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Climate Change Local Area Support Programme

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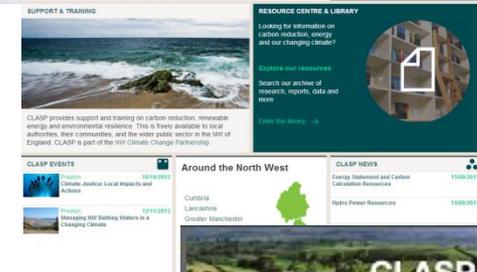
CLASP Overview

2008 - 2014

- Free support for NW England Local Authorities, Housing Associations and other public sector,
- Climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- Originally focussing on 3 UK “National Indicators”
- Training, information, networking, guidance, grants
- Central and regional government funded
- Hosted by Liverpool City Council

Currently

- UK wide membership, 1000+ officers and elected members
- Basic information service, bulletins and website
- Training and events with partner organisations and sponsors
- Actively seeking funding and support for renewed activities

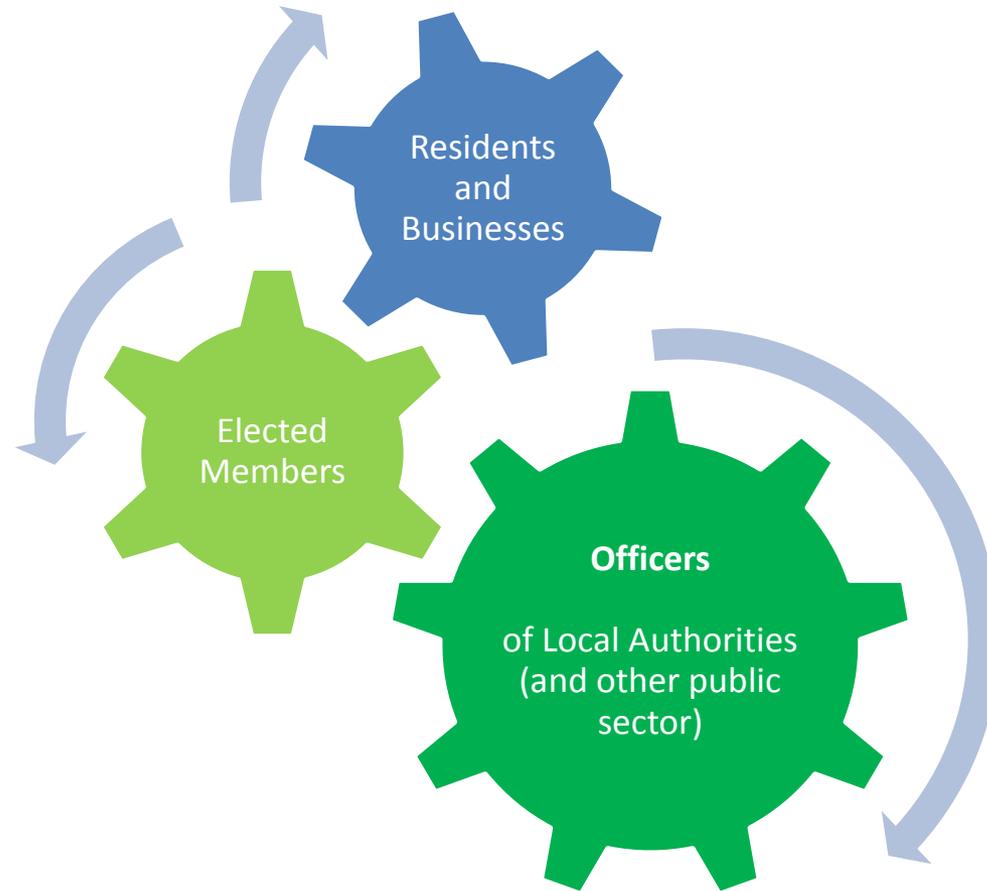


Opportunities and challenges of the low carbon economy and climate resilience.

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We Assist



CLASP Supports “Well Adapted” and “Resilient” Communities & Organisations

- ✓ Designed to avoid climate threats or minimise their impact to people, places & infrastructure
- ✓ Places where people understand risks, their own vulnerability and that of their neighbours
- ✓ Actions taken to reduce risks
- ✓ Plans in place, discussed and updated
- ✓ Reduced reliance on public services

Officers

Key Messages and Support

Not in isolation. Interplay of adaptation issues across whole organisation and impact on public services.

- Network
Exchange of practice, views, concerns, solutions
- Technical training courses
- Written guides
- Project grants
- Climate Leader Awards



Example Grant 1 – Sefton Council

Supporting Business Resilience

- Understanding Risk
 - Supply chain disruption, loss of power and water
 - Cost of production loss, recovery & insurance (jobs)
 - Vulnerable sectors & types of business
- Information
 - Nature and level of risk, what to do, where to get help
 - How to avoid/reduce risk
- Accessing small businesses
 - Local Chamber, High Street traders

HOW WILL A CHANGING CLIMATE AFFECT YOUR BUSINESS?

Finance and insurance
Disruption, damage and lost sales all cost money. By not having plans in place you risk securing new investment and buying insurance cover. Both customers and investors will want to see resilient businesses with good risk management in the future.

Premises
Making sure your buildings are fit for changing conditions and extreme weather will reduce unnecessary damage and clean up costs and fuel bills.

People
Putting in place measures to manage the risks from extreme weather (heat, cold and floods) and providing appropriate training will help you to retain high quality staff, cross-skilling and improve your reputation as a good employer, and also limit the damage of lost days at work.

Processes
Some activities, such as manufacturing, construction, tourism, leisure and agriculture may be climate sensitive and require new processes or equipment. Warmer, wetter weather may also increase productivity and provide opportunities for new expertise, products and services.

Markets
Extreme weather may affect the quality of your suppliers' products and services and could lead to reduced sales of specific products. There may also be new opportunities for developing and marketing existing and new products such as climate-resilient construction techniques, tourism opportunities and summer-related products.

Logistics
Transport, supply chains and utilities could be disrupted by extreme weather events locally and internationally. Your business will have a competitive advantage if flexibility is built into supply chain and delivery systems. Supplying local markets can help reduce the likelihood of disruptions and reduce transport and carbon costs.

THREE STEPS TO CLIMATE-PROOF YOUR BUSINESS

A recent survey by AXA Insurance found that while 85% of UK SMEs identified climate change as a serious problem, only one in four could identify specific threats to their businesses.

- 1 **THINK** about how our changing climate will affect your business.
- 2 **PLAN** - assess and address the risks and opportunities by putting a plan together.
- 3 **ACT** - take the action to reduce the costs of a changing climate, and cash in on the opportunities.

For **Top Tips** and a full Business Climate Check visit:
www.investsefton.com/climatechange

By thinking ahead and taking action now you can help your business reduce losses, create money and enhance your efficiency and credibility with customers.

<http://www.investsefton.com/climatechange/>

Example Grant 2 – Wirral Council Resilient Parks



- Make parks and countryside sites affected by weather events more resilient and enhance their value in climate adaptation
- Establish the type of site management changes that are reasonably achievable
- Wirral Council engaged with park users about climate change impacts and adaptation, and built support for new management practices.
- Produced technical management guide/ideas for other authorities to use

Elected Members

Key Messages and Support

Climate Change is real. Now.
Impacting on daily life of
residents and businesses.



- Workshops introducing climate change challenges, delivered to every NW council
- Written guides on key adaptation issues
 - Health, Flooding, Resilient Communities
- Welcome at all technical (officer focused) events
- Climate Leader Awards, 2010



Businesses

Key Messages and Support

Climate change is a threat, and opportunity. It's manageable, but needs planning for.

- Online Business Resilience Healthcheck
www.businessresiliencehealthcheck.co.uk
- Workshops
- Written guide





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