



Haringey Climate Forum - Memorandum of Understanding Version 9th March 2022

The Haringey Climate Forum is a partnership, where community groups and activists to come together with Haringey Council, Homes for Haringey and other bodies to discuss, lobby and promote action to address the climate and ecological emergencies.

IN PARTNERSHIP together our goals are:

1. To reduce the damage from climate change, pollution and loss of biodiversity, whilst maximising 'co-benefits' such as cleaner air, warmer homes, greater training and employment including a just transition to greener jobs and greater social justice, inclusion and engagement.
2. To make the maximum contribution towards cutting CO₂ as soon as possible and at least in line with the Climate Change Action Plan target of 2027 for the Council's own activities and 2041 for borough-wide emissions.
3. To Improve the biodiversity of Haringey.
4. To reduce residual waste.

The Forum will do these by:

1. **Work with the Council, Homes for Haringey and other bodies to achieve strong policies, to ensure their implementation and to carry out scrutiny of council policies and actions**
2. Be a channel to bring issues and opinions from Haringey Residents to the council and promote Climate and Ecological initiatives from the Council across Haringey.
3. Track both Haringey Council's progress on climate and ecological initiatives and new and best practice work in other local authority areas and around the world.
4. Provide information via social media and the HCF web site with a 'think global, act local' scope
5. Grow the outreach of the Forum across the community groups of Haringey.
6. Encourage wide and diverse appointments to the Steering Group and publish notes from the meetings.
7. Provide at least 2 open meetings each year.
8. Seek funding for the work of HCF and promote funds for community projects.
9. The Forum will be an anti-discrimination organisation. Discriminatory behaviour will be unacceptable at meetings or in communications.
10. Policy issues will be discussed *and scrutinised* but in general the Forum will not take detailed policy positions.

Haringey Council agrees to:

1. Commit to an agreed level of input and exchange with the Forum including relevant member and officer attendance, according to their portfolios and remit, at Forum meetings as appropriate.
2. Provide a channel for news and regular progress updates on Haringey Council's work, for the HCF to assist in disseminating across the community
3. Provide the Haringey Climate Forum with resources to provide dedicated resources to grow the reach and engagement of the HCF throughout Haringey's community groups. Extend the funding of the web hosting to include IT support and maintenance.
4. Support events and meetings in Council owned premises and outside locations to host HCF board meetings and community engagement sessions around energy efficiency/fuel poverty and other relevant issues.

The Haringey Climate Forum Steering Group terms of reference

The purpose of the Steering Group (SG) is to carry out the following tasks:

- Arrange meetings and any other events of the Forum
 - Promote outreach to increase engagement with community groups and individual residents
 - Manage communications with mailing list and wider Haringey public
 - Convene sub forums eg a Recycling Forum in consultation with the Council and with agreed Council resources
 - Assist with fund raising, funds distribution and HCF finances
 - Manage the website and social media accounts
- a) The SG will consist of active members of the Forum, including where possible people involved in key relevant community organisations.
 - b) Membership of the SG will be open to all active members of the Forum, and an open invitation to participate be circulated via email correspondence and the website
 - c) The SG will try to reach decisions at meetings by consensus but if this is not possible, by simple vote of those present. Between meetings decisions will be managed by the Convenor via email.
 - d) Relevant notes of SG meetings will be circulated to the whole Forum membership,
 - e) The SG will seek to undertake the following roles by named annual election alongside supporting teams set up on an ad hoc basis. (*current names in italics*).

Named roles by annual election

- a) A Convenor of the Forum (*Quentin Given*)
- b) A lead to arrange meetings of the SG, and identify volunteers to take turns as chair and note taker (*Norman beddington*)
- c) A Website Manager (*Sydney Charles*)
- d) A Social Media Lead – (*vacancy*)
- e) A Treasurer to manage and provide annual reports on the Forum's finances (*vacancy*)
- f) A Funding Coordinator (to lead the process of obtaining and allocating grants) (*vacancy*)
- g) An Outreach Team coordinator to develop and implement a strategy for engaging with community groups and residents in Haringey and encourage their members to participate.
- h) A Communications Team coordinator to be responsible for making contact on specific issues as required, using appropriate channels such as Council members and officers, MP's, community groups, Faith groups and schools .

Signed:

On behalf of Council *MIKE HAWATA*

Date *18.03.22*

On behalf of Steering group

Date