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Parish and Town Council Climate Action Network and One Planet Tool

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Agenda today

- History of the Parish and Town Council (PN/TC) Climate Action Network
- HDC's Climate Action Strategy
- Progress to date
- One Planet
- Resources for Councils (including Carbon Literacy Training)
- Future plans/asks

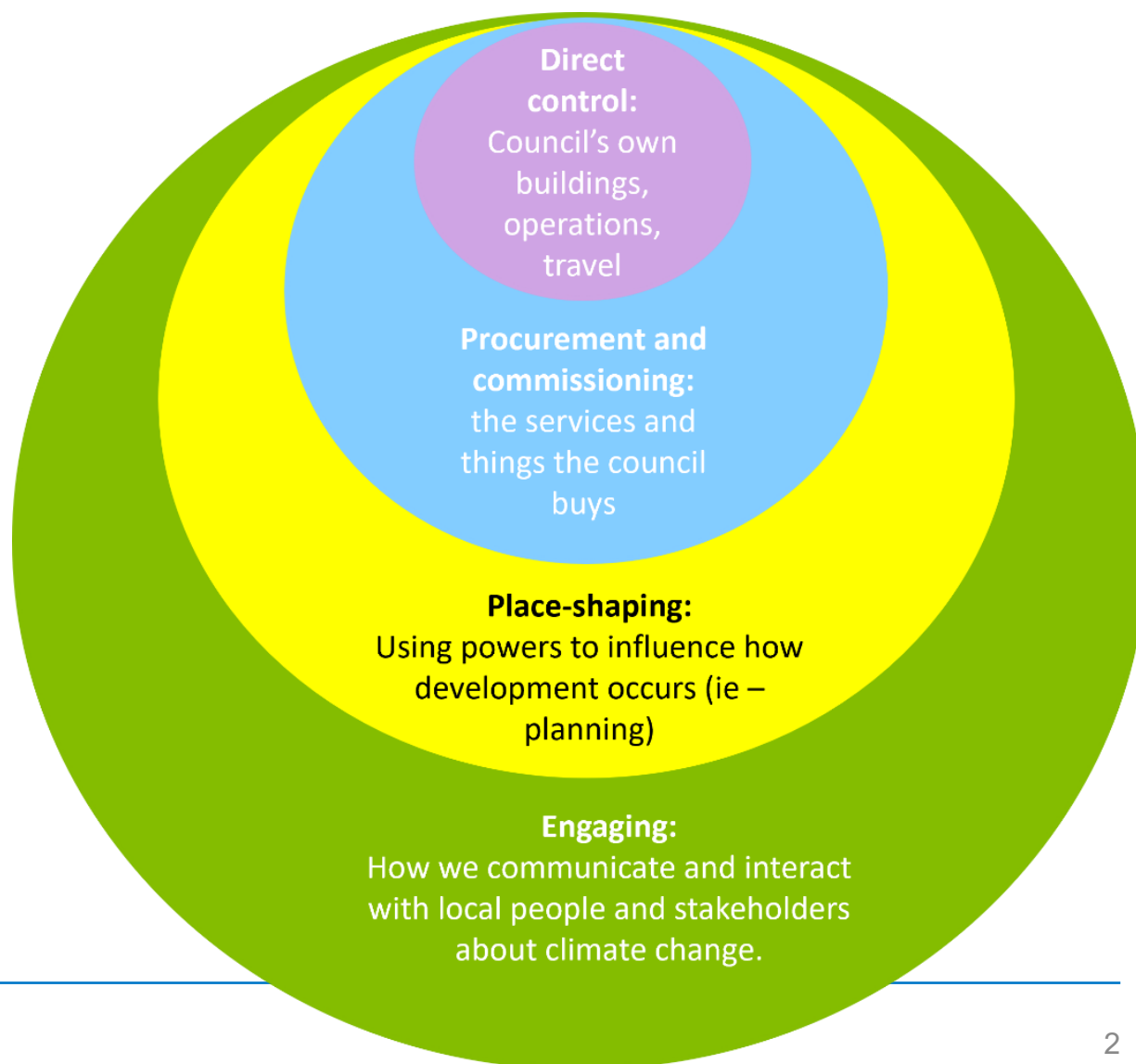


History



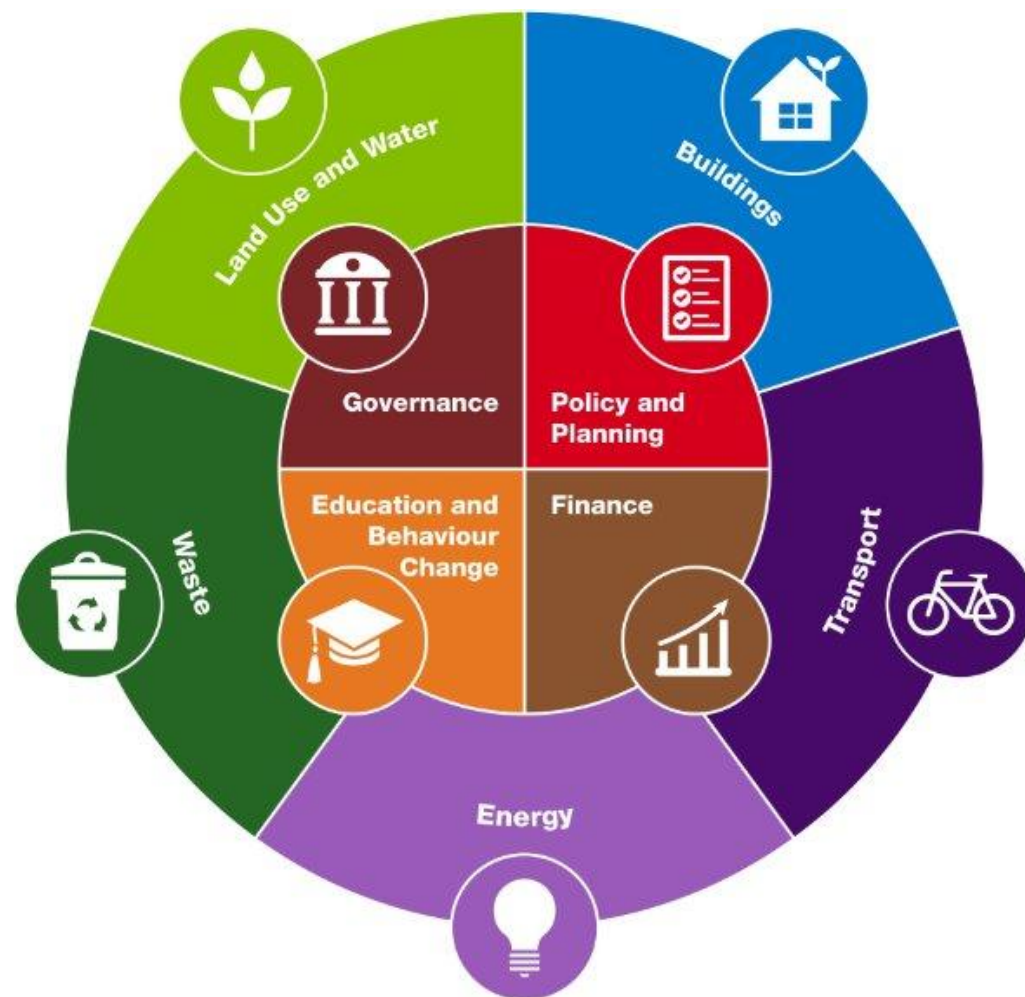
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- Autumn 2022
 - Centre for Sustainable Energy workshops to help our Parish and Town Councils to understand their influence and role in climate action
 - During brainstorming sessions, attendees thought of actions that they could take within their spheres of influence
 - From these discussions, we formed the Climate Action Network and contributed to actions in our own Climate Action Strategy



HDC's Climate Action Strategy

- HDC approved a district wide Climate Action Strategy in Jan 2024
- Cannot deliver the Strategy on our own - focal point for action by partners, community groups, businesses and residents
- The leadership role that the Parish and Town Councils have are vital for engaging residents and community groups, so we have an action centred on supporting you to deliver climate action



The Climate Action Network

- From the workshops, the Climate Action Network was developed to support the PC/TCs in climate action
- About 85% of local councils are involved – Councillors (and some residents) have been nominated to be Climate Action Representatives to attend meetings and engage in the network.
- 3 meetings a year, 2 online and 1 in person
- Meetings have informational talks on different subjects to help support action, and the in person meeting also celebrates successes and provides time to work on action plans collaboratively through One Planet, a mind mapping software
- If you are happy to discuss with me your engagement as a Parish, or if you have a Rep, please let me know

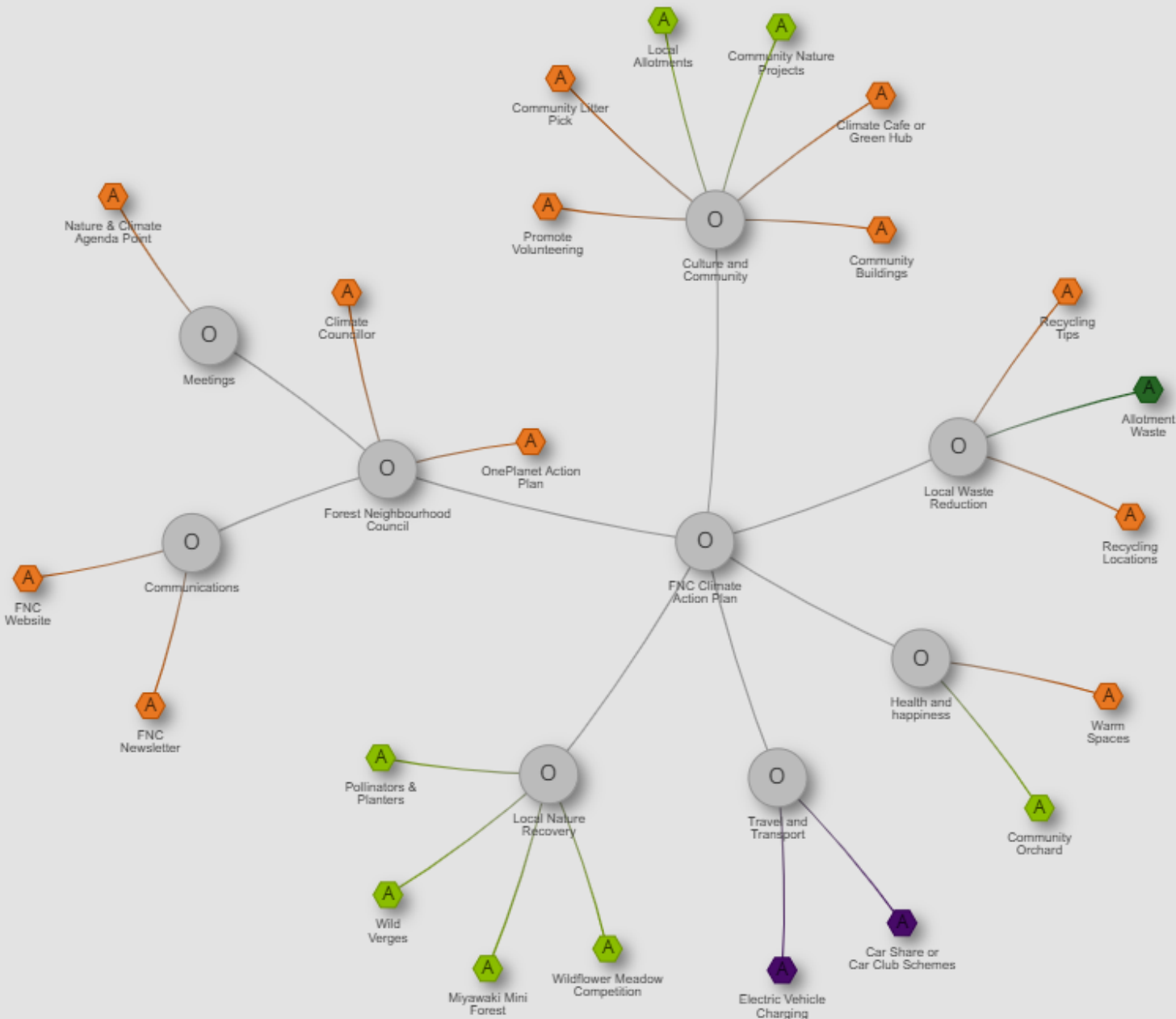
To Date – 12 meetings

- 15 March 2023
 - ✓ How to interpret the workshops and start creating action plans
- 19 July 2023
 - ✓ How to find funding
- **6 November 2023**
 - ✓ **Planning out our action plans, how to connect to volunteers**
- 25 March 2024
 - ✓ How to communicate climate action through social media and websites
- 23 July 2024
 - ✓ Action in Rural Sussex and Village Hall network
- **16 September and 8 October 2024**
 - ✓ **Moving action plans to One Planet, Thermal Imaging Camera tutorial**
- 25 March 2025
 - ✓ Energy and Retrofitting
- 07 July 2025
 - ✓ Repair Café sharing session
- **24 November 2025**
 - ✓ **Updating action plans on One Planet, Wilder Horsham District talk**
- 11 May 2026
 - ✓ Community Action Planning workshop intro
- 21 July 2026
 - ✓ Sustainable Transport

Forest Neighbourhood OP plan



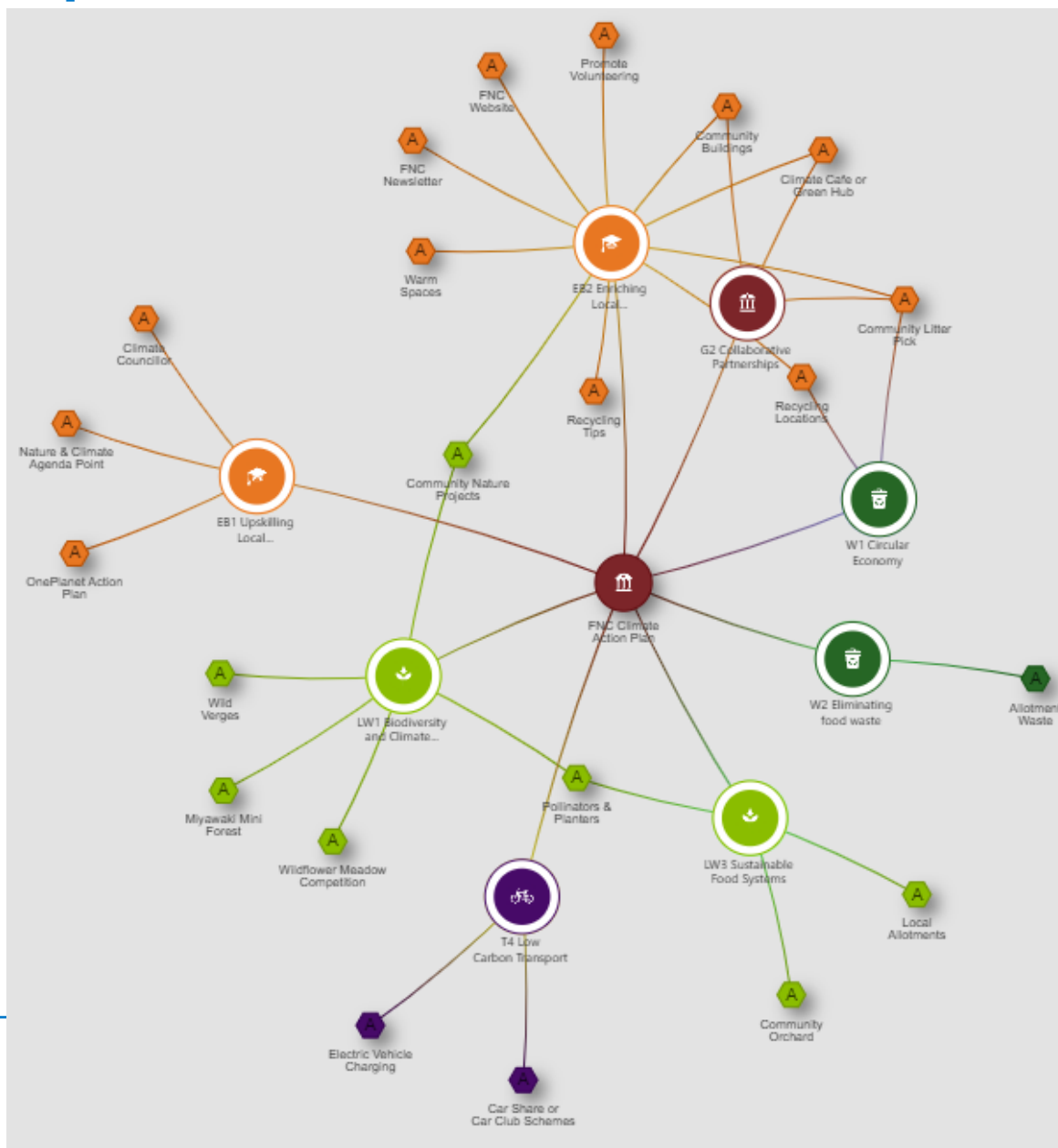
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Parish/Town Climate Action plan linked to CAS



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Resources for Councils

- Knowledge Hub: online platform, repository of information from past meetings and chat function
- One Planet: online mind mapping to monitor, display and connect Climate Action Plans
- Carbon Literacy Training for Parish and Town Councillors (next course 14 October 2026)
- Staff at HDC (myself, Contact: Victoria.wylliedeecheverria@horsham.gov.uk) and also Wilder Horsham District Team (WilderHorshamDistrict@sussexwt.org.uk)
- Community Climate Fund: CommunityClimateFund@horsham.gov.uk, and <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/get-involved-in-climate-and-environment/climate-and-environment-funding-and-grants/community-climate-fund>

Future Plans and Asks

- Continue to build on connections and collaborations between Parishes and Towns, including joining HDC in using One Planet to map their action plans and show links to our Climate Action Strategy, including linking to NALC's Climate Action Plans for local councils in Horsham District and involved in the Climate Action Network
- Would HALC be able to have a presence at the 3 PC/TC meetings a year, or at least the 1 in-person one? We would like to demonstrate our collaboration to the Parishes and Towns
- Have a PC/TC update as a standing agenda item on the HALC agenda (either from HDC, the HALC representative that attended the last meeting, a Parish/Town Councillor that attends both meetings, or an email update)
- Help spread the word about Carbon Literacy Training for PC/TC Climate Action Network members (and other interested councillors)

QUESTIONS

