



CLIMATE CHANGE & THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRESS REPORT FOR 2010-11

(January 2011)

PROGRESS INDICATOR:



= Good progress towards achieving the target






= Trend generally satisfactory






= Concern about progress

**Nominated Board Member:
Mary Dixon**






Community Strategy Key Outcome: Reducing energy wastage and cutting carbon emissions

OUTCOME MEASURE:	ACTION:	BY WHO: [LEAD & PARTNERS]	BY WHEN:	INDICATOR	DETAILS: Including: 1. Measure (where specified) 2. Remedial action where there is concern about progress
Number of questionnaires returned	Questionnaire assessment of current partner action	SCDC	End 2008		An online survey was developed and circulated as a pilot for the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership in consultation with key partners. The results have been used in development of a workshop and follow up action for the Community Environmental Action Advisor. The report can be found on http://www.sclsp.org.uk/climatechange/Climate+Action+Matters+Survey.htm
Number attending events	Communicate best practise energy efficiency, renewables, transport	SCDC Suffolk ACRE Greenprint	2009		<p>In partnership with the Suffolk Coasts & Health, Alde and Ore Futures, Suffolk Coastal District Council and The Environment Agency the “Environmental Inspirations Roadshow” was facilitated. This was launched in Aldeburgh on the 19th October as part of the Woodwose festival and attracted 30 visitors</p> <p>Since this the display items and boards created have been used at the Greenprint Forum on the 25th October 2010 which 26 attended and the “Greener Sax” Winter Fayre on the 13th November 2010.</p> <p>On the 12 November 2010 a Resilient communities and organisations in a changing climate workshop which 76 attended. Actions were taken away by 25 individuals and follow up information has been requested on resilience planning, the community environmental action fund, and case studies.</p> <p>On 10 December 2010 6 organisations attended a resource efficiency workshop organised in partnership with Waveney DC, Bury St Edmunds and Resource Efficiency East.</p>
Number to sign		SCDC			The results of the LSP Survey showed that all 26 respondents are concerned about energy costs and most with the cost of water. They also



statement of intent					
Number of partners/communities signed up having established baselines for energy and transport and identified a few key carbon savings	Partners to develop energy/transport action plans or include actions in most suitable corporate/business plans	Need to identify lead in LSP	2010		<p>show that the majority of respondents are monitoring both their water and energy consumption and attempting to reduce them. However the lower response and type of response to the second half of the survey indicates (as found in the Adaptation to climate change by businesses in the East of England study) that the extent of future proofing/planned adaption is much more limited amongst the respondents. In terms of support needs identified, learning from others experiences was key. Other needs were: funding, facilitation for community meetings, display materials, help in carrying out carbon footprints and support in setting up community energy generation.</p> <p>A proposed alternative is for a review of board members action to date and developing of case studies where appropriate to share with partners and for the board and gatekeepers to promote the services of the Environmental Business Advisor to small/medium organisations and businesses who are part of the LSP and to ask those who take up the service to feedback.</p>
Emission reductions of signed up partners being achieved 3 Communities having carried out a carbon footprint, established a voluntary group and have an action plan (an additional 9	Partners to report on progress on cutting carbon emissions Develop and pilot a Climate Action for Parish Councils and community groups To include: What's in it for me and how can I benefit from taking action. Where to get support.	Person from signed up organisations Cred Suffolk Greenprint Forum	2011	 	<p>A proposed approach is to undertake review of, develop case studies where appropriate and to share those.</p> <p>Greener Fram, Otley Green and Transition Woodbridge the original C-change communities have all established voluntary groups, have an action plan and have been running engagement events with varying degrees of success. Greener Fram has gained two Greenest County awards, organised two DIY insulation schemes in partnership with SCDC and completed a solar hot water panel bulk buy. Over the last few months they have started a Food group and instigated a Community gardening project in partnership with Framlingham College. They have undertaken training on Permaculture and Transition towns. Otley Green has organised a DIY insulation bulk buy scheme in partnership with SCDC which they estimate will cut emissions of CO2 by nearly 25 tonnes less CO2 every year and the water butts will save 88000 litres of drinking water a year established a recreational cycling group. Transition</p>

<p>communities to be engaged by end of 2011 and 9 community audits to have been carried out.)</p>	<p>Organising action days in a community. Set up a support scheme for community champions to share benefits. Helping to tackle fuel poverty locally. Getting to switch to renewable energy. The true cost of low carbon living and working - adapting to a changing climate</p>			<p>Woodbridge has attended training, was present at Suffolk Wildlife's Foxburrow Farm Spring & Harvest events, and has purchased Fruit Pressing and Preserving Equipment which now available to borrow by community groups to aid re-skilling. A food map is being developed. The group has struggled to get sufficient volunteers organising events/activities but has plans in place to try to overcome this.</p> <p>GreenerSax has been accepted as a Climate Action Community (with conditions) and gained support funding and officer support time towards a series of events and activities which will reduce carbon emissions and build resilience within their community.</p> <p>Several other communities have expressed an interest in the fund and the Community Action Advisor is in contact with them and able to provide support and advice. The Community Action Advisor is also sharing information with partners (Suffolk Acre, SAVO, Suffolk Coast and Heath's, SCDC, The Greenprint Forum and the Environment Agency) to help develop interest in the community.</p> <p>A special training session is on offer for local communities wanting to become more sustainable and work towards living without relying on fossil fuels. The two-day transition town course will be taking place on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20 from 9.30am to 4pm at the National Trust education centre in Dunwich Heath, IP17 3DJ. A similar event has previously helped inspire communities to action. Work with JEPU to host a community emergency event which incorporates risks from climate change and to develop 4 life chests for vulnerable communities. In addition further action sessions and training are to be held.</p>
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Community Strategy Key Outcome: Prepare for changes in the climate					
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Number attending	Adaptation training session for LSP partners	SCDC	2010		
Number signing statement of intent	LSP partners to include adaptation measures in key policy documents	SCDC	2010		Suffolk Climate Change Partnership has drawn up a statement of intent which LSP members could sign up to. A decision is needed by board as to whether to progress this.
A joint policy framework for the Suffolk Coast is in place and governance structures have been agreed	Establish a policy framework(s) for the coastal zone of Suffolk	SCDC, WDC in Partnership with the Environment Agency & Natural England	2011		Partners working together to review measures and outcome targets in light of both experience and the CSR. New targets scheduled for next report
Develop a better understanding of impacts of climate change on local businesses, communities, habitats and species	Identify and research needs	SCDC	2011		Research in progress – Future Landscapes (NFU Contract) 20 Farm visits to be delivered. Two community conferences to be organised. Yr 1 - report on climate change scenarios to be published. Yr 2 - final report published – to include land management & policy recommendations.
Planning Partnerships or equivalent in place on all Suffolk Estuaries	Establish and develop joint working arrangements involving national agencies, local government and communities on the Blyth and Deben estuaries	Suffolk Coast & Heaths Unit	2011		Deben Estuary partnership, Stour & Orwell Management Group, Alde & Ore Estuary Planning Partnership all working well and facilitated by SEO. Blythe group self-established and beginning to have dialogue with SEO ref community-led projects e.g. saltmarsh restoration

Community Strategy Key Outcome: Safeguard, enhance and manage the distinctive high quality of the environment of the district – landscape and biodiversity

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The percentage of County Wildlife Sites (CWS) under active conservation management	Ensure 50% of County Wildlife Sites are in active management	SBP (through the CWS Panel)	2011		54% in active management in SCDC by end of 2010.
Promote the need to involve relevant stakeholders in decisions about the management of AONB	Promote the value of community plans to all parishes in the AONB, and provide support wherever possible	SCDC, Suffolk ACRE	2011		All applicable Sustainable Development Fund applications to require a parish/community plan context. Direct support provided to parishes carrying out community plans when requested.