



### Minutes

FL July General Meeting: 24 08 20: Zoom / online

**Attending:** Martin Hemingway (Vice Chair), Rosie Atkins (Leeds Rotters, Kirkstall Valley Farm, LESSN), Tom Bliss (Chair and minutes), Alice Hefford, Paul Magnall (Leeds Rotters, Rainbow Junktion) Damian Nicholls (FL Farm Lead), Cllr Ann Forsaith.

**Apologies:** Jeremy Isles (Green Future Associates CIC), Alan Thornton (Yorkshire Orchards), Sonja Woodcock, Andy Goldring, (Permaculture UK) and Sue Ottley-Hughes (Friends of Stank Hall Barn).

### Climate Emergency Community Action Programme (CECAP)



James McKay

Fantastic news for those who have not yet heard: A consortium of 44 community groups, many of which are members of Feed Leeds, have won funding for £2.5 million, over 5 years, to; establish a new Leeds Climate Roundtable, process 5 Work Packages (WPs), create 40 new posts at 16 community hubs, and offer £400k in direct grants - all to deliver a functioning Climate Emergency Plan for Leeds.

Leeds is one of only 6 successful bidders, and one of only 2 to win such a large grant. This a major achievement, for which huge thanks are due to the organising consortium of Voluntary Action Leeds, Our Future Leeds, Together for Peace and Leeds Tidal, with input from across the city. The £2.5 M has mostly been allocated to staff, events, materials etc but the £400,000 will be awarded to the 8 major and 8 mini community hubs (selected to represent both a spread of social groups and geographic locality) for climate change projects, so there is lots of scope at community level to get involved, along with participation in the roundtables, design work, assemblies etc. This is the lottery press release:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/news/press-releases/2020-08-17/14-million-of-national-lottery-funding-goes-to-tackle-climate-change-across-the-uk>

And this article explains more about how it will work in our city:

<https://www.yorkshireeveningpost.co.uk/news/environment/leeds-groups-given-ps25m-national-lottery-cash-develop-16-hubs-across-city-tackle-climate-emergency-2946249?fbclid=IwAR202yDbhY-BnZwMaRme6TP3m6N8HfAw2VWdYB1XCILAvhKrHU3pYTKW-5I>

The objectives are: Progress towards a zero carbon socially just, liveable Leeds, A connected well informed city climate movement, Active communities using hubs to create transformative change, A working city wide partnership through the Roundtable and assemblies owning a 'climate justice' city plan, Replicating, sharing, learning well beyond our partnership.

Feed Leeds sits most closely in Work Package 4, which is being led by Leeds Tidal. This takes the Climate Commission Citizen Jury recommendations as a starting point and adopts several thematic areas, each with a 'transition partner'. These will be drawn from: Transport, Energy, Housing, Food, Nature, Economy and Education. (Tom wondered if Food and Nature should be merged as being too interlinked for logical separation). The themes will inform the community hubs and will involve Theme Roundtables, cross sector resources and workshops. The grant will fund (in this WP - there are staff allocated to all 5 WPs) a staff WP coordinator, 6 transition partners, and a cross cutting climate justice co-ordinator.

Tom, Les and Andy took part in a CECAP contributors workshop on 27th Aug, which opened an exciting dialogue which will draw into focus over the next few months, and then spread and grow across the city over the next 5 years. Slides from the workshop are attached, and a recording of the workshop is available. There is no website yet.

### **LEEDS FOOD SYSTEM WORKSHOP - 2nd of SEPT**

Rosie, Ann, Alice, Damian, Sonja, Tom and Andy (facilitating), plus others from the Steering Group are attending. Bookings have now closed, but **if anyone is especially keen to take part, please email Tom asap.**

This workshop feeds into work that Ann is doing with the CEAC Biodiversity and Food Production Working Group, which still has not addressed food, and there has been no evidence of the planned seminar/s for Members on food security either. The workshop and resultant Policy Brief to CEAC will provide an ideal opportunity to Ann to submit official questions, and so hopefully stimulate action - perhaps by building on the ward hubs set up to deal with covid. (The extent of any overlap with the planned CECAP hubs remains to be explored). We discussed again the value of a senior civil servant with the word Food and/or Agriculture in their job title, one possible outcome of the workshop. Another might be the provision, as suggested by Paul, for resources to be available on the resilience / vulnerability of the Leeds food system. Damian provided some useful insight into employment futures at LCC. Ann suggested we should also focus ahead on the mayoral elections next May, and Damian provided insight on egg production in the area. Alice suggested inviting two contacts with links to local conventional farmers. Tom mentioned that one councilor has suggested that LCC should support hydroponic food growing so this needs to be reflected in the workshop. Ann also reported on a major survey of council land for potential tree planting, which has identified sites not suitable for trees, but which might possibly be suitable for food growing. Both Ann and Tom aim to find out more about this from LCC. [Tom has since contacted both the LCC Natural Environment Manager and former colleagues at UBoC. No replies yet]. *(Apologies: Not all of the meeting was captured by Skype - the last 15 minutes of the mp4 was frozen and silent, so some comments are not reflected in the minutes).*

And in case it's skipped anyone's notice, this year's wheat harvest has been dire:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-53921121>

### **ZERO CARBON YORKSIRE FOOD GROUP**

Tom has been approached by ZCY about setting up a Yorkshire-wide food group, possibly including Middlesbrough, as they are champions in this field. Initial discussions included the need for such a group, and the extent to which it would overlap with national organisations such as Sustainable Food Places / Cities. As Yorkshire is a major

foodshed, and some there are administrative and research groups at this scale, it does seem worthwhile to pursue the idea, though exactly how it would work, who would be involved, and what it could deliver, remain to be discussed.

### **HEDGE VEG / LITTLE VEG LIBRARIES**

The application for the Little Veg Libraries funding has been submitted to Leeds Community Foundation.

### **GARDEN RANGERS**

We have long harboured plans to hire a group of peripatetic growers who could provide hands-on mentoring to schools, community groups, GP practices / health centres, and others starting up food growing projects. These would work across the city with a light touch, to fill in gaps, provide a safety net and guide people to the best resources, rather than competing for business with FL member organisations who deliver project-based services. We have now initiated talks with a potential funding partner.

### **LEEDS KINDNESS REVOLUTION FESTIVAL - 6th - 12th September**

Main website: <https://kinderleeds.org/>. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kinderleeds/>. Twitter: <https://twitter.com/kinderleeds>. Tom has made this presentation, which will be used on the 12th, the Kinder to Our Planet Day: <https://vimeo.com/447176622>

### **LEEDS ROTTERS**

Tom, Paul and Becky have made these - please share widely:

Quick overview (music only): <https://vimeo.com/448911395>

Longer version with the whys and wherefores: <https://vimeo.com/450046730>

Damian shared thoughts on Zero Waste Leeds' approach to composting. The sharing of resources, including videos, with Leeds Rotters makes sense.

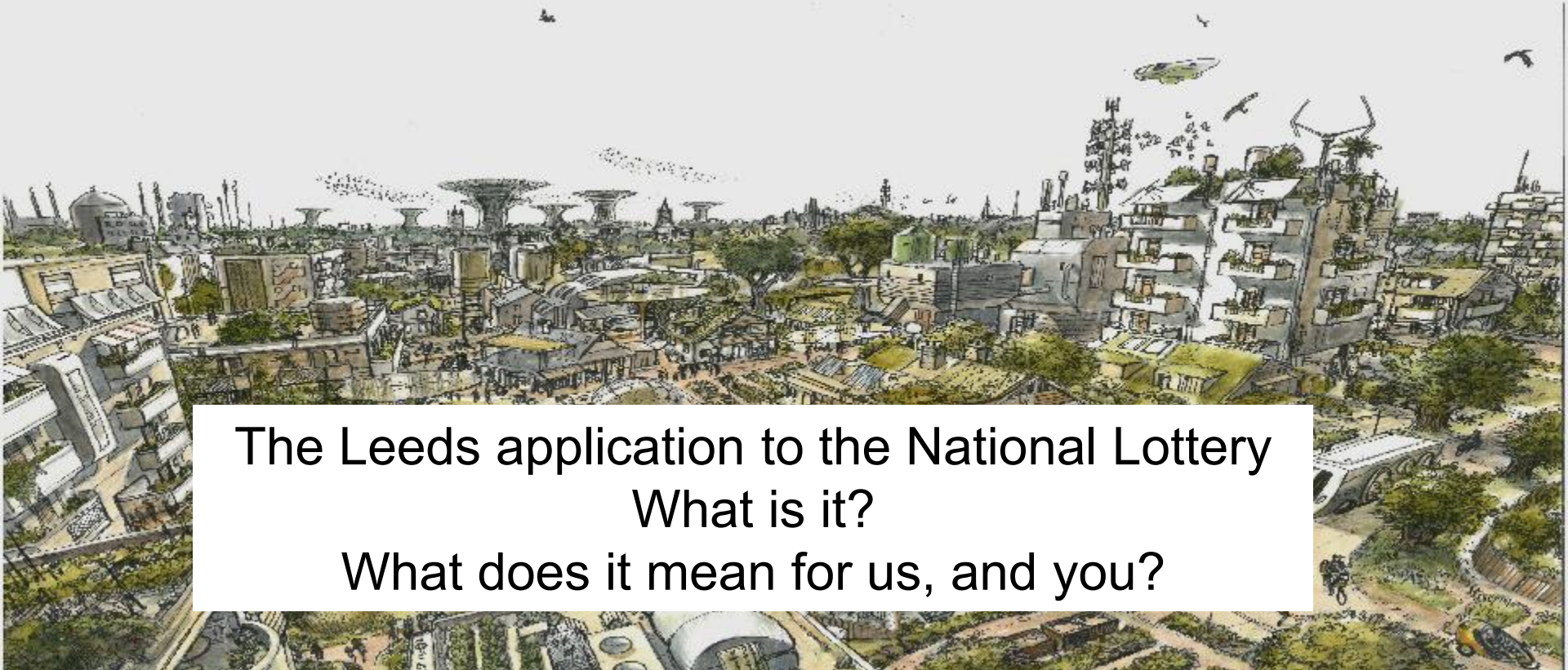
### **KIRKSTALL VALLEY FARM**

Rosie reported that the large polytunnels from Horsforth College have been secured, and will be assembled on site over the autumn. An architect has been secured, and planning permission for farm buildings has been submitted. Tom has assisted with interpretation of survey data from FAS2, but sadly the two main fields (where levels re potential flooding is key) have not been surveyed because no civil works are planned there. FAS2 will put in a new temporary bridge over the goit next to the existing one, and it's expected that this will be gated with security on site to protect the engineering plant being stored on the eastern field, while defence works are installed for the Home Office buildings at Burley Mills. Still no news re the lease, and the siting of paths, fences and river crossings are still undecided.

### **NEXT MEETING**

21st of September, 4pm. Zoom.

# Climate Emergency Community Action Programme (CECAP)



The Leeds application to the National Lottery  
What is it?  
What does it mean for us, and you?

# Today's Agenda

1:00 - Welcome and zoom tour

1:05 Big announcement +  
celebration

1:10 Presentation of overall  
programme

1:35 Short Q&A about overall  
programme

1:45 Break / Time to sort people  
into break out groups

1:50 Breakout group discussions

2:20 Come back together for  
questions and reflections

2:50 Next steps



# **WE WON!**

## **Major news for Leeds**

**5 years / £2.5m**

**5 lead partners**

**5 Work packages**

**40 new posts**

**16 community hubs**

**£400k direct grants**

**Climate Emergency Plan**

**Leeds Climate Roundtable**



# Based on Leeds strengths

**LEEDS  
CLIMATE  
COMMISSION**



**POVERTY  
TRUTH**

LEEDS



Become a  
Community  
Care Volunteer  
togetherleeds #coronavirus  
Voluntary Action Leeds  
Leeds City Council

**Ask a climate  
researcher!**

Millenium Square, Leeds  
11am - 2pm, 20 September

Ask us about climate science, impacts, resilience, adaptation, action, policy, Leeds Climate Commission, clean energy, green jobs, and anything else relating to the climate crisis!



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Centre for Climate

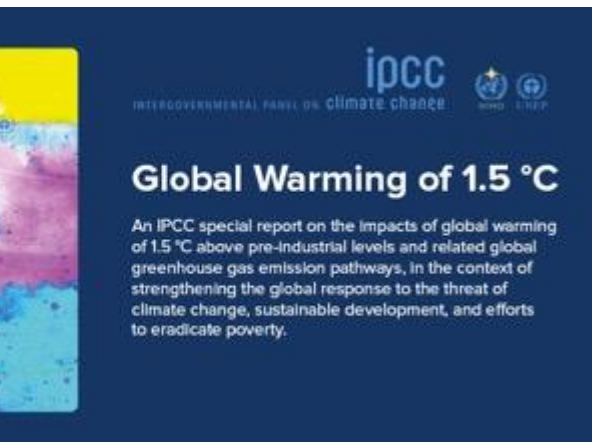
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# Why are we doing this?



EVENTS DECLARATIONS UNIVERSITIES NHS CLIMA



# The lead partners



# The broader support base

1. Better Buses Yorkshire
2. Carbon Conversations Leeds
3. Clean Air Alliance
4. Extinction Rebellion Leeds
5. Feed Leeds
6. Frack Free Yorkshire
7. Friends of the Earth Leeds
8. GALBA Airport Action
9. Groundwork
10. Hyde Park Source
11. Kirkstall Valley Development Trust
12. Leeds City Council
13. Leeds Civic Trust
14. Leeds Climate Commission
15. Leeds Community Energy
16. Leeds Community Homes
17. Leeds Development Education Centre
18. Leeds Hackspace
19. Leeds Food Partnership / FoodWise
20. Leeds Love it Share it
21. Leeds Permaculture Network
22. Leeds Racial Justice Network

23. Leeds Tidal
24. Leeds Youth Strike for Climate
25. Leeds Zest
26. Lilac cohousing, Bramley
27. Living Streets Leeds
28. LS14 Trust
29. Makertopia
30. Meanwood Valley Urban Farm
31. New Wortley Community Centre
32. Open Source Arts, Kirkstall
33. Otley 2030
34. Permaculture Association (Britain)
35. Repair Cafe Leeds
36. Roundhay Environmental Action Project (REAP)
37. Sholebroke and Reginalds Action Group
38. Social Business Brokers
39. Space 2, inner East Leeds
40. The Conservation Volunteers (TCV)
41. Together for Peace
42. Zero Carbon Headingley
43. Zero Carbon Yorkshire
44. Zero Waste Leeds

# Our approach

Science informed

1.5° zero carbon 2030

Climate Justice

Community power

Test and learn

Movement building DNA

Deep democracy

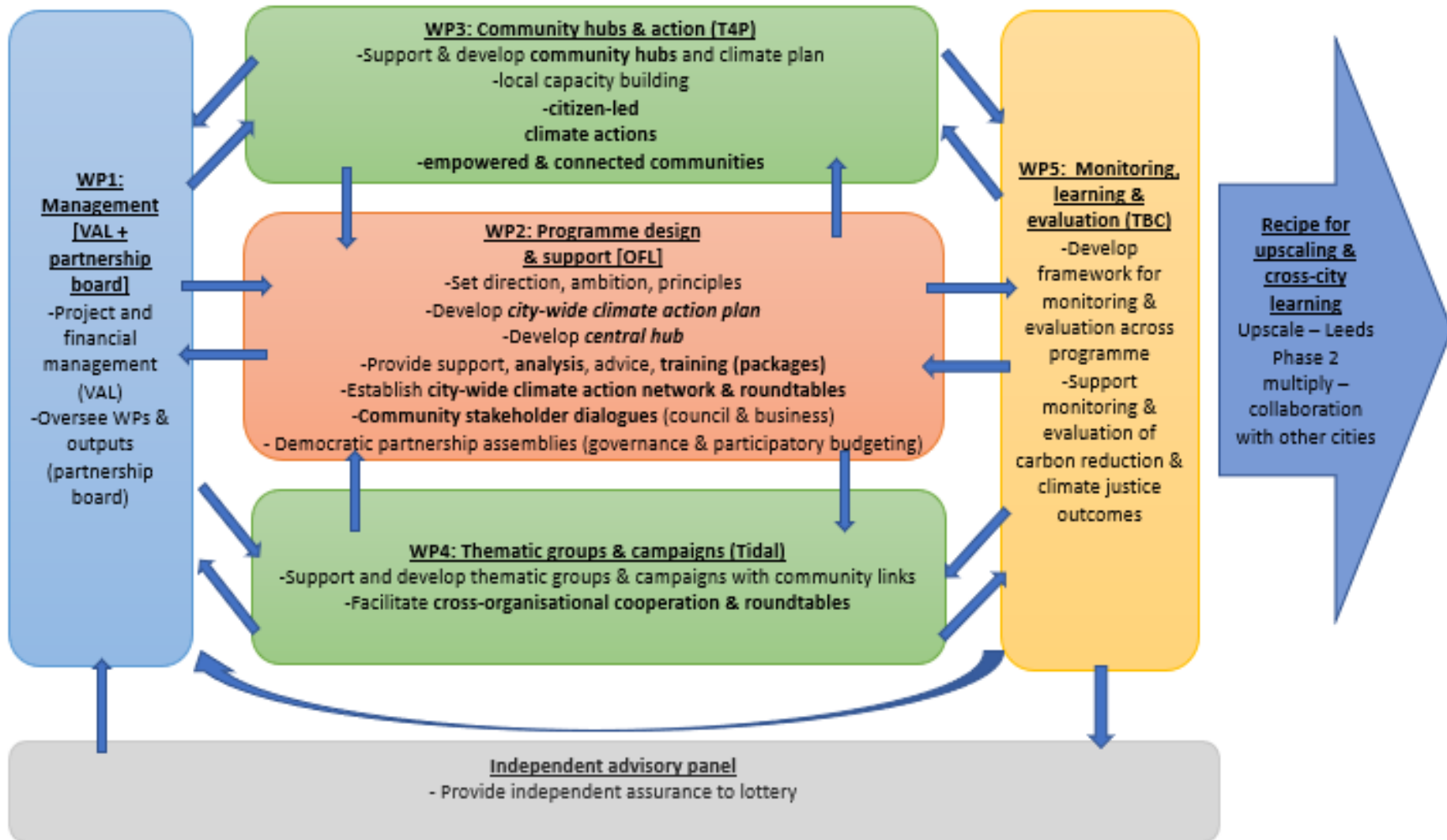
Transformative action



**Overall programme aim: to create a city wide movement of connected and informed community-led hubs that can take effective action on the climate emergency and create a more sustainable, fair and green Leeds by 2030.**

WP	Aim	Outcomes
WP1	To effectively and professionally support the programme of work in terms of organisational and budget management	A well managed and financially secure partnership, successful delivery of the programme, and effective relationship with the funders
WP2	To effectively support, develop and curate a programme of community-led climate action and training, and engage with stakeholders to maximise programme outcomes drawing on a movement DNA approach	A connected and informed city wide network and programme of research/training that supports community-led action to take effective climate action.
WP3	To effectively coordinate and support up to 16 community led hubs and associated action plans	A network of community-led hubs and action plans that empower and ensure broad participation of community members, and brings tangible benefits in terms of carbon reductions /quality of life
WP4	To effectively coordinate and support sector and campaign groups to feed in to the community-led climate action	To create productive exchanges and learning between sector and campaign groups and community-led networks to ensure transformative climate action
WP5	To support and deliver and programme of evaluation and learning that can maximise programme outcomes and share learning beyond this partnership	A partnership that is self aware, self critical and able to maximise its potential, and able to share its learning widely in Leeds and beyond

# How it all fits together



# How we will organise

What / when	Who?	Role
<b>Partnership Board</b> Monthly	WP leads and co-opted members as appropriate	Operational decision making drawing on clear partnership agreements following the Big Local programme model. Ongoing contract and finance management, WP and output troubleshooting, responding to programme issues. Accountable to the assembly. Meetings organised by WP1.
<b>Climate Assembly</b> Quarterly	All programme team (WP leads, community hubs, sector staff, partners)	Strategic decision making at heart of the programme. Scrutinises programme wide proposals and resource allocations. Also shares learning across WPs. Meetings organised by WP2
<b>City Roundtable</b> Biannually	All programme team	Platform for engagement, networking, outreach – to create a city-wide conversation. Mechanism for extending partnership to affiliates and interested groups. Key sector partners attend (Universities, City Council, regional statutory bodies, business etc). Meetings organised by WP2
<b>Sector roundtables</b> As needed	Sector-wide groups as identified in WP4 and other interested parties	Platform for engagement and learning across sectors. Meetings organised by WP4
<b>Independent Scrutiny Panel</b> Annually	Independent chair, community representation and members from other Climate Action Fund winning project/s (proposal to be approved by TNL)	This panel will provide independent scrutiny and assurance to project partners and TNL Community Fund. As well as an oversight of all project levels the panel will take learning and monitoring outputs from WP5 and report to WP1 to be included with TNL reporting procedures. Reports produced by the Panel will be presented to the Board to guide management and Assembly as part of core business and decisions. Meetings organised by WP1

# What we want to achieve in 5 years

- Progress towards a zero carbon socially just, liveable Leeds
- A connected well informed city climate movement
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# Work Package 1

## Voluntary Action Leeds

### Management

#### Role:

Local trusted partner, grant lead with overall responsibility for delivery structure, performance and financial management, agreeing outcomes, communications, impact reporting

#### Staff:

WP Coordinator, WP Administrator, Coms Officer



# Work Package 2

## Our Future Leeds

### Movement Building



Sets Overall ambition and project direction

#### **5 work strands:**

- Climate emergency training
- A central climate emergency hub
- Democratic / cross programme decision making and networking via Climate Justice Assemblies and the Roundtable
- Stakeholder engagement
- A city-wide Climate Action Plan

Staff: WP administrator, 3 x WP co-ordinators (strategic, training, research), Central hub facilitator, External liaison facilitator, Leeds City Council Seconded

# Work Package 3

## Together for Peace

### Community Hubs

3 Levels of Hubs:

- 8 climate action hubs (first 4 = Seacroft, Beeston, Garforth, Otley)
- 8 mini hubs
- Responsive support distributed using a participatory budgeting approach.

Hubs are focus for creation of 'community climate plans'

Staff: WP co-ordinator, T4P development workers (x 8 Hubs), Development worker for mini hubs, WP administrator, Local hub coordinators x 8



**Together for Peace.**

People, ideas and action towards a shared future.

# Work Package 4

## TIDAL, Leeds

### Sector and Campaign Support

- Uses Citizen Jury recommendations as starting point
- Several thematic areas each with a 'transition partner' (drawn from: Transport, Energy, Housing, Food, Nature, Economy, Education)
- Themes inform community hubs
- Theme Roundtables
- Cross sector resources and workshops

Staff WP co-ordinator, Transition partners x 6, cross cutting climate justice co-ordinator



# Work Package 5

## TO BE APPOINTED

### Learning and Evaluation

- Developing framework for carbon monitoring
- Creating a monitoring framework for capturing benefits/impacts
- Hosting community learning workshops
- Arranging external learning visits
- Creating a learning report
- Organising a Leeds climate action convention
- Consolidate actions for upscaling and next steps

Staff: WP Co-ordinator, others TBC



# Now - Breakout sessions

- Find out more and questions
- Opportunities (engagement, learning, support, resources, employment)

Next steps and start dates (September)



## Breakout groups

- WP1 - not included in break outs
- WP2 - Movement building - OFL
- WP3 - Community hubs - T4P + representatives from hub locations
- WP4 - Campaigns and themes - Tidal
- WP5 - learning - be held but no WP leader

