



Community CONVERSATIONS

CLIMATE CHANGE AND US SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER, SOUTH LONDON THEATRE

Whilst international level ambitions are discussed in Glasgow at COP26, in West Norwood we will be examining what realistic and practical differences we can all make at a micro-local level - that literally won't cost the earth

We will discuss how we can all: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

We can only rise to the challenges of the climate crisis by working together, please join the conversation

This is a FREE community event, info: www.info@norwoodforum.org



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No need to travel to Glasgow

as we bring COP26 to your neighbourhood with local residents, businesses, and specialists leading this Community Conversation

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www.norwoodforum.org

Reduce

is simply using less:
less packaging
less energy
less car journeys
and - more repairing

Reuse

finding new ways to use things that otherwise would have been thrown away:
by selling or donating
by borrowing or hiring

Recycle

turn something old and useless into something new and useful
How? Where? What?

Our Environment

nature in our community:
where to enjoy it and how to get involved in preserving it



#COP26Norwood

Whilst international level ambitions were discussed at COP26 in Glasgow (Sunday, 31 Oct 2021 – Friday, 12 Nov 2021), in West Norwood with our own #COP26Norwood on Saturday 6 November 2021, we examined at micro-local level the realistic and practical differences we could make as individuals that wouldn't – quite literally – cost the earth.

Over 40 local residents, businesses and Councillors came together and with invited guests we discussed a wide range of topics under the headings: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, and Our Environment.

This is a list of the ideas, expertise and initiatives we discussed.

We have shown all the links in full to better facilitate link accuracy and copying.

There is a link at the end to view the slides that were shown at the meeting.



Sustenance Zero Waste Groceries

Do you want to buy your favourite products from a small, local business that cares about the environment and social impact it is making?

Sustenance helps people who want to buy refills of ethically produced, ethically traded eco-friendly food without plastic packaging.

We are open in store with over 400 lines including herbs and spices from reputable suppliers, and we are also offering, click and collect or delivery.

Address 23a Knights Hill, West Norwood SE27 0HS

Opening times Mon 10-5pm, Tue 10-7.30pm, Wed closed, Thu 10-5pm, Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10.30-3pm, Sun closed except WN Feast days 10-4pm

Website <https://sustenancegrocerys.co.uk/>

Linktree

https://linktr.ee/sustenancezerowaste?fbclid=IwAR0bW2ctkaEFP1t34Yie9SkupHCpvi8xya_dauZy2utFwaJlr7wpvEX-uRs

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/sustenancezerowaste>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/SustenanceZero>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/sustenancezerowaste/>

Ross and Tina's veg stall

Outside West Norwood Coop, 539-541, Norwood Rd, SE27 9DL

Said to sell three tonnes/three pallets of veg every day – with no packaging except on the strawberries – take your own bags.

No social media or website but opening hours we *currently* believe are:

Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat – open around 7.30am, close around 2.30pm – often stay open till 3.30pm on Saturdays

Related

London Zero Waste Stores. This map includes **Sustenance Zero Waste** in West Norwood and **Jarr Market** and **Naked Larder** in Herne Hill:

<https://sustainablysimple.co.uk/london-lifestyle/zero-waste-stores-in-london/>

Suma

Bulk purchase with your neighbours

<https://www.suma.coop/about/>

Local businesses

Hugo's Eco-Delivery

Cargo trikes that offer an eco-friendly alternative for deliveries but with a much higher capacity than a bicycle.

<https://www.hugoseco-delivery.com/>

Bon Velo

West Norwood and Herne Hill bike shop. They hope to encourage cycling in our community, from young to the not so young.

<https://www.facebook.com/bonvelonorwood/>

Local project

Plastic Mountain

Plastic Mountain is a participatory public artwork for the heart of Norwood. The project has two aims:

- Create a sense of place and community for West Norwood as we emerge from the pandemic
- Present a visual metaphor for the problem of plastic waste in our society so we can be inspired to imagine a new way of living more in harmony with our environment.

The Plastic Mountain project is also currently crowdfunding:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/plasticmountain>

<https://plasticmountain.org/>



Mums for Lungs

Air pollution is a public health crisis and our elected representatives are not doing enough to tackle it. We are campaigning for clean air for everyone — particularly children and babies — as soon as possible.

Campaigns

School Streets School Streets is a pioneering initiative to transform the roads outside schools so that only pedestrians and cyclists can use them at school drop off and pick up times.

Idling Idling is a frustrating and unnecessary source of air pollution. Many parents in our network have repeatedly witnessed it happening outside schools, in town centres, playgrounds and at hospitals.

Wood burning stoves: Many people have positive associations with wood burning – as a cosy, attractive way to heat a room, or as an allegedly carbon-neutral fuel, yet even the most ‘eco-friendly’ wood burning stoves emit high levels of particulate matter (PM).

Website <https://www.mumsforlungs.org/>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MumsforLungs/>
Twitter <https://twitter.com/MumsForLungs>
Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/mumsforlungs/>

Related

Mums for Lungs Facebook group for people looking to set up a School Street scheme

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/668727900211177>

Lambeth School Streets

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/streets-roads-transport/school-streets>

Lambeth School Streets Consultation - have your say

<https://lambethschoolstreets.commonplace.is/>

Norwood Forum’s Community Conversation

‘Clean Air and Quiet Neighbourhoods’ Live Recording

<https://www.facebook.com/TheNorwoodForum/videos/404623490464368>

Car Share Schemes

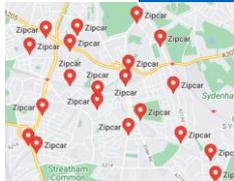
National and in closed groups with your neighbours/friends

Autoexpress

Round up <https://www.autoexpress.co.uk/car-news/97929/ultimate-guide-to-car-sharing-car-clubs-and-ride-sharing>

Zip car

Market leader in membership car sharing. This map is a screen grab of local vehicle locations: <https://www.zipcar.com/en-gb>



Hiya

Like Zip car but you set up your hiring group with friends and neighbours:

Rent affordable cars from trusted local owners in your community by the hour or the day

<https://www.hiyacar.co.uk/>

Benefits of Hiya: <https://www.hiyacar.co.uk/blog/benefits-of-closed-loop-sharing/>

Electric vehicles

Lambeth Council

Information on policies, charging points, future ambitions:

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/environmental-services/electric-vehicles/charging-points>

Energy Saving Trust

More information <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/advice/electric-vehicles/>

Cycling and Walking

London Cycling Campaign

Brand new report ‘Where are all our Cycleways’: <https://www.lcc.org.uk/news/where-are-all-the-cycleways/>

Lambeth Council

Cycling support including maps, rent a bike scheme and maintenance

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/streets-roads-transport/cycling-walking>

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods

Monitoring: <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/better-fairer-lambeth/projects/low-traffic-neighbourhoods-monitoring-strategy>

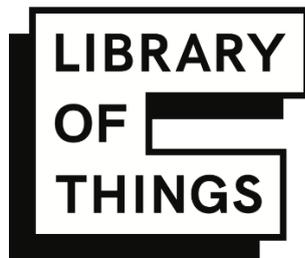
Feedback: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/parking-transport-and-streets/share-feedback-on-a-low-traffic-neighbourhood>

Consultations

LTN's: <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations>

Cycle storage on estates: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/have-your-say-on-our-proposals-to-install-cycle-storage-on-estates>

REUSE



Library of Things

Library of Things is a social enterprise that helps people save money and reduce waste by affordably renting out useful items like drills, sound systems and sewing machines from local spaces

– and by helping neighbours share practical skills.

Website <https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/>

How LoT works <https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/how-borrowing-works>

Impact <https://www.libraryofthings.co.uk/why>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/libraryofgreatthings>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/libraryofthings>

Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/library.of.things/>

Related

Restart

The Restart Project is a people-powered social enterprise that aims to fix our relationship with electronics. Library of Things have run Restart Parties.

<https://therestartproject.org/about/>

Re-makery

The Remakery is a co-operative workshop and hot desk space in South London developing opportunities around the reuse of surplus materials

<https://www.remakery.org/>

South London Makerspace

South London Makerspace is a social community workshop in the heart of Herne Hill. It's owned, run and maintained by the members; there are no paid staff so everything is done on a volunteer basis. They have several specialist areas equipped and ready to use including but not limited to... woodwork, electronics, metalwork, textiles, laser cutting, screen printing.

<https://southlondonmakerspace.org/>

Repair and Mend

Fix It Workshop - The diary of a tinkerer

<https://fixitworkshop.co.uk/>

Socko - All about darning – membership club

<https://socko.shop/pages/workshops>

Craft Council - Article on where to find repair and mend help

<https://www.craftscouncil.org.uk/stories/repair-dont-replace-learn-how-breathe-new-life-your-wardrobe>

Clothes Doctor - How to repair your clothes
<https://clothes-doctor.com/blogs/online-mending-series>



Community Tech Aid

Community TechAid is a south London charity that is helping to bridge the digital divide by providing information technology and the skills to use it to those without. We collect computers, tablets and mobile phones that people no longer need, remove all data and refurbish the devices, so they are in good working order and ready to deliver to people in need. We work with local schools, disability, refugee and other community focused organisations to identify recipients and deliver the devices.

Website <https://www.communitytechaid.org.uk/>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityTechAid/>

Twitter <https://twitter.com/commtechaid>

Drop off point for your old tech in West Norwood – but check via website if they can take it
Mobile2buy.co.uk, 354 Norwood Road (easy to find, right beside Iceland)

Related

To Recycle

This is the company that takes all the tech that Community Tech Aid cannot use
<https://www.torecycle.co.uk/>

RECYCLE

Lambeth Council

Main webpage <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling>

And on the following pages you will find lists of what you can and cannot recycle:

From home - currently weekly collections

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/recycling-collections>

Vale Street – a variety of items you cannot recycle from home plus larger items

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/reuse-and-recycling-centres>

Western Riverside Waste Authority – takes large items

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling/reuse-and-recycling-centres/smugglers-way-household-waste-recycling-centre>

Related

Recycle Now

A good resource website with background information and a map of recycling locations

<https://www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling>

City to Sea

Campaigning group on plastic recycling

<https://www.citytosea.org.uk/plastic-recycling-doesnt-work/>

Local retailers

POP Norwood Hairdressers 264 Norwood Rd, West Norwood, SE27 9AJ

Not on the map mentioned above – POP will recycle shampoo and conditioner containers

Coop

The Coop are now running a soft plastic recycling scheme:

<https://www.coop.co.uk/environment/soft-plastics>

OUR ENVIRONMENT



We aim to galvanise people and communities through growing and celebrating food. We want to encourage people to look at their local patch and see how they can transform it into a food growing space.

We want to support a local food economy that thrives, employs more local people and keeps money in Lambeth.

IE run the Blooming Lambeth Awards – recently announced and many other community participation projects. Join up as a member (its free) and visit their website for a wealth of information.

Website	https://www.incredibleediblelambeth.org/
IE local walks	https://www.incredibleediblelambeth.org/walks/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/EdibleLambeth/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/EdibleLambeth
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/incredibleediblelambeth/



Nature Vibezzz

Nature Vibezzz is composed of highly dedicated, professional, fully qualified people with a background in Community Work, Forest School, Environmental Care, Alternative Education, Health and Wellness and many other skills. They:

- dedicate our services to take the community outdoors, especially those who are not so confident about themselves or around nature
- promote nature activities, support volunteering and provide help to others organisations through community engagement.

Website	https://www.naturevibezzz.org/
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/Naturevibezzz/
Twitter	https://twitter.com/NatureVibezzz
Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/john_naturevibezzz/

Local organisations

South London Botanical Institute

Founded in 1910 in Tulse Hill, the South London Botanical Institute has a beautiful botanical garden and runs a wide range of courses, workshops, school visits and events for all ages

<https://www.slbi.org.uk/>

Lambeth Horticultural Society

The Lambeth Horticultural Society was established in 1951 to promote gardening and growing. We're run entirely by volunteers – why not join us?

<https://www.lambethhorticulturalsociety.org.uk/>

Open Orchard Project

The Open Orchard Project connects communities through fruit and the planting of fruit trees in public places. These trees provide free fruit to local residents and greenery to our urban environments.

Open Orchard were winners of a Blooming Lambeth award in 2021 for their Bzz Garage - best space for encouraging biodiversity.

<https://openorchard.weebly.com/>

Lambeth Council

'We have made a **bold commitment to lead by example and reduce our carbon footprint to zero by 2030**. This page gives a brief overview of the council's initial plans to respond to the climate crisis - by making sure the council's operations are carbon neutral by 2030 and by establishing a Lambeth Citizen's Assembly to build consensus and agree collective action.' <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/carbon-neutral-council-2030>

Citizen's Assembly on the Climate Crisis

Lambeth held an independent citizens' assembly on the climate crisis, to come together and work towards a consensus on how we reduce the borough's carbon emissions.

This consultation project has now concluded and we await the detailed outcome.

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-citizens-assembly-climate-crisis>

Air Quality

An overview of the actions Lambeth are taking to tackle air pollution and improve air quality.

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/environmental-services/air-quality-and-pollution/air-quality>

Air Quality Resources

Including minutes of the Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/better-fairer-lambeth/projects/air-quality-resources>

Clean Air Quality Action Plan 2017-22

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2021-06/pcc-air-quality-action-plan-2017-2022-accessible.pdf>

QUESTIONS

Some suggested places to read more on some of the questions that were raised.

Saving energy cooking methods

Slow Cooker v Pressure Cooker

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/food/a567034/why-pressure-cookers-are-better-than-slow-cookers/>

Pressure Cooker v Oven

<https://www.which.co.uk/reviews/pressure-cookers/article/using-a-pressure-cooker-aOpTx0X1TmYN>

Mattress recycling

Mattresses are clearly a challenge. A number of online companies offer to recycle your mattress, but they are not obviously verifiable.

ReduceReuseRecycle

Article on recycling mattresses

https://www.reduceuserecycle.co.uk/where_can_i_recycle/mattress.php

Lambeth Council

Book to have a mattress collected. There is a fee.

<https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling/bulky-waste/what-we-collect>

Air pollution study

Air pollution linked to more severe mental illness – study

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/aug/27/air-pollution-linked-to-more-severe-mental-illness-study>

ACTIONS

Reduce

The key action that came out of the meeting was to **Shop Local**, especially supporting local ethical businesses. By doing more of this we will all be reducing our carbon footprint, helping our local economy to thrive and generally increase our sense of community.

This approach also feeds in the 15min Norwood initiative Norwood Forum has been working on since a previous Community Conversation held during last year's Wild Norwood Festival. Info here: <https://www.norwoodforum.org/15min-city> Live recording here: <https://www.facebook.com/TheNorwoodForum/videos/2733989396851327>

Our local BID (business improvement district) Station to Station website also has a very useful local business directory: <https://stationtostation.london/directory/>

Reuse

We agreed to find our old tech and **donate** it to Community Tech Aid. By doing more of this we will be helping bridge the digital exclusion divide – and make some more space at home!

Recycle

Thoroughly **educate ourselves** on what can be recycled – where and how. In this respect Lambeth Council's website is an invaluable resource, but we also have new initiatives like the Coop's soft plastic recycling to explore.

Our Environment

We are fortunate to have vibrant organisations on our doorstep who can help us connect with our environment in a multitude of ways. They all also need **our support** to continue to flourish. This could be like/share their social posts, sign-up for newsletters – support in numbers is gold dust for grant application stats, attend events, buy things, volunteer, donate.

WHAT NEXT?

Transport

With Norwood having significant hills and a reduced public transport service due to the impact of Covid-19, transport raised a number of issues we could collectively explore, specifically:

- Campaign for improved east-west bus routes
- Imperative to improve the train service – especially to London Bridge
- Improved signposting for electric car charging points.

Other issues

- Campaign to widen range of materials we can recycle from home
- Coop: establish what is collected and what happens to it. Lobby other supermarkets to follow this example
- Superdrug pill bottle collection: establish what is collected, what happens to it, what advantages over normal recycling. Seek similar action by other chemists.
- Air pollution: establish proper monitoring in our neighbourhood.

Information

This document and the slide show used at #COP26Norwood has been loaded onto the Climate Change and Us webpage: <https://www.norwoodforum.org/events/cop26norwood>. We aim to divide this into separate documents at some point. If something has been missed from

the list above, or you know of anything that should be added, please email Norwood Forum on info@norwoodforum.org

Other Climate Change stories

Whilst COP26 was happening in Glasgow, Norwood Forum published a COP26 related story every day. This included blogs to look at, news items, stats and studies. This complimented the 30 stories we published during our earlier initiative #SustainableSeptember.

Read all of them here: <https://www.norwoodforum.org/events/cop26norwood>

COP26 Glasgow: <https://ukcop26.org/>

Government press release on the new **Environment Act 2021**:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/world-leading-environment-act-becomes-law>

Guardian review of the new Environment Act 2021:

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/nov/10/campaigners-celebrate-new-uk-environment-law-but-vow-to-fight-on>

Volunteer

If you would like to be involved in #SustainableNorwood going forward, please also get in touch – email below. We need volunteers to gather information, develop and keep the webpage up to date, and to help organise future events – everyone is invited to be involved in whichever way you can.

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Thank you for participating in **#COP26Norwood**, we agreed we would aim to meet again in early 2022.

Please keep in touch.

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