissions
- Reduce footprint in the areas of waste, transport, energy
- Reduce non-recyclable packaging
- Reducing and repurposing food waste
- Meat consumption
- Personal attitudes

Energy

- Energy shifts
- Monitoring and reducing energy consumption



What else? How does the community want to stay in touch?

At the end of the hui, we discussed what our unanswered questions were and how we might engage better with the Petone community group moving forward.

- What are your unanswered questions?
- How can we engage better and stay connected with the Petone Community?



What else?



What are your unanswered questions?

- What will the impact of Lower Hutt's climate change response look like?
- How can we get businesses to take more responsibility for their waste production?
- How can we push for more sustainable transportation in the Hutt city, like EV car sharing?
- How can we personalise climate change to encourage more members of the community to get involved?
- How can we make the most out of our networks and resources to build momentum for this project?
- How do we ring-fence climate change into a local context so that we can make it relevant at a local level?

How can we engage better and stay connected with the Petone Community?

- Advertising hui using the local newspaper e.g. Hutt News
- Use online platforms such as social media- Facebook, Instagram
- Email
- Continue to encourage communication- community members will endeavour to bring friends and family along to future hui
- Networking, reaching out to people's families and friends to bring new people into the project



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