



**SOMERSET**  
Climate Action Network

**Context, Challenge, Demand,  
Action**

**‘Making Somerset Climate Ready’**

Steve Mewes



## Action – Somerset Climate Action Network – I can, We can, Somerset can

### Our Goal

A county resource for all aspects of local climate action encompassing renewable energy, zero carbon projects, energy saving, business, travel & transport, food, health & wellbeing, recycling and more.

Anybody living or working in Somerset will be able to find the local campaign group and/or local climate action networker to contact for help or advice. They will also have the opportunity to network and collaborate with like-minded individuals or organisations.

Our goal is to increase the impact of actions to drive down carbon emissions, by promoting increasing collaboration to create an exemplar county showing how a low-carbon lifestyle and economy can work.







## Who Are We?

**Cara Nadan:** 20 years working in sustainable development. Founding member of Transition Langport. Director of Avalon Community Energy

**Jane Durney:** Sustainability consultant with 20 years experience, former CEO of a Wildlife Trust, co-founded One Planet Bruton

**Nick Pyatt:** Director of a leading organisational development consultancy specialising in Climate Adaptation and long term sustainability challenges.

**Shelly Easton:** Extensive experience in communicating climate issues to the grassroots. Currently with Somerset Wildlife Trust and an international climate adaptation project, Adapting the Levels





## Who Are We?

**Sonya Bedford MBE:** Non-Exec Director at Regen, Director at Exeter Community Energy & South Dartmoor Community Energy, board member at Sustainability Institute, Vice Chair at Green Wedmore...

**Steve Mewes:** Policy & Campaigns Manager at Somerset Wildlife Trust, Chair of Wedmore Community Power Co-Op, Chair of Green Wedmore, Chair of Re-Imagining the Levels CBS, Chair of Somerset CAN

**Stewart Crocker:** Chair Wells Food Network, Chair Avalon Community Energy, creator of Somerset Food Trail







## What have we done...

- » Company registered, social media platforms created, branding complete, business plan written
- » Councillor training
- » First networking event July 2nd
- » Climate Action Networkers (CAN) scheme established
- » Ran consultation for Somerset County Council and District Council's Climate Framework
- » 3 Reports Published
  - 'The Somerset 2030 Carbon Neutral Target – LA Actions' – July 2019
  - 'Towards a Carbon Neutral Somerset – Recommendations' – April 2020
  - 'Towards a Carbon Neutral Somerset – Evidence Base' - May 2020

## What are we planning?

- » Fundraise for project manager to
  - Develop Climate Action Network (CAN)
  - Expand website
  - Hold first CAN training event
- » Sponsor more councillor training
- » Greater awareness raising – comms and media
- » Support county-wide Adaptation
- » Explore business collaboration with FSB and LEP
- » Sponsoring a Somerset Climate Emergency 'Measurement Report' with County and District Councils










## What can you do?

- » Become a Climate Action Networker
- » Lobby your Parish/District/County Councillor for faster action on climate
- » Work with SCAN on some councillor climate training
- » Don't wait for others – redouble your own efforts
- » Talk climate and encourage climate action at home, at work, with friends/family...
- » Take time in nature to recharge
- » Support organisations battling to save nature and the planet
- » Follow us on Twitter @ActionSomerset and on Facebook as Somerset Climate Action Network
- » Never give up



Thank You  
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