



Sustainable Liverpool seminars

The Next Step suggestions

For Engage Liverpool

AI summary:

Building Networks and Partnerships

Many suggestions emphasise the importance of creating partnerships and networks, both with other local bodies (LCR, LCC, other community groups) and between attendees. Ideas for fostering connections across different groups include establishing a platform or directory for like-minded individuals and organisations.

Expanding Outreach and Inclusion

There's a strong call to reach out to a broader audience, particularly marginalised groups, younger people, and those not currently engaged in these topics. There's a suggestion that Engage's events should be free. Some attendees requested that outputs of events like this one be shared.

These themes highlight a desire for broader community involvement, enhanced collaboration, and transparent communication to support shared goals.

Work with LCR and LCC to share ideas and make partnerships

Create a network of everyone who attends these meetings so we can all work together

Reach out to more young people

Make events free so it's more accessible (*donations only requested, student came free*)

Engage should collaborate with all interested parties

Partnerships – wider

Foster partnerships, social groups, go outside the [??] of the council, speak to electorate

How to get different community groups to share ideas or join up?

Communicate with other local community groups

City centre street workshops

Participatory idea gathering

More events like this, bringing people together

More outreach to marginalised and little heard communities

Focus on education

Expand engagement beyond city centre

Share data obtained further, with those currently not aware / marginalised communities

List the places involved, and give to the public

Find out why people came tonight – what can they offer? Share list.

Offer communications between all seminar participants

Help people with funding

Directory of like-minded enterprises, Engage as the connecting glue

Create a network platform for like-minded people to connect and exchange ideas

Reach out across the city

Involve ordinary people who aren't thinking about these issues.

Continue to encourage people's ideas + opinions to be heard for different viewpoints

Try to cast net wider, to involve those who are not yet involved in climate activism or are not environmentally conscious

For me / for residents

AI summary:

Community Engagement and Awareness

Many comments focus on engaging directly with people in local neighbourhoods, schools, universities, and community meetings. There's an emphasis on building connections, sharing knowledge, and raising awareness within local communities, with suggestions to use social media, conversations, and community gatherings to foster dialogue and understanding.

Personal Responsibility and Advocacy for Environmental Action

A strong theme here is personal accountability in reducing carbon footprints, driving less, and improving energy efficiency at home. Several suggestions focus on individual actions (like analysing one's carbon footprint or exploring renewable energy options) and advocating for change by writing to MPs, lobbying local councils, and educating policymakers on climate science and urgency.

These themes highlight both the importance of community involvement for broader impact and individual efforts toward environmental sustainability and political advocacy.

Talk to people, get to know aspirations

What's the interest in your local neighbourhood?

Explore options for gas boiler replacement

Everyone needs to analyse their own carbon footprint and reduce all kinds of wastage

Local area community meetings

Get out into my community and start conversations with people

I want to save the world and overcome the fact that I'm outnumbered

Social media

Knowledge sharing

Community

Schools & Uni

Talk to neighbours in the community, schools, colleges, universities

Write to MP

Lobby the council

Volunteering

Be aware of own impacts

Commit to stop using cars for local journeys

Drive less, more active travel

Improve energy use at home – investigate insulation, retrofitting

Act as an ambassador and spread the word

Keep politicians under pressure = engage in politics

Recognise small steps making a difference

Go into schools and youth clubs

Educate our decision-makers to ensure they actually understand the science and urgency of the climate & biodiversity emergencies

Research solar power opportunities for my home

Try to speak to people around me and raise awareness

For Liverpool City Council

AI summary:

Community Involvement and Collaborative Decision-Making

There's a strong emphasis on involving local voices in policy through citizens' assemblies, panels, and collaboration with community groups, schools, and neighbouring councils.

Improving Public Transport and Reducing Car Dependency

Many suggestions call for better public transit, reduced car use through congestion charges, and more sustainable options like trams and city bikes.

Accessible Funding for Community-Led Environmental Initiatives

Attendees highlight the need for simplified funding and grants to support local environmental projects, with accessible resources for grassroots action.

These themes reflect a desire for a more collaborative, sustainable, and community-supported approach to city planning and environmental action.

Understand their communities and then enable via themselves as a funder

Be open to working with artists who are already doing art projects about nature, environment, and climate. We are already here but it is so hard as an independent artist to work with the council.

Speak to graduates of MA Art & Science program at LJMU

More OPEN calls for art projects that the council fund

Fix transport

Improve links for business and pedestrians

Green space for schools to use and look after

City Congestion Zone

Trialing hydrogen combustion systems on commercial vehicles

Make all city black cabs electric

Make funding available and easy to access – we want to do good things but money is needed to do them

Tax / charge petrol vehicles in the city centre

Remove the charge off the Mersey tunnels and Runcorn bridge

Council needs to be more open about the changes they're discussing. At very early stages community groups should be invited to discuss ideas for their areas.

Sustainable Development Goals in schools – start in primary schools

Design brief, Local Plan, Citizens Panel

Keep the design codes

Citizen Panels

Identify the key stakeholders

Work with other local authorities

Concentrate on something very urgent – air pollution in highly trafficked areas – can we restrict car use through congestion charging, select road pricing eg: charging more for gas guzzlers? – could raise money for green causes

Work and outreach with partner organisations, eg: Engage; Love Wavertree; Homebaked Anfield; L8; Transition Liverpool; young people; universities etc.

Community health needs to be part of the environmental decision-making, eg: pollution caused by industries

LCC needs to get together with councils along the Mersey Basin, including Greater Manchester, to get our government to legislate on reducing dangerous PFAS levels in the Mersey

Citizens Jury

Clear annual action plans

Integrated travel plan that covers whole city

Less talk of what “should” be done, and more action/leadership

Sustainability + health + prevention should underpin everything and not be an afterthought / box-ticking exercise. Less siloed thinking.

Improve transport

Council needs to listen to the community and produce robust strategies and policies

Engage with neighbouring authorities

Tax relief for volunteers!

Collaboration

Reduce red tape

Cross [??] between services

Cheaper buses?

Toolkits so people know how to help and what they can do

Organise Citizens Assembly

Central body for local volunteering activities

Start now. Focus on next step. If the city works for its citizens, the citizens will work for the city.

Improve public transport & active travel

Increase (transport? housing?) density

Engage with local “wider” community, eg: street workshops. Varying age groups. “Employ” local people to do this.

Less car dependency – reintroduce trams

Fees on petrol vehicles entering the city centre

Get recycling well organised, and the ability to recycle all materials that are recyclable.

Make sure all takeaway outlets encourage recycling of all their packaging – so a minimum amount of rubbish is incinerated and there is far less litter

Set up a Citizens Assembly + online forum

Build a green map of Liverpool/Wirral

Involve pensioners to pass on knowledge + wisdom

Actually involve those who are affected by decisions in decision making

Trial cycle routes through paint and bollards

Run commuter ferries all day + at weekends to connect Wirral to Liverpool better, enable families to take kids to beach with bikes

Bring back City Bikes (not electric)

Great investment opportunities – eg: Merseyside Pension Fund

General / unclear

Engage with local communities

Tangible timescales

Evidence of what is actually happening in the city now

Educate – schools, workplaces, universities

Communicate decisions

Transfer of power

Create the network

Create opportunities for people at the edges

A circular economy in Liverpool that sit high above any other

Directing money to good purpose

Directing (section) 106 money for maximum social value

Importance of art, music, good food, and ecology

What were the specific measurements and metrics?

Data analysis and visualisation to show impact and get stakeholder engagement

Emphasise that Liverpool was, in some respects, greener in the past than it is now, eg: trams & green low traffic boulevards; electric mass transit, Liverpool Overhead Railway; local shops, schools, etc, in a traditional “15-minute city”; ships powered by wind and made from timber

Emphasise that we have overcome problems in the past: Smokeless zones; river pollution cured by Mersey River Estuary alterations

Reach out to me! Ross Neal ARB/RIBA, director @ f(n) Architects Ltd, passivehaus designer

Low Carbon Liverpool did great work. It is still there in terms of the research. Alex Nurse knows all about it.

Bristol built on Green Capital – we wasted 10 years – time to set up a LIVERPOOL GREEN PARTNERSHIP

Make connections between existing community groups

Community fundraising – encouragement and support from the community

From an Everton perspective – the local people are “time poor”, they have low wages, work several jobs. So don’t have time to volunteer.

Education – promote how health can be improved through Net Zero

Horticultural nursery – seed sharing libraries

Mechanisms to collectively fund and provide investment opportunities.

Coordination of local initiatives under the umbrella of a set of issues related to urban planning, space design, and sustainability.

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