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MINUTES OF THE FOREST HILL ASSEMBLY

Saturday, 30 September 2017 at 2.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Peter Bernards and Maja Hilton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Upex

11. Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Maja Hilton Chair of the Forest Hill Assembly welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Cllr Peter Bernards and gave apologies for Cllr Upex.

12. Forest Hill Assembly Fund 2017 Market place event-

Meet the Applicants who have a project idea to help make a difference in Forest Hill:

Project 1: Forest Hill Family Festival- £2300

The Parents' Network, in partnership with Kelvin Grove & Eliot Bank Children's Centre, will organise a weeklong series of local events that highlight Forest Hill's family-friendly community. They will offer workshops and activities for parents to foster relationships, network through shared experiences, and gain expertise in child development and well-being. The Parents' Network is working to transform Forest Hill into a close-knit community that resembles the metaphorical village we all know is needed to raise a healthy, happy child.

They will offer a range of workshops aimed at surfacing common issues parents face when raising children. Additionally, by conducting outreach to local traders and businesses, we will showcase the family friendly side of Forest Hill. Local traders may wish to offer discounts or taster sessions to promote their child-focused activities.

To do this affordably and efficiently, they will utilise local knowledge, expertise and resources. The events will take place over the course of a week and will feature weekend, weekday afternoon and sessions to accommodate and reach as many local residents as possible. Workshops and events will take place across a range of venues in the ward.

Project 2: Planting at Forest Hill station and town centre-£600

As in previous years members of the Forest Hill Society and its supporters will do planting work at Forest Hill station and in the town centre with members of the public who join them in watering, weeding and planting. While they try to choose plants which regenerate annually not all succeed in this, and a lot is dependent on the weather. Funds are therefore needed to replace missing or damaged plants, compost and other materials and renew where necessary.

Project 3: Mothers Springboard Programme- £2500

The project goal is to help local stay-at-home mothers, with little or no work experience, achieve a work-life balance by addressing all personal challenges that may act as a barrier in sustaining long-term employment whilst raising a family-often single-handedly.

The proposed project is a pilot programme which has been formulated as a consequence of the summer budget 2017, affecting lone parents the hardest. Cuts to Child tax credits for the 3rd and subsequent children means that mothers are required to go back to work and stay in long term employment.

Aims:

1. The Program aims to prepare mothers who are out of work for the world of work.
2. To develop connections between local mothers through social media, monthly meet ups and a buddy system so that they may support each other through and beyond the program.
3. To signpost to external organisations to address issues that may act as a barrier to employment.

Objectives:

The project will deliver tangible results where participants will gain skills and insight that will lead them to go on to either:

- Part-time or Full-time Employment
- Training in their chosen field
- Further/Higher Education
- Enterprise and Self Employment
- Programs for further Preparation

Project 4: Red Ribbon Living Well – Drama Production- £770

Red Ribbon is a support project for people in Lewisham living with HIV. Red Ribbon would like to develop an educational drama piece, written by its members, to be performed at one or more community events in Forest Hill such as Fashion Week, V22 Summer Club, Dartmouth Road events or in the Forest Hill Library. The drama piece would show the more personal impacts of an HIV diagnosis, including disclosure to partners, impact on family, and effect on pregnancy and having children.

In addition to the play itself, Red Ribbon will hold an information stall before/after including raising awareness of testing for HIV as well as other STIs, signposting to the sexual health (GUM) clinic, free condom distribution and signposting to peer support groups.

Project 5:5 New Bollards at the entrance of the Green - £850

To have 5 new wooden bollards made and installed at the entrance to Albion Millennium Green as the existing have rotted away (2 out of five

have fallen down and the other 3 have started to rot and come away). The bollards are an integral protective barrier to the Green to protect the community (including young children, the elderly and dogs) from vehicles driving down the road and into the Green (which has been happening).

Project 6: Colourful street trees in the Horniman area of Forest Hill- £840

The aim of the project is to increase the attractiveness of the following streets by planting trees that will provide exceptional colour and interest throughout the year. These streets which are above Horniman Gardens, are covered by The Tewkesbury Lodge Estate Residents Association. As well as being colourful, the trees we have selected are known to cope with roadside conditions. Most of these varieties are thriving in the streets of the Borough although very few are in Forest Hill.

1. Lower Liphook Crescent. Here we shall plant 2 ornamental pears of the variety "Chanticleer" with flowers opening pink then white in spring and leaves turning orange, red, and gold in autumn.
2. Upper Ringmore Rise. We shall plant 3 mountain ash of the unusual variety "Embley" with bunches of fluffy white flowers in Spring and stunning red leaves and red berries in autumn
3. A grassy verge at the junction of Liphook Crescent and Ringmore Rise will accommodate two varieties of crab apple - "Rudolph" and "Royalty". Their flowers will be respectively red or pink, their autumnal leaves bronze or red and their crab apples red or purple.
4. The numerous large white flowers of a single Magnolia "Merrill" will offset a white house in Westwood Park
5. Canonbie Road. 2 Amelanchiers "Red Robin" will cope with the narrow pavements at the top of this steep hill and stand out with numerous white flowers in spring and scarlet leaves in autumn.

The planting of these trees is intended to have an immediate visual impact and so to attract further sponsorship of similar trees in the future. Street Trees for Living, with which we are working, has found that this strategy works, and we will adapt their strategy to our Residents Association

Project 7: Cheseman Street Community Vegetable Plot - £1000

We are going to transform an overgrown, unkept and disused plot of land at the top of Cheseman Street, to become a community vegetable plot for the residents of Cheseman Street. We will harvest the produce 2-3 times a year and organise a community 'cook off', whereby all residents of Cheseman Street will cook dishes and share them together and with Forest Hill residents as part of a community street party. We will donate all leftovers to the local homeless shelter, Miriam Lodge. At each harvest period, the street will sell a small percentage of the produce in the Horniman Farmers' Market to raise funds for purchasing next year's crop seeds.

We are also applying for funds to improve the appearance of Cheseman Street by building and installing simple, but effective, DIY timber planters

(please see attached example photo) to the Cheseman Street boundary wall. We will then plant perennial and summer flowers in the planters.

These two proposals will improve the appearance of Cheseman Street, making the area tidy, clean and more attractive to live in. It will also engage local residents (including vulnerable individuals housed at Miriam Lodge), creating an increased sense of community spirit and pride as well as offering a fun project that is informative, develops skills and self-sufficient.

13. Projects put to the assembly's vote

After everyone visited each stall held by each project to find out what they were about, all projects were voted in by a show of hands.

14. Air quality presentation- Cllr Sophie McGeevor

Cllr Sophie McGeevor presented;

‘Air Quality in Lewisham- What is happening and what can we do?’

The UK picture:

Legal Requirements

The 2008 ambient air quality directive (2008/50/EC) sets legally binding limits for concentrations in outdoor air of major air pollutants that impact public health such as particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) and nitrogen dioxide (NO2).

The UK Government was taken to the European Supreme Court for non-compliance and ordered "that the Government must prepare and consult on new air quality plans for submission to the European Commission... no later than December 31 2015".

New Air quality plan for nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in UK was published in July 2017 after original plan in December 2015 was deemed by courts as insufficient.

As a council we are not satisfied that this plan provides enough resources of legislative action to address the scale of the problem we face

What can we all do?

- Sign up to the Mayor’s Air Quality Pledge
- Walk or cycle instead of taking the car. Cycling or walking benefits your health and helps to improve air quality in London
- Use public transport instead of driving to reduce your air pollution emissions
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- Explore alternatives to owning a diesel car e.g. becoming a member of a car clubs, trading in your car for a petrol vehicle, or buying a vehicle run on hydrogen or electricity

IMPROVED AIR QUALITY REQUIRES US ALL TO MAKE RIGHT CHOICES

See full presentation for more information

15. Assemblies presentation - Air Quality in Lewisham

16. Walking and cycling strategy - Brendan Cuddihy, Forest Hill Society

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Society gave the following presentation:

Forest Hill and Sydenham Healthy Streets – a Liveable Neighbourhood

What is a Liveable Neighbourhood?

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- Proposal 1(a) of the Draft Mayor’s Transport Strategy

What are we planning?

- **Community-led design through workshops and online engagement**
- **A walking and cycling master plan for Forest Hill and Sydenham**
- **A bid to TfL for up to £10 million funding to make this a reality over the next few years**

Next steps:

- **Secure Lewisham Council backing**
- **Submit bid to TfL**
- **Learning from other London schemes**
- **Community workshops to design masterplan**
See full presentation for more information

17. FHSyd Healthy Streets FH Ward A Sept 2017 1 0

18. Borough of Culture Bid update - Andy Thomas

Lewisham is bidding to become the first London Borough of Culture! London’s Mayor Sadiq Khan has launched a competition for a £1m prize. Back the bid by adding your ideas to www.loveitlewisham.co.uk/tell-us-your-ideas/.

If you use social media please show what you love about Lewisham’s culture by tagging #loveitlewisham and #mylocalculture.

The Borough of Culture bid is about you, even if you don’t think ‘culture’ is something you ‘do’, you are part of Lewisham’s culture & heritage, you make Lewisham unique!

The results will be announced in February 2018.

19. Join the Forest Hill Assembly Coordinating Group

Feedback forms – agenda items next meeting

Cllr Hilton highlighted the importance of completing the feedback forms and invited members to join the coordinating group which plans the assembly and discusses local issues and updates. If you would like to join contact maya.onyett@lewisham.gov.uk for further information.

20. Community information

- **Active consultations in Forest Hill, currently none outstanding**
- **Upcoming Christmas activities- Saturday 2nd December 2017-**

Christmas Tree Lighting event- call out for any volunteers who would like to help on the day; singers / entertainers/ general help etc. Contact Maya Onyett maya.onyett@lewisham.gov.uk if you would like to be involved.

- **Share your views on accessing Met Police services was brought to the assembly's attention. The consultation on the draft Public Access and Engagement Strategy is available and closes on 6th October. Go to www.london.gov.uk.**
- **Changes to waste happens on 2nd October. For further information visit the Lewisham council website, Rubbish and Recycling page.**

Close

Cllr Hilton thanked everyone for coming and welcomed anyone to contact the Forest Hill councillors if they have any concerns, or issues they want to raise.

Date of next meeting: [Saturday 2nd December 2017- Christmas Tree Lighting event](#)

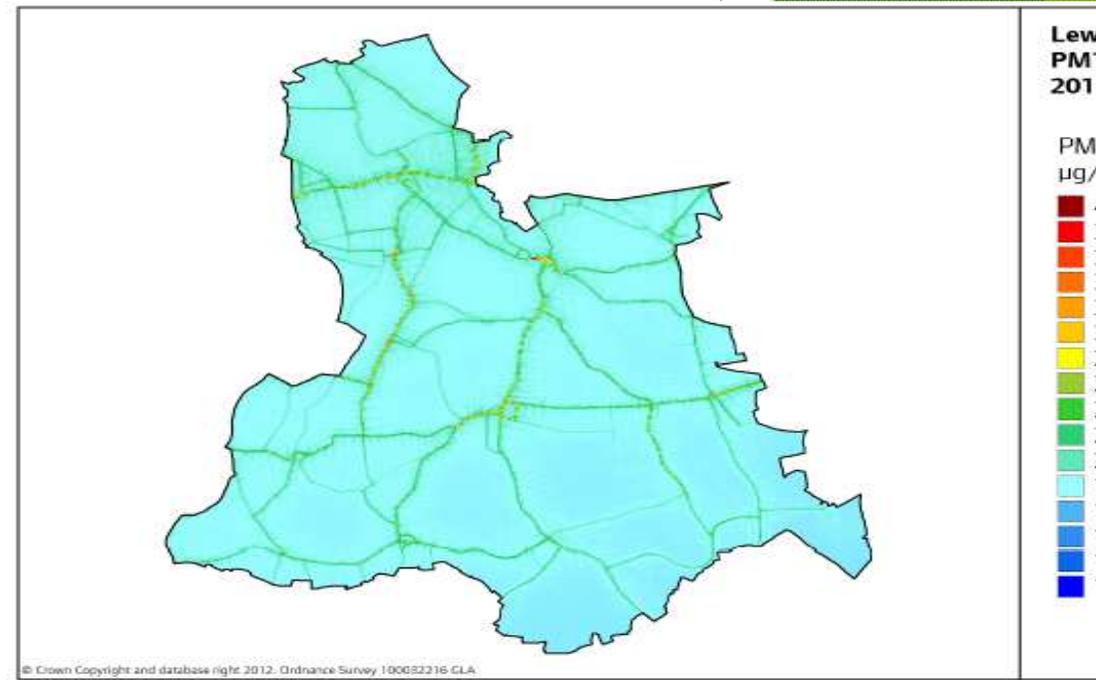
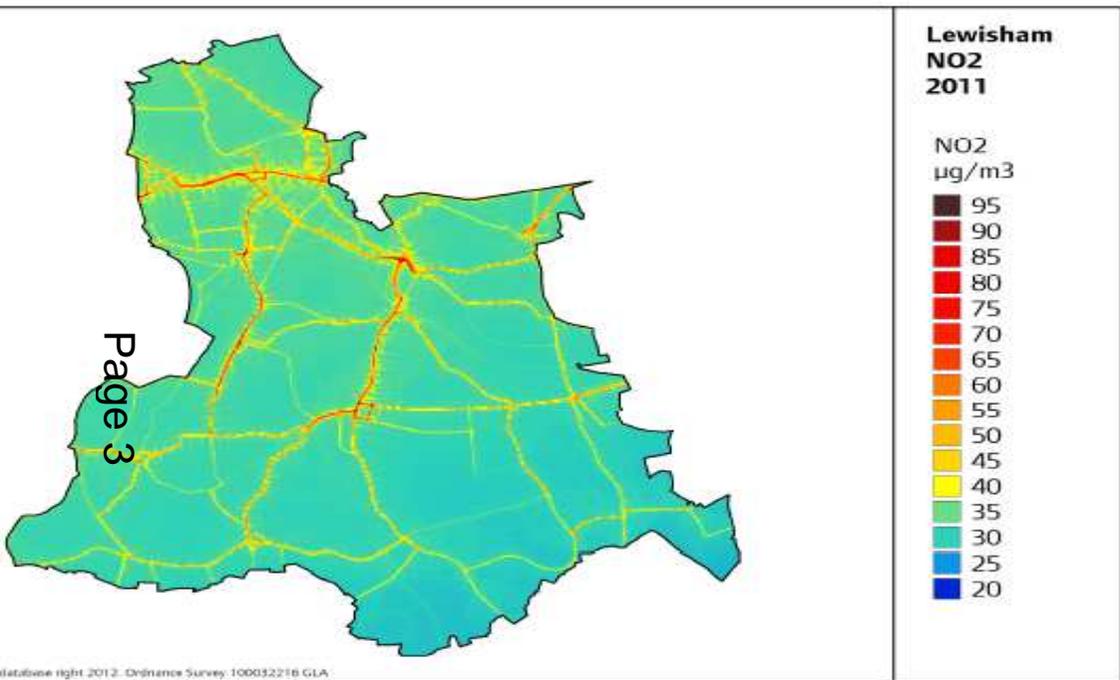
Air Quality in Lewisham

What is happening and what can we do?

Air Pollution: the largest environmental risk to public health



What are the main air pollutants?



- ▶ Carbon monoxide, nitrogen monoxide, ground level ozone, particulates, sulphur dioxide, hydrocarbons, lead.
- ▶ Weather influences build up

Quality effects everyone, but has particular health impacts on:

Children and babies in the womb

People with asthma and other lung conditions

People with cardiovascular disease

An equivalent of 9,400 deaths in London per year can be attributed to air quality related illness.

qualities implications:

There is evidence that that air pollution is worse in areas of socio-economic deprivation, and that this is particularly acute in London.



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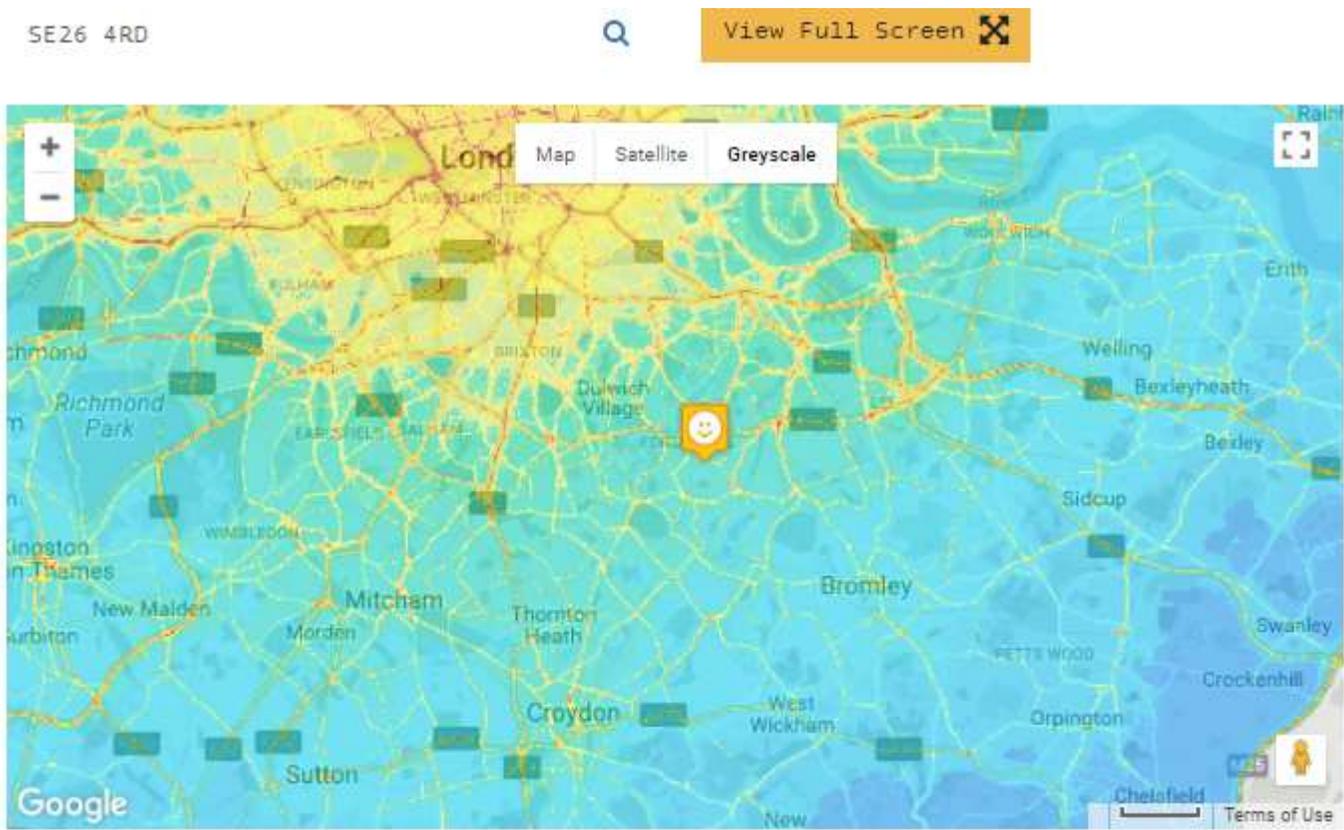
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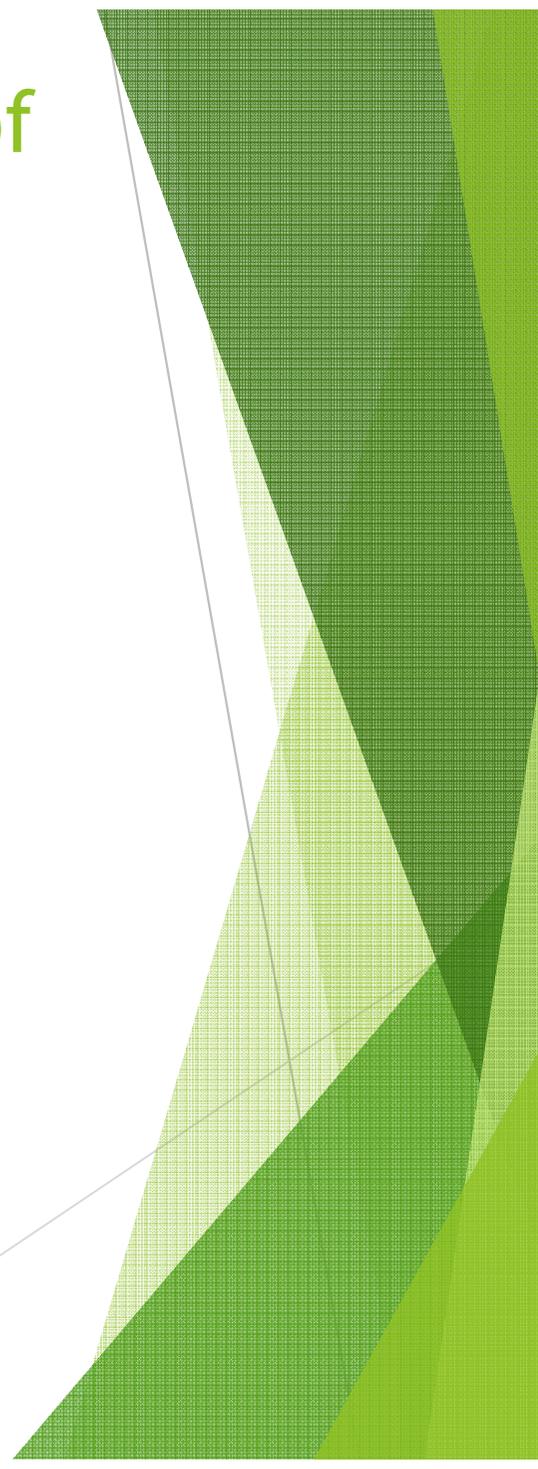
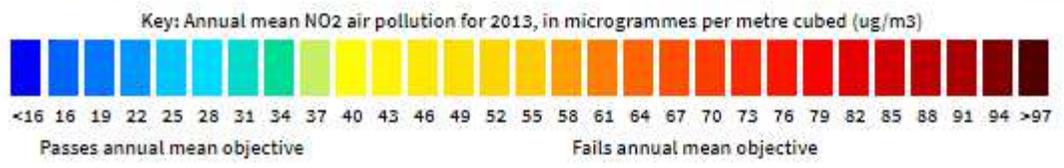
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Lewisham: Air pollution worse in the north of the borough and on our main roads

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Modelled annual mean NO₂ air pollution, based on measurements made during 2013.
This map was used with permission from The Greater London Authority and Transport for London, who fund, develop and maintain the London Atmospheric Emissions Inventory. For more information please visit data.london.gov.uk



Sources of Nitrogen Oxides (Nox) emissions -Lewisham

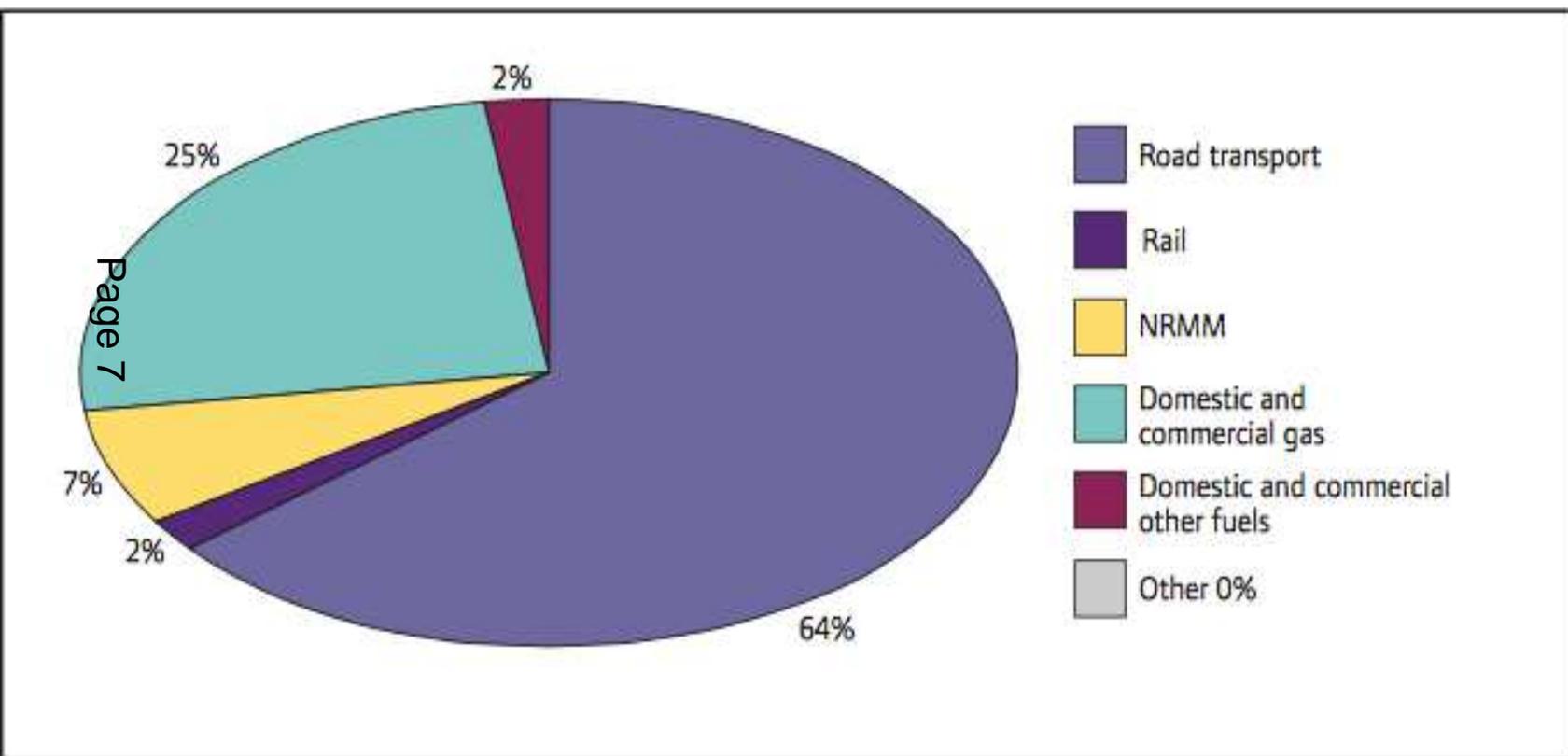
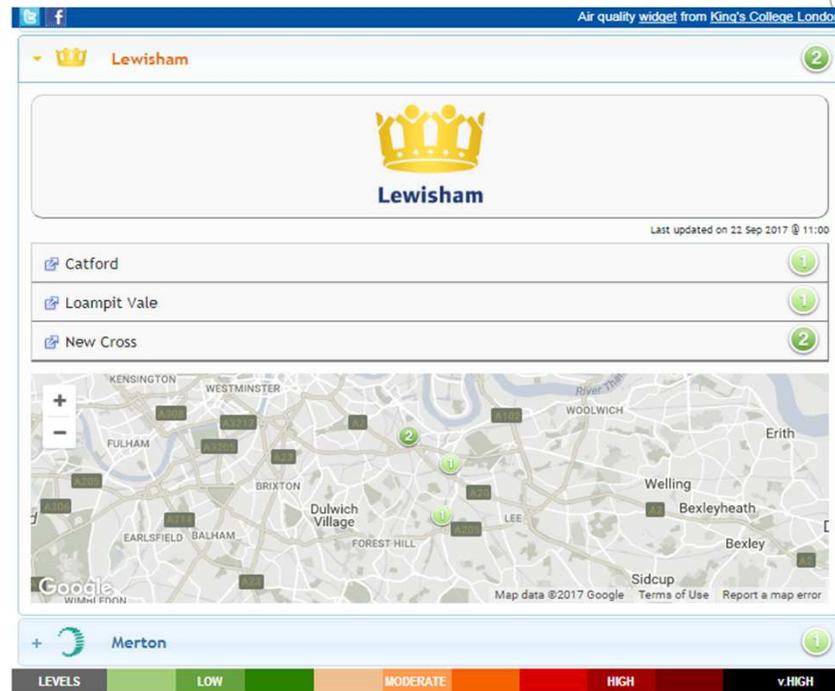
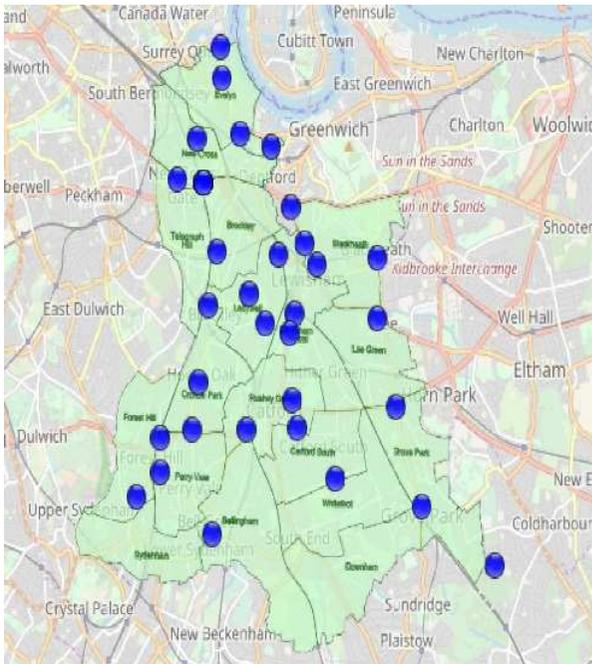


Figure 6a NOx Emissions by source (from the LAEI 2013)

Lewisham's Air Quality Monitoring

There are also 34 nitrogen dioxide tube locations across the borough.

Monitoring requirements are regularly reviewed and assessed.



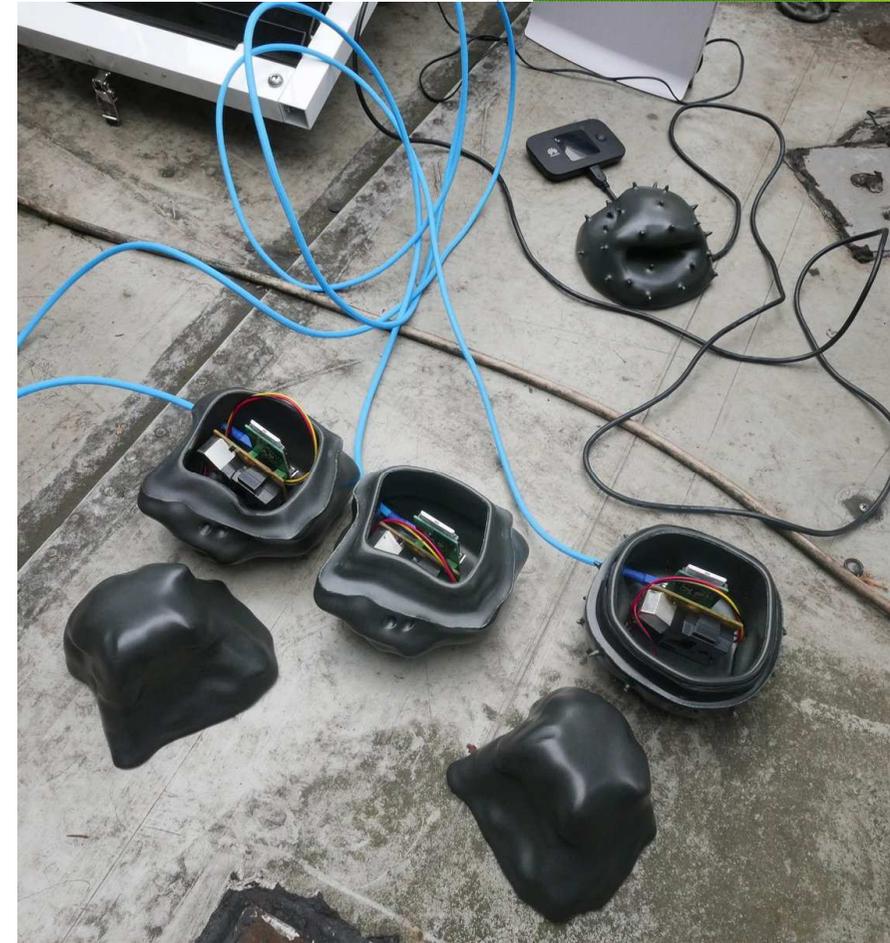
Lewisham is part of the London Air Quality Network, where we have 3 sites continuously measuring air quality.
<http://www.londonair.org.uk/>

Personal Air monitoring?

Personal air monitoring is a good way of measuring your own exposure to air pollution and raising awareness of air pollution more generally

However, monitoring air pollution is a complex scientific process and the figures from personal monitoring sensors are not easily comparable with the figures from the councils monitoring

As a council while we welcome greater public awareness of air quality, results from individual non-specialist studies cannot be used to direct our local policy or resources.

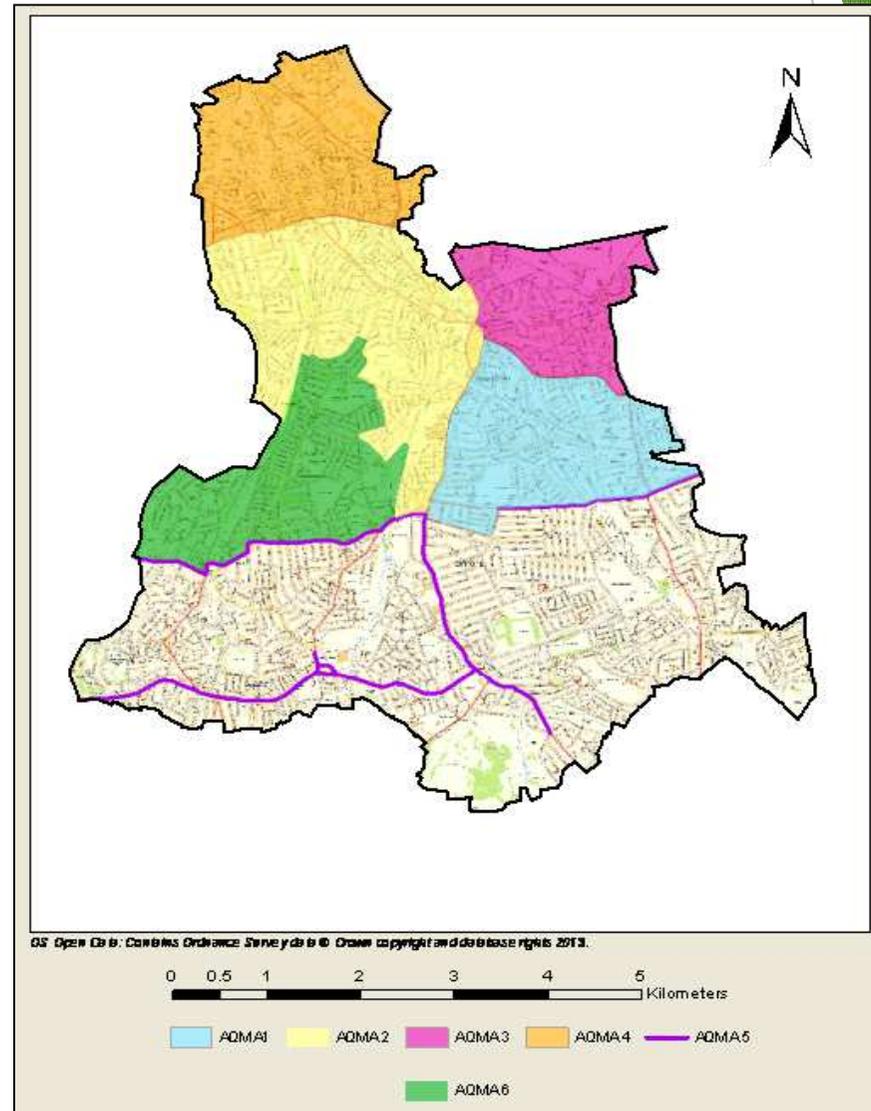


The Lewisham Picture

Lewisham has had an Air Quality Action Plan since 2008.

A recent Air Quality Action Plan 2016-2021 has been approved by cabinet.

The Air Quality Plan follows the GLA's "Action Matrix", with a focus on the actions prioritised to improve air quality



Wisham's Air Quality Action Plan 2016-2021

Areas of Focus:

Controlling emissions from developments and buildings (including construction);

Protecting public health and raising public awareness on air quality

Reducing emissions from delivery servicing and freight (including Councils procurement);

Reducing our own Borough fleet vehicle emissions

Implementing actions that encourage and enable transport modal shifts away from conventional car use

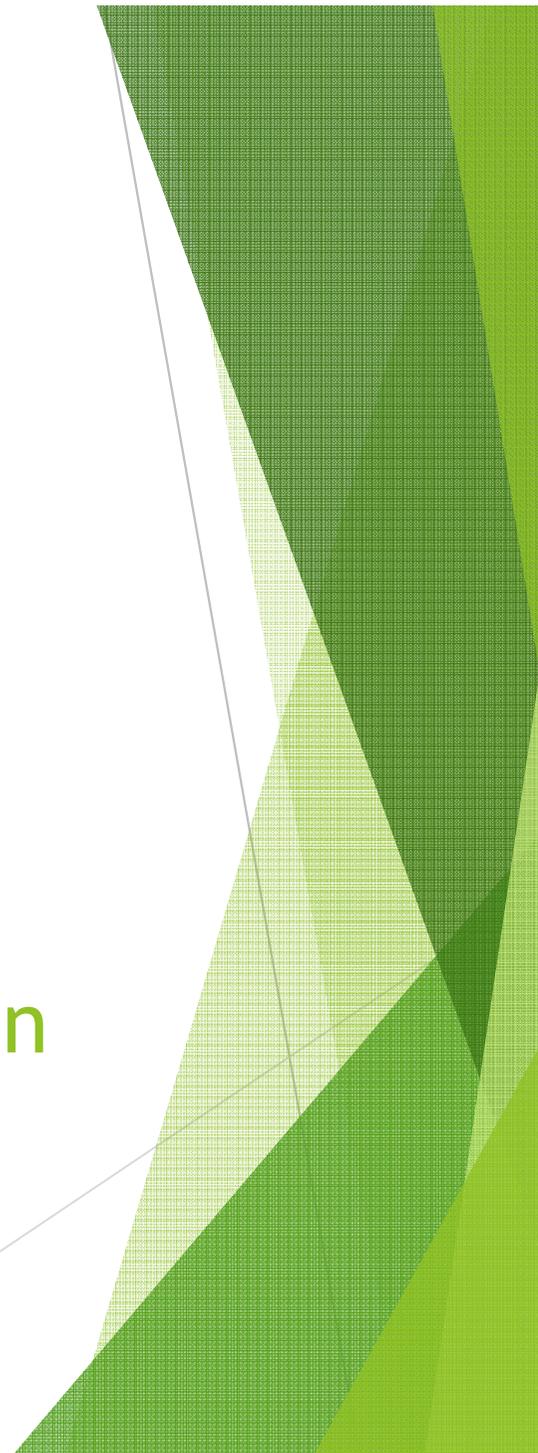
(with the necessary infrastructure).



Two principal and complimentary approaches:

1. Reduce emissions - improve our fleet of vehicles and encourage behaviour change (less driving, less diesel, no idling).

2. Reduce exposure - walk on less polluted streets using green routes, avoid activities on high pollution days, sign up to airTEXT air quality alerts by email and sms.



Some Actions already happening:

Lewisham is:

Expanding the electric vehicle charging points throughout the borough - currently developing a Low Emission Transport Strategy

Improving walking and cycling routes, particularly across Deptford and New Cross through the North Lewisham Links project, but also through the Quietways project

Planning Policy is providing car-free developments

Raising awareness through school programmes, public art projects and Public Health engagement with GP's

Controlling emission from developments



Cleaner Borough Status

Lewisham has been awarded Cleaner Air Borough (CAB) accreditation in recognition of its effective monitoring and steps in reducing air pollution.



The CAB criteria for accreditation is grouped under 6 themes:

- political leadership
- taking action
- leading by example
- informing the public
- using the Planning system
- integrating air quality into the public health system

Lewisham Mayor's Air Quality Campaign

Key message

Everyone who lives and works in Lewisham can make our air cleaner by signing up to a clean air pledge.

We are making Lewisham the best place to live, work and learn in London, with cleaner air for our residents.

Air quality pledges

- . I will walk, cycle or use public transport instead of driving my car
- . I will sign up to get a daily air pollution text alert: www.airtext.info
- . I will make my next car an electric or a petrol & electricity-fuelled car
- . I will walk my children to school
- . I will switch off my car engine when stationary, loading or waiting

Air Quality Campaign

Idling Action DAYS

Lewisham is part of the Vehicle Idling Action partnership - a London-wide behaviour change campaign which is helping to reduce localised air pollution caused by motorists who leave their engines running when parked.

www.idlingaction.london/

Three events are planned at Primary Schools in Lewisham over the next 6 months.



Air Quality and Schools

Lewisham has 3 Primary Schools from the 50 schools chosen by the GLA for air quality audits across London

Lewisham is working with the GLA in identifying actions for reducing children's exposure to poor air quality

We're getting the message out to schools across the borough about the problem and what can be done

We're currently recruiting School Air Quality Champions to promote the message



Green Screens

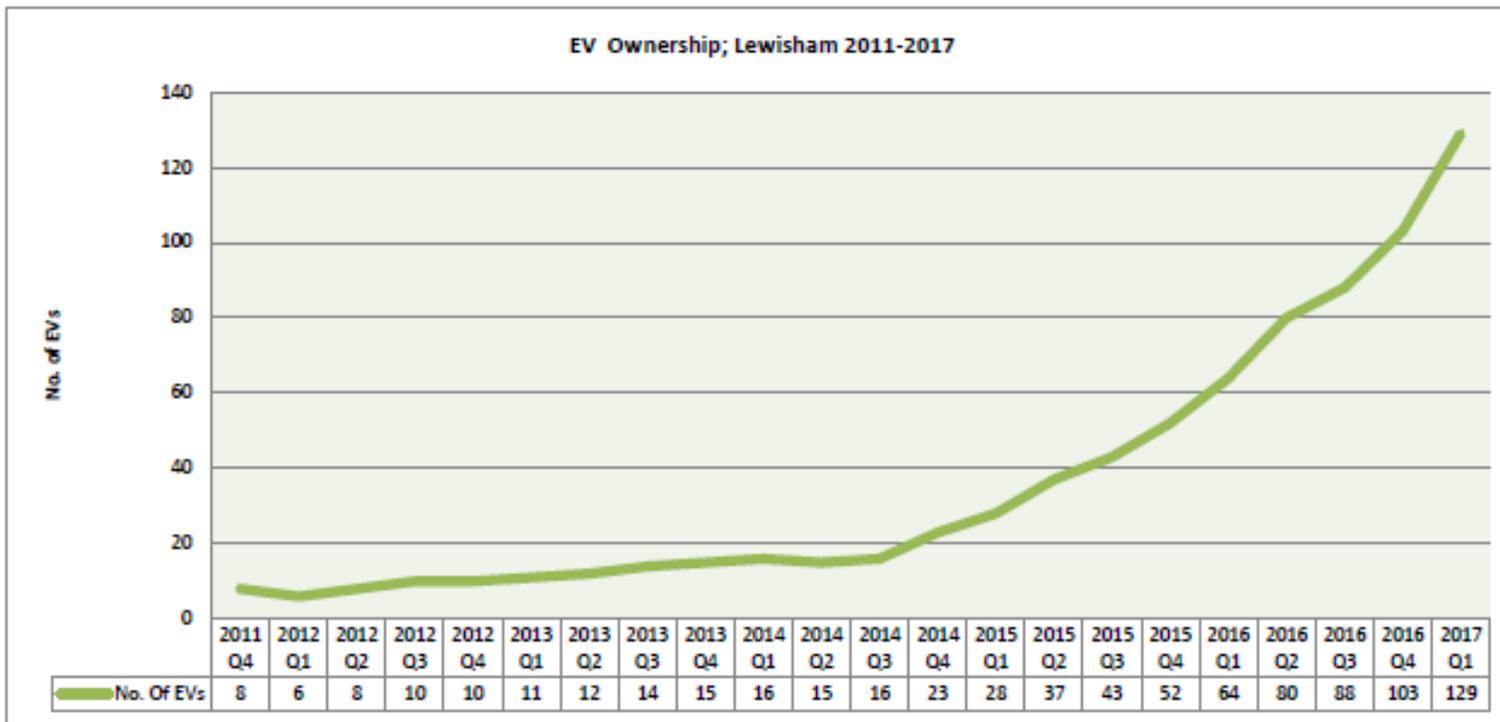
- Green Screens have been demonstrated to be effective pollution barriers in school Playgrounds
- In a recent study in Kensington and Chelsea decrease in the pollution concentrations on the playground side of the screen by 24% for NO₂ and 38% for PM₁₀

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http://www.londonair.org.uk/london/reports/GreenScreen_Report.pdf



Growth in electric vehicle ownership in LBL



Source London Scheme

- ▶ Working with Source London to introduce charge points on-street and in car parks
- ▶ Standard charge points (7kw-22kw) charges vehicles in 1-3 hours
- ▶ Either membership or pay-as-you-go
- ▶ <https://www.sourcelondon.net/>



Rapid Charge Points

- Additional proposal to install rapid charging facilities
- Charges vehicles in 30 minutes
- Working with TfL to install along the red routes

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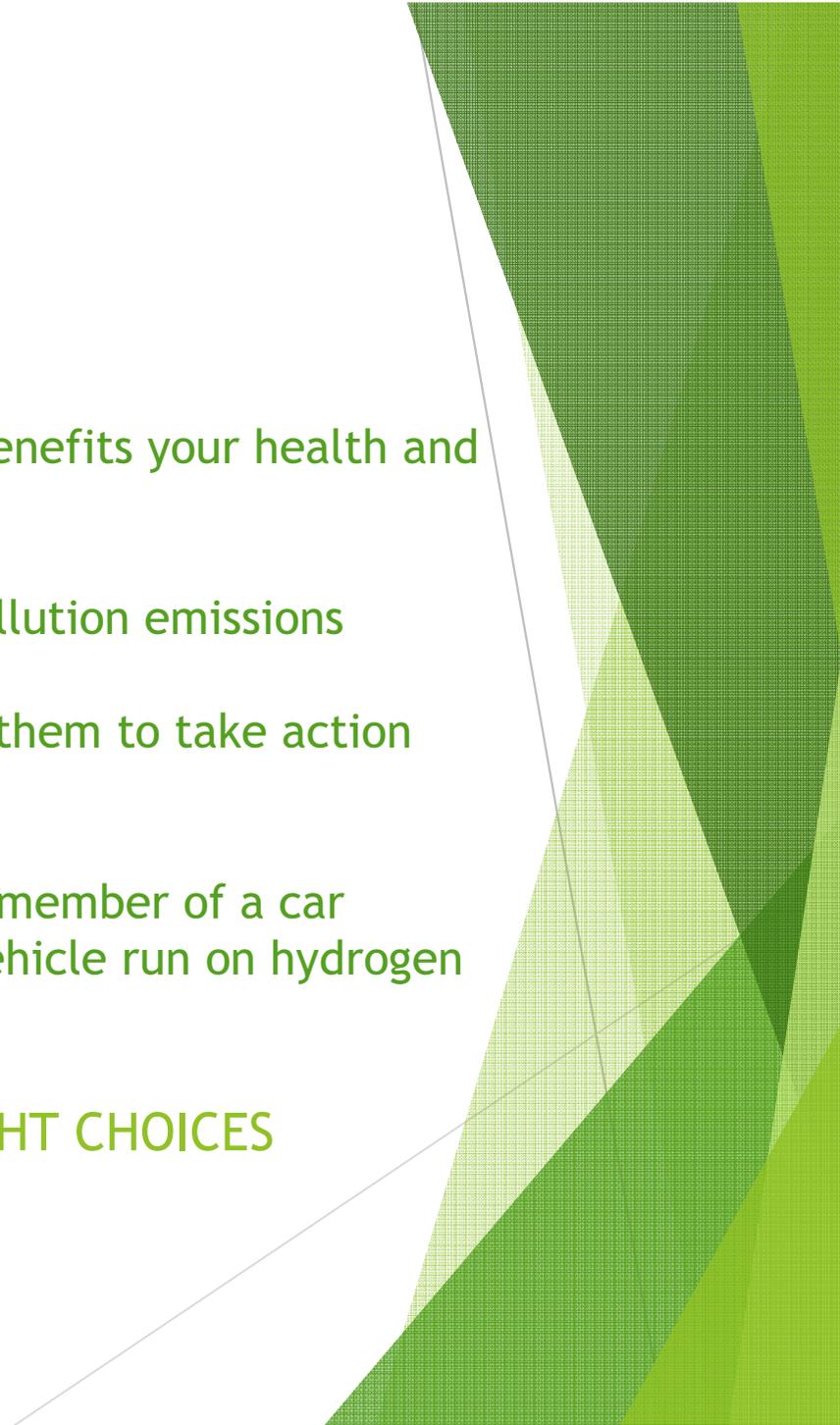
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Minute Item 12



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Why call it 'Healthy Streets'?



Why do we need a Liveable Neighbourhood?

- High car use despite high number of households not owning a car
- Road safety
- Linked issues of obesity and inactivity
- Challenges to local economy
- Congested streets

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Examples of temporary interventions



Periodic events and 'play streets'



Permanent place making

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Next steps

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- Community workshops to design masterplan