

A Civic Lantern to engage civic and civil society in goal-setting for sustainability in Cornwall: A research report

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Summary

Across Cornwall, there is an increasing appreciation of the importance of taking action to improve sustainability for future generations. Community organisations and leaders are already taking action to improve the social wellbeing and environmental health within their local areas. In 2020, the Cornwall Plan was published, outlining a vision for achieving a more sustainable Cornwall by 2050. The Cornwall Plan includes ambitious high-level plans to take Cornwall through six major transitions to become a greener and fairer place over the next generation. Action to achieve these transitions needs to take account of existing work conducted by wider civic and civil society organisations and individuals. Further, it should maximise on the knowledge and capacity that already exists.

In January 2022, the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board (CIOSLB), agreed to support an experiment to engage civic and civil society organisations in determining two priority goals that would contribute to realising the vision of the Cornwall Plan over the next 12 months. In order to identify and prioritise these two goals, a workshop event called 'The Civic Lantern', was organised by University of Exeter researchers based at Penryn. The Civic Lantern was orchestrated as a space in which civic organisations, civil society groups and community leaders could shine a light on and share practical, community solutions to pressing issues of socio-ecological sustainability.

Held on Thursday 9 June 2022, the workshop was hosted at Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock, with a professional facilitator and illustrator to help run and capture the event respectively. Overall, 42 participants ranging from grassroots activists, representatives from parish councils and environmental or social organisations attended. Through both a pre-event survey and in-person discussion, participants deliberated, sorted and then voted on which two socio-ecological goals should be supported by both the Leadership Board and the wider community. The event ended with a formal civic ceremony in which the two top goals were presented to representatives of the CIOS Leadership Board. The final two agreed goals for enhancing social and environmental sustainability were:

Priority action 1: Give land and support to every community to have a sustainable growing scheme

Priority action 2: Support communities to map under-utilised properties so that local people can be housed

This report explains the context for the workshop, the structure of the event and its outcomes, and the next steps agreed upon to achieve these goals. Graphic illustrations of the event are included at the end of the report.

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Context

Cornwall has strong ambitions around net-zero and sustainability, which are represented through the shared vision of Cornwall for 2050 and outlined in the 'Cornwall Plan'. This includes ambitious high-level plans to take Cornwall through six major transitions to become a greener and fairer place over the next generation.

As part of the first Annual Review of the Cornwall Plan, an online workshop was convened on 26th January 2022 by researchers at the Environment and Sustainability Institute (ESI) in partnership with Cornwall Council. The workshop was attended by members of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leadership Board (CIOSLB), that includes local councils, the national health service, voluntary sector forum, the police and crime commission, local nature partnership and Chamber of Commerce. This workshop was designed to understand more about collaborative action to achieve positive social and environmental sustainability change in Cornwall.

During this workshop, participants highlighted the need to engage wider civic and civil society with delivering the Cornwall Plan. The CIOSLB agreed to support action under three priority goals that would contribute to realising the vision of the Cornwall Plan in the coming year; one to be set by the CIOSLB and the others to be collectively identified by organisations already engaged in action around social and environmental sustainability.

In order to identify and prioritise two short term goals for collaborative action, a workshop event called 'The Civic Lantern' was organised by University of Exeter researchers.

The objectives of the Civic Lantern event were:

- To assess what actions civic/civil society organisations are already doing and which could be supported and scaled up to align with the ambitions of the Cornwall Plan;
- To explore how to engage civil/civic society in the transition towards greater socio-ecological sustainability in keeping with democratic (representative and participative) institutions and organisations in Cornwall;
- To experiment with a new form of democratic participation - the Civic Lantern – orchestrated as a space in which civic organisations, civil society groups and active individuals can shine a light on practical, community solutions to the most pressing issues of socio-ecological sustainability;
- To reflect on the process to learn more about localising goal-based governance, civic/civil society engagement and multi-level action for socio-ecological sustainability.

Organisation of the event

The workshop was co-designed by University of Exeter (Penryn) researchers and a Steering Group including 10 representatives from organisations across Cornwall engaged in sustainability, such as Cornwall's Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF), Cornwall's Association of Local Councils (CALC), Climate Kernow, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and the Green Futures Network (a university-led outreach initiative).

Individuals and organisations currently active in action to improve social and environmental wellbeing across communities in Cornwall were invited to attend. This was accomplished by drawing on a combined set of contacts held by the research team and facilitator, and members of the steering group, as well as message being sent to community link officers employed by Cornwall Council, and further suggestions being submitted by registered attendees. The aim was to have maximum diversity in relation to geography, organisational interests and mission.

Overall, 183 people were invited and 83 accepted on the 'Eventbrite' ticket site. Invitees were primarily associated with organisations engaged with social issues (e.g. community and volunteer organisations) (n=48), sustainability (e.g. in farming and waste management) (n=31), government (e.g. parish and city councils) (n=25), nature and biodiversity (e.g. marine conservation charities) (n=18), youth (e.g. scouts,

student bodies) (n=14), health and wellbeing (e.g. mental health, social prescribing) (n=12), research (e.g. university scientists) (n=9), faith (e.g. faith representatives and charities) (n=8), arts and culture (e.g. history and cultural exhibitions/collections) (n=7), business (e.g. business representatives) (n=4), energy (e.g. renewables) (n=4), and housing (e.g. housing charities) (n=3).

Pre-workshop survey

Due to the relatively short time-frame for the workshop and the need to facilitate targeted discussions around themes for action, a short online survey (5 to 10 minutes) was circulated to workshop attendees prior to the event. This survey, comprised of eight questions, was sent to attendees to 1) identify interests and priorities areas for the coming year and, 2) collate ideas for two 'action points' that could be shared during the workshop and scaled-up across Cornwall to achieve progress towards greater sustainability during the year. This survey was also used to assess accessibility issues, identify volunteers for soapbox slots during the workshop and gather any additional ideas from attendees to shape the workshop. Overall, 34 complete responses were received.

Data were then analysed, using thematic analysis, to identify broad themes for priority action. Overall, eight broad themes were identified which were; housing, employment, skills and wages, community, circular economy and waste, health and wellbeing; land, biodiversity and water, food, and energy. A description of these themes and illustrative priority action points under each is provided in Table 1. Results were used to shape the workshop and the identified themes were used as potential discussion group themes for the workshop. Further, all priority action points provided during the survey were written on post-it notes by researchers for use at the workshop. In this way, the survey was key to guiding the content of discussions prior to and during the workshop.

Table 1. Identified themes in priority areas and illustrative action points, as identified by survey respondents

Theme	Description of priority areas and suggested action points
Housing	Policy and action to tackle the housing crisis in Cornwall.
Employment, skills and wages	Action designed to improve job opportunities, in terms of diversity and quality, and to increase the provision of training for skills development.
Community	Ideas around community-based projects that tackle social and environmental issues but are primarily designed to strengthen intergenerational community links.
Circular economy and waste	Opportunities to enhance recycling facilities and projects to enhance the circular economy.
Health/wellbeing	Action to improve healthcare provision including strengthening links between health and social care.
Biodiversity and water	Enhancing biodiversity in Cornwall across all habitats and improving freshwater quality.
Food	Action around the production of food, supply chains and enhancing nutrient provision across Cornwall to address inequality.
Energy	Action to improve energy use at community and business level and encourage renewable energy through projects.

Workshop activity

42 participants attended the workshop, from organisations interested in social issues (e.g. food poverty, community and intergenerational connections) (n=16), research (e.g. university academics) (n=6), nature and biodiversity (e.g. tree planting and wildlife conservation) (n=5), local government (e.g. parish councils) (n=6), sustainability (e.g. waste and recycling, climate action) (n=3), youth organisations (e.g. scouts) (n=2), energy (e.g. renewable/community energy) (n=2) and faith organisations (e.g. churches) (n=2) (Figure 1).

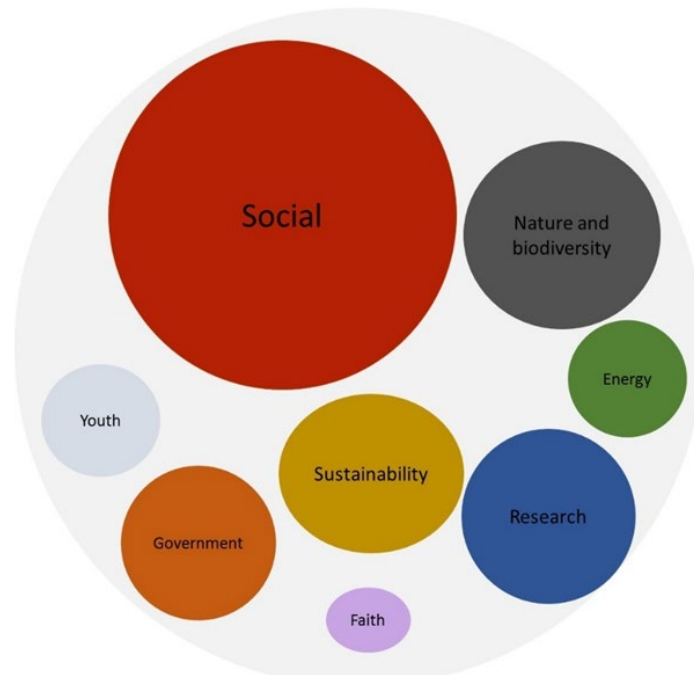


Figure 1. Primary organisational interest of attendees, represented by proportionally sized circles to indicate the number of attendees

The workshop started at 2pm, with attendees arriving early if they wanted to take advantage of a tour of the Cornwall beaver project on the event site. Remaining attendees arrived at 4pm and the workshop continued until 7pm with an optional supper.

To highlight ongoing action across Cornwall, the warm-up to the event involved a soap-box opportunity delivered alongside cream teas. The survey previously identified six 2-minute soapbox speakers who were primed to deliver their talk (see Table 2).

Table 2. Description of soapbox talks given by attendees on behalf of their organisations

Name	Organisation	Description of focus
Emma Stratton	Scarlet and Bedruthan hotels; Homes for Cornwall	Campaigning for and supporting changes to policy and legislation around housing to increase the affordability and availability of housing for everyone in Cornwall.
Simon Fann	Truro Food Bank	Advocating for additional support, in terms of resources and policy change, for food banks in Cornwall.
Richard Cochrane	University of Exeter; Roseland Energy Action	Creating small-scale renewable energy projects that tackle climate action as well as increase cohesion and links within communities.
Maggie Freegard	Helston Climate Action Group; Wildlife Groundswell	Supporting community-based action around the climate and providing training/opportunities for citizens engaging in monitoring local biodiversity, encouraging feelings of stewardship and enhancing data availability.
Sarah Witts	Nature Community Interest Company (CIC) (Nature Connects)	Advocating for the benefits of enhanced connection to nature for communities in Cornwall and providing additional opportunities via community-based projects to interact with nature.
Sophie Johnson	Hayle Parish Council	Advocating increased powers for parish councils to adopt and encourage community-based projects.
Cheryl Marriot	Cornwall Wildlife Trust	Focused on action to stop peat-based compost sales and use due to associated negative environmental impacts.



The workshop was organised around two breakout discussions and a final voting activity. The schedule and activities are explained in Table 3 and were designed to allow attendees to:

- 1) Identify priority action points;
- 2) Consolidate and prioritise these in terms of their potential impact and feasibility;
- 3) Reword these action points to reflect goals that could be shared and scaled up across Cornwall;
- 4) Vote for their favourites to be adopted in the coming year.

Throughout the workshop, attendees were asked to focus on action that could be undertaken at the community-level, with or without support from the local authority and other statutory bodies, to maximise the impact of ongoing work.

To identify the key lessons from organising and running the Civic Lantern workshop, researchers from the University of Exeter collected data in the following forms: 1) A list of invited guests, acceptances and subsequent attendance; 2) Post-it notes that represented suggested action points (as well as how these were ranked in terms of feasibility and impact) and their rewording into goals; 3) A post-workshop online survey of the facilitators who supported the group discussions to document the group dynamics, areas of discussion, consensus and disagreement, and engagement with the tasks.

Table 3. Workshop schedule and activities

Activity	Description	Gallery
Welcome, soapbox and the identification of additional 'priority actions' 2-4.30pm	<p>During the optional, informal part of the workshop attendees were asked to identify priority action points they wanted to discuss during the workshop using post-it notes. These post-it notes were then added to the 8 themed flip charts, as determined by the pre-workshop survey. Further, there were six soapbox slots during which workshop attendees highlighted existing action they thought could be shared and scale-up across Cornwall (see Table 2). A short introduction was given to outline the background and ambitions for the event.</p>	 <p>Image 1. Attendees looked at existing priority action 'post-it notes' and added additional ideas for discussion</p>
Prioritising action points 4-5pm	<p>Attendees chose which theme they wanted to discuss, and themes were reorganised where needed (e.g. if there were no or very few attendees standing by a theme). Each group was asked to organise post-it notes of priority actions against a double-axis according to their 'impact and feasibility'. Post-it notes were added or consolidated when needed. At the end of this activity, post-it notes not deemed high impact and high feasibility were removed. Attendees were advised that actions associated with statutory bodies or individuals, rather than collaborative community action, should be excluded or reworded to reflect an action that communities could help to deliver.</p>	 <p>Image 2. Attendees sorted priority actions against a double axis for potential feasibility and impact</p>

**Turning
actions into
goals
5.20-6pm**

Following the first activity, attendees were encouraged to change groups to further cross-theme thinking and to promote alternative perspectives on the proposed action/goals. Groups were asked to turn priority actions into goals. A goal needed to be specific and achievable by community, civic and civil society, represent something that was capable of generating impact and was to be practical to achieve in the coming year.

Actions could be consolidated to form goals where needed. If the ideas involved campaigning or lobbying rather than a tangible action, they were disregarded, and attendees were encouraged to write this idea as a 'placard'. Placards signalled action beyond the scope of community collaboration but were deemed important enough to present to the CIOSLB. Two placards were made and presented in the final ceremony at the end of the day reading: "A Cornwall-wide campaign (community-led) to grant planning power to town and parish councils" and "Change the tender for waste collection to create a circular system". Each group confirmed which goals they wanted to take to the collective vote and re-wrote these clearly on individual cards.



Image 3. Priority actions were consolidated and reworded to reflect priority goals that could be shared and scaled across Cornwall

**The final
vote
6-6.30pm**

Each group placed their 'goal' cards around the outside of a chalk circle with 10 concentric rings that was drawn out in the 'gallery' room. To arrive at the two top goals, attendees had the chance to vote by moving the cards towards the centre. Before the vote began, each card was read out and anything unclear was either asked to be rewritten or advocated for by the proposer/s to secure a common understanding of the goals. Each participant had one vote per card. It was stressed that when attendees made their way around the circle, if they agreed with the level a card had reached, they did not have to exercise their right to vote on it. Attendees were not allowed to move any cards backwards, and fair voting was monitored by workshop organisers. Overall, there were three rounds of votes. After the first and second votes, cards that didn't reach the middle were discarded. The five that had reached the middle circle were picked up and returned to the outside again for a second vote. The final round of voting then saw one clear priority goal reach the middle and a second goal followed closely behind. After the vote, there was a closing ceremony where chosen goals were presented to representatives from the CIOSLB.



Image 4. Attendees voted by moving priority goals forward to the centre if they thought they should be chosen

Workshop outcomes

The top five goals, including the **top two goals** prioritised and put forward to the CIOS Leadership Board, were:

- 1) Give land and support to every community to have a sustainable growing scheme.*
- 2) Communities to map under-utilised properties so that local people can be housed.*
- 3) Implement a real living wage and fairer hours and contracts across Cornwall.*
- 4) Create a repair cafe with a tool library in every town.*
- 5) Ensure each community knows how to access free/surplus food to tackle food poverty.*

The full range of actions suggested in the pre-workshop survey and during the workshop, as well as the reworded goals, are summarised in Table 4.

Next Steps

After the vote, representatives from the CIOS Leadership Board were presented with the two priority socio-ecological goals for action over the next 12 months. Since the workshop, these have also been presented to all Leadership Board members (17th June 2022) and are being considered for further implementation.

PRIORITY ACTION 1: GIVE LAND AND SUPPORT TO EVERY COMMUNITY TO HAVE A SUSTAINABLE GROWING SCHEME

The new Sustainable Food Cornwall partnership are being supported by Cornwall Council's Public Health team to appoint someone to research and map sustainable growing schemes in Cornwall. Working in partnership with the Local Nature Partnership, Cornwall Council and community partners, this short-term project will seek to identify land and to support communities with an ambition to establish growing schemes.

PRIORITY ACTION 2: SUPPORT COMMUNITIES TO MAP UNDER-UTILISED PROPERTIES SO THAT LOCAL PEOPLE CAN BE HOUSED

Cornwall Council already has a system through which people can report empty and unused properties. Working with the new campaigning group, Homes for Cornwall, the leadership board will publicise this to the community as well as promoting the work done by Homes for Cornwall to connect people looking for accommodation to those providing rooms/homes and to identify new ways to increase local housing.

Further steps in taking action to deliver these goals are to be discussed at the CIOS Leadership Board meeting on 16 September 2022. In the meantime, it is hoped that the Civic Lantern helped to inspire, energise and connect organisations to continue work in these areas. Any new collaborations or ideas that came from the event should be shared by workshop attendees and will hopefully be supported by agreed action by the CIOS Leadership Board in the future.

Table 4. A complete list of the actions and goals according to their progression during the Civic Lantern deliberations

Theme	First round post-it notes	Prioritised actions	Final goals put to the vote
Biodiversity	<p>Nature recovery-protect wildlife and wild places</p> <p>Improve and protect our natural environment</p> <p>Create nature corridors</p> <p>Introduce free-living beavers for wildlife recovery of waterways</p> <p>Stop agricultural run-off and sewage pollution of water</p> <p>Improve biodiversity (reverse the decline)</p> <p>Monitor wildlife in all our waterways</p> <p>Preserve and protect biodiversity</p> <p>Legal framework for implementing marine protected areas</p> <p>Transform farming so farmers grow nature and zero carbon homes</p> <p>Mainstream nature connection into statutory services; education, health, local government</p> <p>Landowner accountability for poorly managed soils/waterways and hedges</p> <p>Reduced worming in horses for better manure for growing</p> <p>Grazing on longer meadow grasses for healthier horses and a better environment</p> <p>Fund the Cornwall Climate Action Network CIC</p> <p>Landowners to improve horse and land management for soil health and wildlife</p> <p>Incentives for farmers to harvest and store water (disincentives for mains water)</p> <p>Offer ecosystem services to farmers</p> <p>Get farmers and conservationists working together</p> <p>Shared social media platform for volunteer groups (for messaging etc)</p> <p>Arranging group visits to land managed for Nature Recovery and where the landowner hosts the visit</p> <p>Re-appropriate post-industrial land for community and environment</p> <p>Adapting to changing climate</p> <p>Educate town councillors about climate change and adoption</p> <p>Projects to help wellbeing through nature</p>	<p>Plant flowers for bees and pollination</p> <p>Plant trees and wildflowers in common areas, e.g. highways</p> <p>Pesticide-free communities (to encourage bees and other wildlife)</p> <p>Hedgehog-friendly villages/towns</p> <p>Small-scale agro-forestry</p> <p>Funding from environmentally sympathetic business</p> <p>Train volunteers to test water in streams and river</p> <p>Citizen science more prevalent and set up training hubs</p> <p>Set up training for environmental volunteers and citizen scientists with long-term goals</p> <p>Train young people in green agri-tech skills</p> <p>Setting up a mechanism to support and fund environmental volunteers and provide training</p> <p>Green skills centre of excellence</p> <p>Create a green economy and encourage endangered skills</p>	<p>All public green space to have a wildflower/pollinator flowerbed</p> <p>Ask schools to get involved in planting wildflowers in the space around schools</p> <p>Wildflowers along all highways and road verges</p> <p>Ensure that hedgehog numbers increase in all towns and villages (pesticide free)</p> <p>Cornwall's towns and villages become peat-free</p> <p>Training for environmental volunteers</p> <p>Set up training for citizen scientists with long-term goals</p> <p>Neighbourhood composting sites</p>
Farming, food and	<p>Education about plant-based food</p> <p>Extol benefits of plant-based diet</p> <p>Veg bag systems co-operatives</p>	<p>Support access to land for community orchards/planting</p>	<p>Give land and support for every community to have a community growing scheme</p>

nutrition provision	<p>Improved nutrition for all</p> <p>Social farms and gardens-an amazing resource (national charity).</p> <p>Pass this info on and encourage farmers to offer 'wild workdays'</p> <p>Public awareness campaign of benefits of nature connection</p> <p>Educate people about how food choices improve the planet</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Change the broken food system</p> <p>Improve school meals</p> <p>Improve and extend meals-on-wheels</p> <p>Water butts on public buildings and outdoor taps to make gardening easy</p> <p>Grow your own food (individual action)</p> <p>Community composting</p> <p>A tool kit and place to compost in every park with friendly education about composting</p> <p>More, very local composting sites</p>	<p>Educational growing projects and food</p> <p>Growing together for mental health</p> <p>Communal vegetable gardens on university campus</p> <p>Look at Bristol's millennial square, food growing for free</p> <p>An incredible edible trail in every town and village with fruit trees, herbs, veg and salad</p> <p>Community supported agriculture, social farms and gardens</p> <p>Teach people to grow their own food</p> <p>Support social and environmental community protects (intergenerational, stronger communities, reduce loneliness, improved resources)</p> <p>Support and learning for cooking cheap nutritious meals with little/no tools (e.g. no oven) 'community oven'</p> <p>Batch cooking groups</p> <p>Cost of living crisis will massively hit food poverty and hunger-food provision</p> <p>Link allotments with foodbanks/food projects</p> <p>Fair access to food</p> <p>Strengthen gleaning network-promote to growers and those with food surplus</p> <p>Allow more gleaning</p> <p>Make sure no-one goes hungry and knows how to access surplus food/emergency meals</p> <p>Fare share (no waste, no landfill, no methane)</p>	<p>Encourage and train agroforestry techniques on small-scale farm and communal gardens</p> <p>Sharing cookery skills and education</p> <p>Galvanise mutual aid groups to collect and distribute waste food/meals</p> <p>Addressing inequality through food</p> <p>Free meals for children in schools' holidays as well as term time</p> <p>Ensure community food network</p> <p>Ensure each community knows how to access free/surplus food</p> <p>Collaboration/communication between food banks/larders/ community fridges</p> <p>Coordination, promotion and support to distribute meals and surplus food to those in need</p>
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Housing	<p>More genuinely affordable housing for people on lower pay</p> <p>Government to provide planning controls (2nd homes and holiday lets)</p> <p>100% occupancy or penalties</p> <p>Long term housing strategy</p> <p>Build own homes</p> <p>Refurbishing existing property and upgrade insulation</p> <p>Flats above shops to house locals</p> <p>Stop using holiday cottages (e.g. Air B n Bs)</p> <p>Make sustainability mandatory in new builds</p> <p>Make council properties 100% affordable</p> <p>Long term housing strategy</p> <p>Increase tax on holiday lets (such as Air BnB) to make it more attractive for landlords to long let</p> <p>Stop taking holidays in 'homes' taking holidays in parks/accommodation</p> <p>Cornwall council to have a more inclusive housing strategy</p> <p>Permission for new housing</p>	<p>Council to get infrastructure in place before granting planning</p> <p>Incentivise renting to residents not holiday-makers</p> <p>Consider pods and small homes to alleviate the housing crisis</p> <p>Form civic and civil housing partnerships</p> <p>Radically improve existing housing so it's heated and not damp</p> <p>Change of use required to change from primary residence to holiday/2nd homes</p> <p>Train homeless people to build houses (red-stickered)</p> <p>Train people to build/improve homes</p>	<p>Create affordable and sustainable housing</p> <p>Devolution on planning</p> <p>More power to town and parish councils</p> <p>Local infrastructure that supports a growing population</p> <p>Tax holiday lets heavily (compared to renting to residents)</p> <p>Implement rent officers for private rents</p> <p>Income-based council tax (not house band)</p> <p>Ceiling on house prices and rental (to match local wages)</p> <p>Construction and manual skills workshops in the school curriculum</p> <p>Get people across the board to agree civic /civil</p> <p>Ease planning on low-impact housing</p>
Community	<p>Time to share thoughts, feelings and love for nature with others</p> <p>Community celebration (facilitated and funder local celebratory events)</p> <p>Transport to help rural communities to get to basic needs, e.g. shopping</p> <p>Network of library of things</p> <p>Attitudinal society change through campaigning</p> <p>Accessible, flexible venues for community activities</p> <p>Ensure every resident has knowledge of and access to repair café, library of things, community larder, CSA/social farm</p> <p>Volunteer network needed</p> <p>Stop blaming the grassroots communities</p>	<p>Utilise technology to connect communities</p> <p>Community involvement and willingness (collecting and delivering emergency food/prescriptions)</p> <p>Support a community organiser for every place</p> <p>Set up a community 'listening line', anyone can call in to a single place where everyone gets an acknowledgement and response to</p>	<p>A community café in every town</p> <p>Everyone can access a community facility</p>

<p>Encourage people to write to the MPs house of commons</p> <p>Political voice: develop opportunities for people with lived experience to influence and shape experience (e.g. abuse)</p> <p>Get to know your neighbours</p> <p>Council tax relief for participation in your community</p> <p>People need to have a sense of belonging</p> <p>Interfaith work and religious local leadership</p> <p>Takeover of town and parish councils</p> <p>A life living in a natural environment (more biodiversity)</p> <p>Importance of respecting and listening to families</p> <p>A climate café in every town</p> <p>Organisations need to be less dismissive of individual voices</p> <p>Create tree officers for every parish</p> <p>Earthcare fair share people care</p> <p>A hub for each section of gallery</p> <p>Citizens assemblies to make all decisions</p> <p>Pay-as-you-feel pricing is inclusive</p> <p>Fund our ideas, don't take our ideas</p>	<p>their issue or their comment is passed on to the appropriate organisation, info would be collated and distributed to council, health, vol sector as shared data to inform service development.</p> <p>Sharing and employing lived experience (asking customers how to improve services)</p> <p>Train people in how to challenge unacceptable behaviours</p> <p>Support for knowledge sharing in setting up community groups</p> <p>Community reps involved in decision-making</p> <p>Tackle violence inc. gender-based violence</p> <p>Multi-generational skills and experience sharing</p> <p>Create a friends groups for every area to make things happen/connect people and improve the place</p> <p>Community/grass roots capacity building and skills sharing</p> <p>Intergenerational community projects in every community (see Penlee Family Project)</p> <p>A central place to connect people and information</p> <p>Support for knowledge-sharing in setting up community groups</p> <p>Community reps involved in decision-making</p> <p>Support grassroots hubs that already exist to scale up delivery and not creating new hubs</p> <p>The dracaena centre in Falmouth</p>
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Energy	Upgrade the electricity grid for solar and thermal pv, batteries, EV chargers Smart logistics Transport should be supported, affordable and sustainable Electric community hoppla buses that are subsidised Last mile distribution hub Using renewables and eco-materials to build now for houses of the future More mandatory sustainability in new builds No rail freight in Cornwall transfer to rail from road Tiered pricing system for small usage at small rate If the general public have to turn down their thermostats, then so should big businesses and Cornwall council Help community buildings to be more eco/fuel efficient What can be done to assist people on worst tariffs? Run a pilot for shared transport of goods (eco delivery)	Local car-share groups Set up community energy groups Visionary, creative community projects designed by and for the people Create energy-buying groups Enable community energy projects Hold 'renewable' energy suppliers to account Change to renewable energy suppliers Support for insulation of old buildings	Every household has energy performance information Every parish to develop community energy Infrastructure to enable non- car journeys Reduction of car journeys (- 25%) Subsidised, affordable, accessible public transport
Waste and circular economy	Food excess-created by farmers contracted by super-markets Council to install anaerobic digestors across Cornwall Replication of Tex Innovation activities/facilities benefiting communities Plan decommission of the incinerator	Food excess created by farmers contracted by supermarkets to reduce waste Council to install anaerobic digestors across Cornwall	Achieve plastic-free status in every town Create a repair café in every town

	<p>Introduce community water reservoirs (brown water)</p> <p>Recycle food waste-composting</p> <p>Move away from recycling</p> <p>Co-ordinate the disparate funding streams (SPF/levelling-up)</p> <p>Food waste needs to be quantified and recorded! Awareness of apps like Olio should be widespread</p> <p>Make second-hand presents the norm</p> <p>Education on solutions</p> <p>Terracycle</p> <p>Re-use and up-cycle</p> <p>Recycling bins in shops and cafes</p> <p>Celebrate established green-waste and circular economy in Cornwall</p> <p>Recycling needs to be more local</p> <p>More recycling points</p> <p>Better recycling facilities and support communication and promote our offer</p> <p>Mobile recycling trailers for events (6-8 bins)</p> <p>Bring back recycling at supermarkets</p> <p>Put a bottle of water in your toilet cistern</p> <p>Turn taps off when brushing teeth</p> <p>Textile recycling facilities-we have huge capacity to process textile waste for council and Cornish businesses</p> <p>Simple residents charter, consume less, mend more, shared resources, move away from individual ownership</p> <p>Terracycle</p> <p>Recycling bins in shops and cafes</p>	<p>Replication of TeX innovation activities/facilities benefiting communities</p> <p>Plan decommission of the incinerator</p>	<p>To create a directory of businesses and projects supporting circular economy</p> <p>Create an awareness campaign around waste and how to avoid it</p> <p>Change tender for waste collection to create a circular system</p>
Employment, skills and wages	<p>Community theatre around jobs</p> <p>The students teach and inform each other regarding recycling, upcycling and energy use</p> <p>Good at finding environmentally sympathetic landowners/businesses</p> <p>Volunteer opportunities for a very wide range of people, e.g. children/disabled etc</p> <p>Bring back manufacture to Cornwall</p> <p>Offer better skills journeys</p> <p>Central skills swap hub</p> <p>Create an accessible funding pot for local work</p> <p>Open door to top level of council to give grassroots a voice and access to resources, not just same people</p> <p>Life choices course (CBT-based community enhancing)</p>	<p>Upskill Cornish young people</p> <p>Funded staff and learning facilities in good growing and conservation</p> <p>Educate everyone about the climate and ecological emergency</p> <p>Intergenerational projects</p> <p>Promote good business charter</p> <p>Do we need a Cornwall Living Wage?</p> <p>Politicians and business to sign up and act on the good business charter</p> <p>Help private care sector to recruit</p>	<p>Community theatre about lived experience of jobs and working in Cornwall</p> <p>Training packages for healthcare workers to keep them in Cornwall</p> <p>Intergenerational life skills course in every community (like budgeting, mending)</p>

Create a list of big businesses that can give volunteer time
Every freshers student receives an introduction to sustainable living pack, including a compost guide, a sustainable diet guide and a re-usable thermos and mug
Create a list of big businesses that can give volunteer time
Provide funding for relevant training courses
Get skills and unemployed involved
Bartering system
More investment for skills and training
Joint working and skills shares between organisations
Interdisciplinary thinking and working across organisations
Careers-with purpose-not shit jobs that numb minds
Learnt helplessness needs tackling
Tourism tax to fund innovative ideas (embrace risk) that allow grassroots to lead change
Retain skills in Cornwall
Need to address expectancy and dependency on charitable provisions that has been conditioned by COVID and cost of living crisis
Stop relying on tourism

To provide free training to all care staff, health and social care organisations
Frontline practitioners wages need to be significantly higher to reflect their real, true value
Pay for time and effort, don't expect people to work for free
Roadshow/skills/exhibitions and community theatre around existing job market in Cornwall

Graphic illustrations of workshop content and purpose by local artist Keith Sparrow

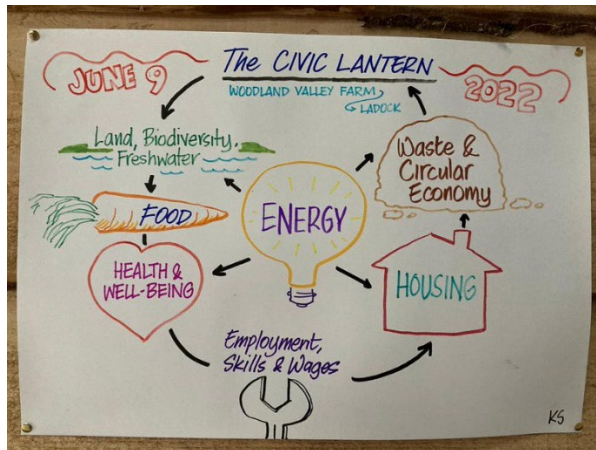


Image 1. Themes of priority areas identified for discussion at the Civic Lantern



Image 2. Discussion around food theme



Image 3. Discussion around land, biodiversity and freshwater theme



Image 4. Call for community-based action for sustainability



Image 5. Identified social and environmental issues across Cornwall



Image 6. Theme of one soapbox around the need for nature connection



Image 7. The final two priority goals identified through the Civic Lantern workshop, June 2022

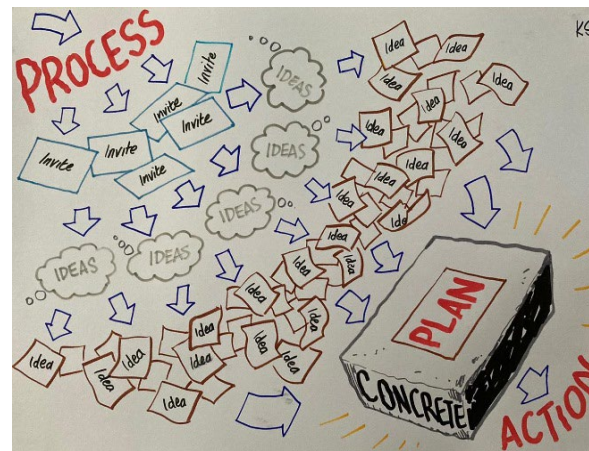


Image 8. Visualisation of workshop process by which relevant organisations get invited, contribute ideas and then, hopefully, concrete action



Image 9. Final priority goal for community growing space