



# CLASP.

## CLASP update & Support Organisations

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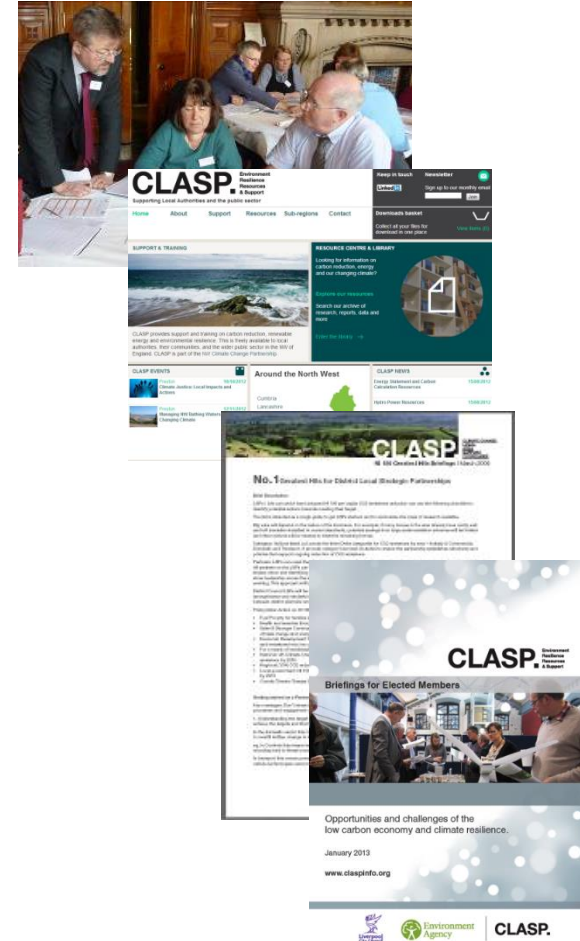
# About CLASP

- Established in 2008, the source of information for climate change professionals in the North West
- Trusted, independent, authoritative
- Now part of the Climate UK family – broadening our reach across the country



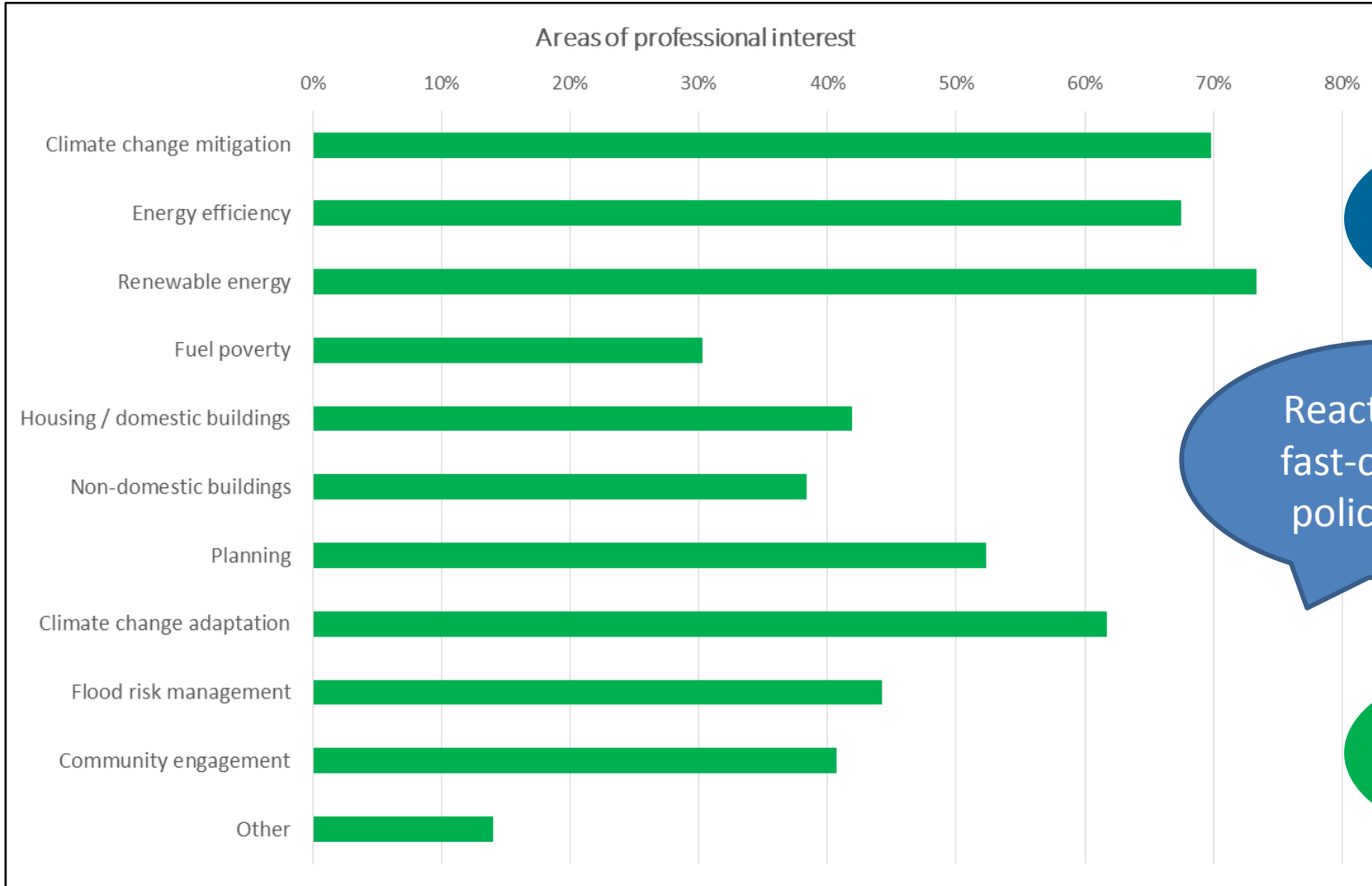
# What CLASP offers

- **Free support** for public sector organisations:
  - Events and training, sharing information and developing a valuable network
  - Regular, targeted news updates
  - Practical guidance and resources, developed by the sector
- The **broadest range of climate discussions**, covering:
  - Actions to reduce the threat of climate change
  - Actions to adapt North West communities to the changes that are already under way
- A home for **innovation and ideas**





# About our 1000+ members



Diverse interests

Reacting to a fast-changing policy space

Time is precious

# What we've achieved

- A busy local authority led, North West wide network
- Over 10,000 person hours of face-to-face engagement with:
  - Elected Members
  - Local authority managers and officers
  - Public sector professionals
- Digital engagement twice a month, through website and e-newsletter

*Networking at events provided by CLASP has been invaluable.*

Climate Change & Sustainability Manager

*Events are interesting and informative [and] a good opportunity to network with colleagues across the region.*

Principal Officer – Climate Change

*The newsletter is my primary source of information for climate change related information.*

Principal Development Officer

# What we've achieved

- We've supported some "firsts" in UK climate change action:
  - A 3D model to help rural communities plan and act towards a sustainable energy future
  - A process for developing Ward and Super Output Area climate change adaptation plans
  - A code of practice for solid wall insulation installers
  - Changes to park management practices to make parks more resilient and more valuable in a changing climate
  - Development of business models for carbon brokerage schemes incentivising carbon sequestration through land management

# As a result of CLASP, members have:

- **Developed policies and strategies** to embed sustainability in the future of local areas and services
- **Leveraged in funding** for energy efficiency, district heating, renewable energy, climate resilience and flood risk management projects
- **Invested with local businesses** to deliver these projects
- **Embedded sustainability** in area regeneration projects, driving innovation in the supply chain
- **Worked with supply chain businesses**, particularly SMEs, to build their sustainability capacity and competitiveness



# What (free) support is available?

- Information/Resources/Training (free)
- CLASP
- Climate UK
- Climate Local (coming to an end)
- Specific programmes
- Salix Finance
- Policy research (heaps of research around...)
- Joseph Rowntree Trust (Climate Just tool & training, with EA and CUK)
- IPPR (policy research)

# Support that costs £

- Consultancy services (£) – Carbon Trust (Public Sector Carbon Network); Energy Saving Trust (HEED database); Local Partnerships (various schemes e.g. RE:FIT/Spin-outs/Street lighting toolkit)
- Membership services (£) – APSE Energy Collaboration, LGA
- Service provision/partnerships – Sustrans, Ovo Energy, EST
- Finance - Green Investment Bank, DECC's HNDU support (not paid for, but you have to apply)

# Other related/sector action

- National Energy Action – research/policy, training, HECA, conferences, lobbying with a fuel poverty focus
- Power to Change/Big Lottery/Esmée Fairbairn – support for community enterprises
- EU funded business support – Resource efficiency/innovation
- LEPs – EU & other funding and bigger projects
- National Housing Federation
- Core Cities – research, working groups
- TCPA – Special Project & RTPI – Planning Aid and events

# CLASP New Briefings

1. Save Carbon – Save Money	6. Transport Infrastructure
2. Generating Energy and Income	7. Economic Development
3. Decent Affordable Housing, Health & Fuel Poverty	8. Supporting Communities
4. Improving Public Health	9. Reducing Risks
5. Travel Choices	



## DECENT, AFFORDABLE HEALTH AND CARE

Poor housing is a significant cause of poverty. In 2012, over 2.2 million people lived in fuel-poor, and the most cold, draughty and hard-to-heat homes.

Each year there are around 100,000 deaths linked with cold homes, respiratory conditions, and people aged over 65 with disabilities. Pregnant women living in cold homes are at a higher risk of complications. Even for children, cold homes can affect their cognitive development and school performance.

Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that all homes are safe and healthy. Local authorities are working with the private sector to improve energy performance standards and to provide energy efficiency measures to help reduce energy bills and improve health and wellbeing.

**COST SAVING**  
Over 100 local authorities have implemented energy efficiency measures in their own buildings, saving over £100 million.

**GREAT**  
Northwest City Council has implemented a range of energy efficiency measures in its own buildings, saving over £100,000.

## REDUCING CARBON FOOTPRINT

Incidents of severe weather in the last 10 years have cost the economy and authorities (in terms of transport and economic activity) £14bn. 2014.

**WARWICK**  
Warwick City Council has implemented a range of energy efficiency measures in its own buildings, saving over £100,000.

## TRANSPORT

Transport and economic development are linked. Transport is a key factor in the sustainability of local authorities (in terms of economic activity and health and wellbeing).

**POYNTER**  
Poynter Junction Road is a pedestrian-friendly street. Car sharing is encouraged.

## TRAVEL COSTS

As many authorities have reduced their own costs, air quality and improve solutions that suit rural travel includes promoting transport, car-sharing and the need for journeys.

## BLACKBURN

The Blackburn choose health sharing and parking and funding for the local travel business me  
<http://bwdc>

## LAKE DISTRICT

Despite of travelled it is easier to be efficient performance

The not-for-profit Fund. This is a carbon saving scheme based on...

## GENERATING ENERGY

Renewable energy generation is increasingly used by local authorities to create that is frequently guaranteed for schemes attract the Feed-in-Tariff or Contracts for Difference) are electricity generators,

## LANCASTER CITY

Lancaster City Council depot and council housing installations, Lancaster

Contact: Mark Davi

## KNOWSL

Knowsley Council officer

## SUSTAIN EDEN

Sustain Eden is helping greener choices. Particular energy projects, wood travel. The scheme also authority support was led by Cumbria Action was funded through [www.cafs.org.uk/pi](http://www.cafs.org.uk/pi)

## L8 LIVING SUSTAINABLE

L8 is an initiative in the impact of climate high levels of well Patchwork Urban Council's economy [www.l8s.co.uk](http://www.l8s.co.uk)

## CARBON CO

Established in who began by residents to inform on local knowledge based on...

## BOILER ON PRESCRIPTION

The Housing Provider Genito, in partnership with initiated a 'Boiler on Prescription' pilot, creating improvements, free of charge to patients with is 95,000 while admission to A&E costs NHS including three emergency admission conditions, not only can money be happier and will have long-term...

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The low carbon economy was the UK in 2011/12 and has become the sixth largest player in internationally-recognised and building technology

Although not a statutory authorities, together with Partnerships, can sit

## SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

Communities are banding together areas. Projects include food growing and travel initiatives. It support from the local authority off a community project and help

**Local authorities and council**  
Find out which community working on sustainable living talk to them to find out what be useful

## IMPROVING WELLBEING

Many local authorities are integrating public health activities into their wider work, ensuring that plans and activities all work towards improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.

Sustainability is a perfect lens through which to focus a positive approach to delivering public health and wellbeing objectives, saving more expensive care needs and treatment. It also enables the community to be involved as part of the solution to health and wellbeing challenges.

## WARM HOMES OLDHAM

The Warm Homes Oldham scheme delivers home energy improvements and advice to fuel poverty in the first year. Interventions included ECO-funded insulation, new boilers and heating controls combined with energy efficiency advice and income maximisation. The scheme has found 14 of these people will be lifted out of fuel poverty, there were reported improvements in wellbeing including mental health and 96% reported that their home to heat.



Supporting community focus exercises, social capital building travel - transport infrastructure, active walking and cycling clubs to improve health and wellbeing and train people to become more active and train people to develop skills and Linking commissioning and projects to developing unmet local people, especially unemployed

# Local Authorities' role in delivering a low carbon, sustainable local area

- On table flip charts: Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities & Threats (SWOT)
- Opportunities: innovation – new ways of delivering, developing different business models, new approaches, new routes to people, turning everything on its head?

# Group discussion part 2.

- Using a different colour/post it notes:
- What do you need? (to deliver on strengths; overcome weaknesses; develop opportunities and counter threats)
- How can CLASP and other LAs support you?  
Verbs with actions please – be specific