

## CLIMATE ACTION

**Summary:** To provide an overview of activity since the last meeting

**Recommendation:** That the Executive Committee note the report

**Report by:** Andy Parsons (Chief Executive)

### 3KEEL REPORT

1. The CNL Board adopted the final report at the February meeting.
2. The report has been added to the website - [Net Zero Cotswolds](#)
3. All workshop attendees have received a follow up email, informing them of (1) the final report and (2) the activity happening or planned to start the net zero journey.

### RECRUITMENT

4. Fred Constantine Smith started on 1 May as our new Climate Action Lead (Technical). Fred will be working three days per week for an initial 18-month fixed term period.
5. We have identified five main priorities that will shape his work programme:
  - Management Plan 2025-30 - work alongside Simon Smith to ensure that the right Climate Action/Net Zero aims and objectives are embedded in the Plan, giving consideration to the National Targets and Outcomes Framework, as they relate to climate change.
  - Project Development - in liaison with the James Webb, seek to develop funding proposals that support the Board's climate action work and pathway to net zero. Ideally, the projects should complement other areas of work, e.g. nature recovery and community engagement.
  - Canopy Cover Assessment - develop a sound understanding of the potential for additional canopy cover in the CNL, including commissioning a Woodland Opportunity Mapping exercise. This will include working alongside John Mills
  - Regenerative Agriculture - through the FiPL funded project (see item 8), liaise with the Farming Engagement team who are bringing together 20 local farmers and advisers with a mission to accelerate and deepen the adoption of regenerative farming practices and agroecological thinking in the Cotswolds – improving soil health, enhancing biodiversity and building resilience
  - Climate Adaptation - lead on the development of the CNL Climate Adaptation Plan, which will sit alongside future statutory Management Plans.
6. Alice Whitehead will be joining the CNL team in October 2024 as Climate Action Co-ordinator (Graduate), after completing a Masters in Climate Change at Loughborough University. Alice will be full-time.

### Supporting papers

- None