

Supporting community-led climate action



Surrey
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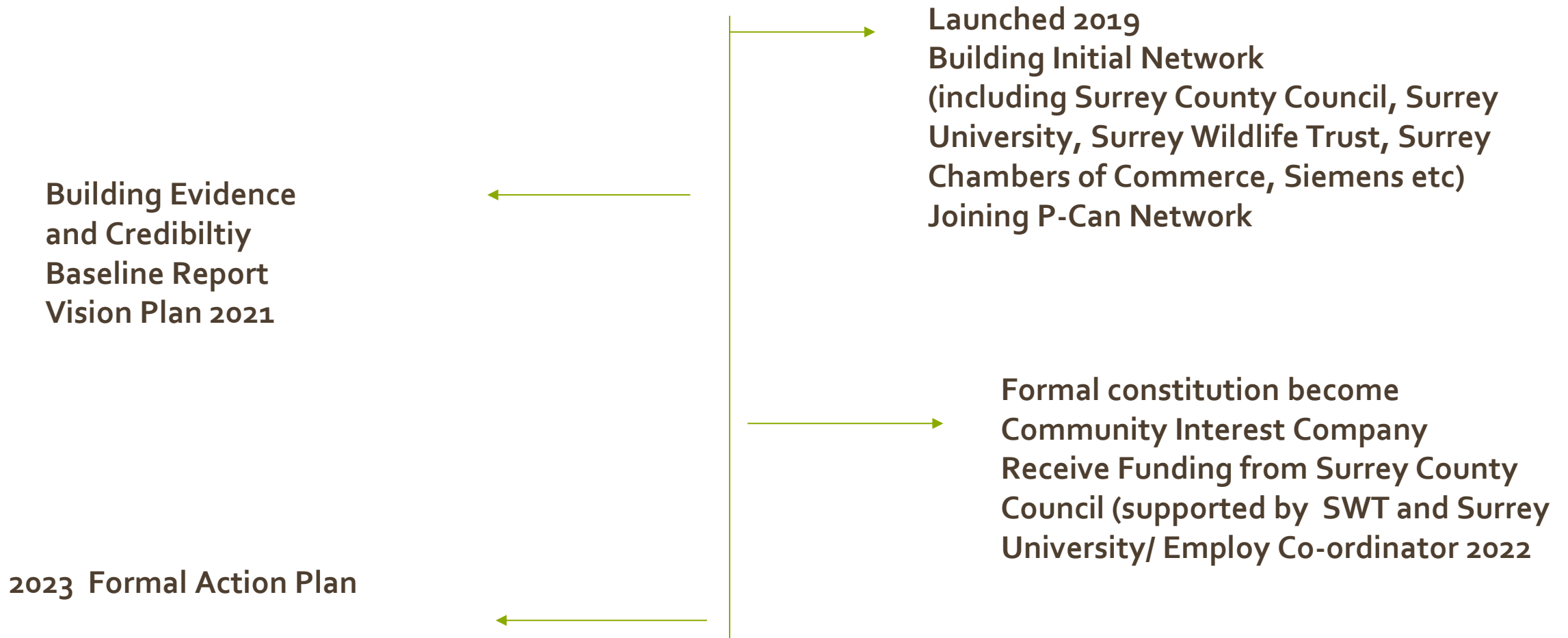
Our Vision

To support and guide the transition needed for Surrey to reach its net zero target and make it a healthier, happier, more sustainable place to live and work in.

What we do:

- **We** are the leading **independent and authoritative** organisation in Surrey, providing **thought leadership** in driving the transition to a more sustainable Surrey. *See appendix 2 for priorities over the next 12 months.*
- **We** provide practical advice and spread good practice amongst **our growing network of** community organisations and **facilitate community-led action.**
- **We collaborate** with other partner organisations to coordinate and deliver sustainability projects.
- **We** are part of the PCAN (Place-based Climate Action) UK network, through which we can provide evidence to influence better Government strategy and policy

Our Time Line and Achievements



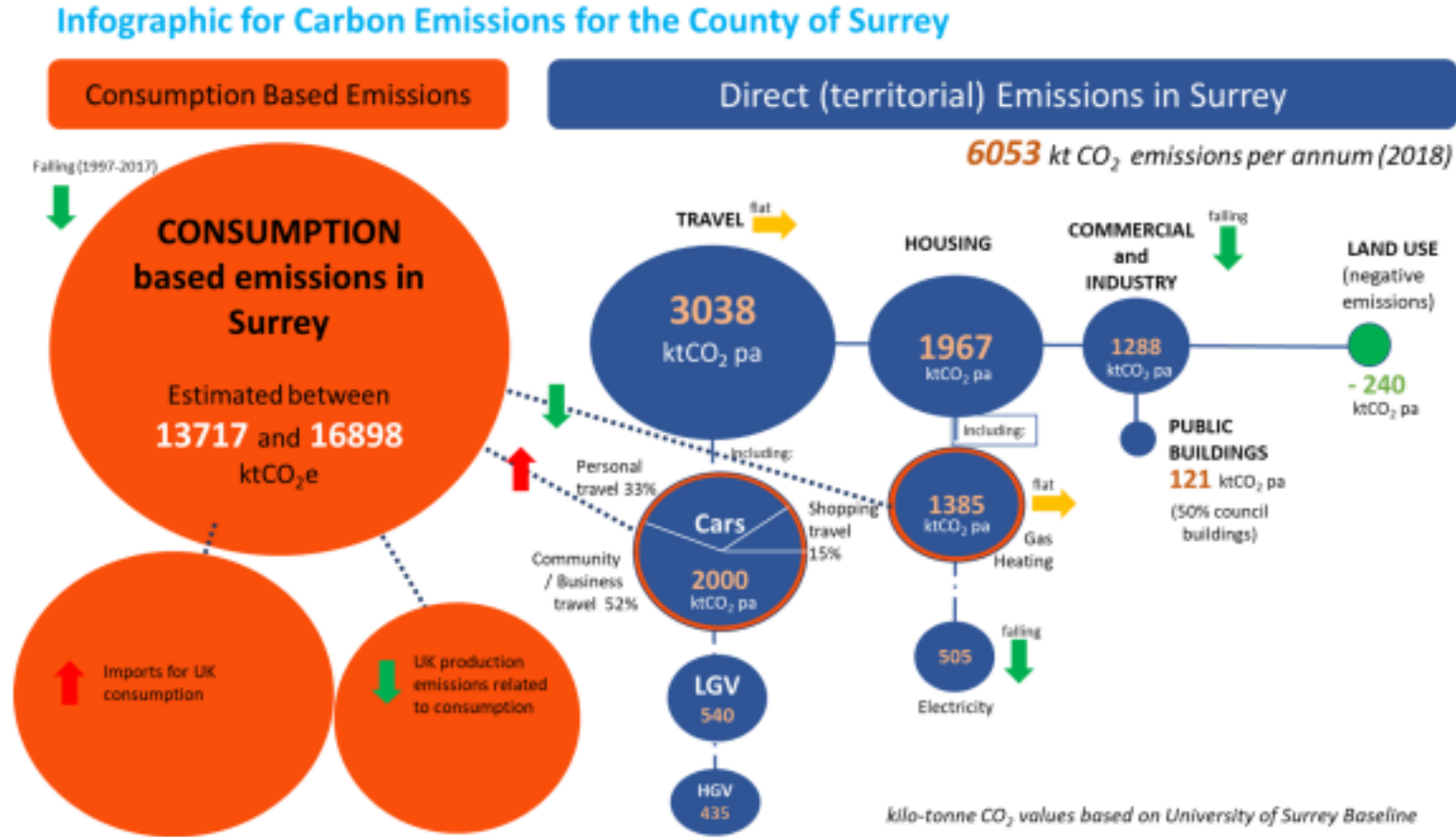
**SURREY
CARBON BASELINE STUDY**

Erica Russell with Ian Christie, Richard Murphy
Centre for Environment & Sustainability, University of Surrey

April 2021

[Click Here](#) for full report

Figure 1: Baseline Assessment of Surrey's Carbon Emissions (2018)



Source: adapted from a visualization of the data provided by Paul Street, 2sustain

Further Examples of our work

Growing Network



[Surrey Climate Commission monthly newsletter](#): this goes out to over 175 community organisations with info on local action, events and funding opportunities. Click [Here](#) to see newsletters.

Collaborative Projects



[What's stopping us stopping climate change' project](#): A project with Institute For Sustainability at Surrey University to design a working governance blueprint fit for delivering effective climate action. *See app. 7*

[Community Grants project 2023](#) : We funded 35 successful community projects to the tune of of £27,000. This was supported by Surrey County Council Greener Futures team.

See app . 8-10

LEAD Partner *see app.11*

Thought Leadership



[Collaboration on P-Can Network papers](#), e.g. levelling up and fundng at scale.

, [SyCCom consultation responses](#) e.g. Transport in South East, Gatwick
see app



*An event organised by the Surrey Climate Commission on 28 September brought together three of the UK's leading climate thinkers – Lord Deben (John Gummer), Natalie Bennett and Ed Straw — to ask “What’s Stopping Us Stopping Climate Change?”. This blog by **Thalia Griffiths** summarises the evening’s debate*

The [Surrey Climate Commission](#) packed the Leatherhead Theatre on 28 September with three speakers investigating the barriers in our political system that are preventing action on climate change. The event focused on why the machinery of government is not delivering the transformation we need. Three very different speakers ultimately agree that the urgent change we need is possible if we work together, observing that the Covid pandemic has shown how quickly and comprehensively behaviours can change in an

This event was the first step in a new partnership between the SCC and the Institute for Sustainability at the University of Surrey, which will seek out and implement more action on climate change

[Click here](#) for highlights film of event

Examples of Funded Projects under Community Grants Project

REPAIR CAFE



Surrey Climate Commission launched a grant programme for sustainability projects and in March we were delighted to be awarded funds to pay for our PAT tester, some of our technical equipment and a lovely banner (see our fabulous Cafe team photo).

Throughout March and April we spoke to several other Repair Cafes and borrowed their documentation to help us sort out our own processes, forms, and risk assessments. We ran Zoom orientation briefing sessions for all our volunteers and sorted out what tools and resources we would need. We also signed up with the International Repair Cafe Organisation and found their resources extremely helpful. <https://www.repaircafe.org/en/>

Publicity for the event was done exactly as per our volunteer recruitment drive using (free) social media, physical posters (which we put up all over the place) and word of mouth. It was nerve-wracking to know how much to do, as we wanted to be busy but not to have lots of people disappointed that they couldn't get in. On all our publicity we asked visitors to email us with what they were planning to bring. This worked well for us as by Cafe eve we had 32 enquiries.



Thought Leadership

Response to Decarbonisation Strategy from Transport for the South East 2022

[Surrey Climate Commission responds to the draft transport plan for the South East | Surrey Climate Commission](#)

Response to Gatwick's expansion plans October 2023

<https://www.surreyclimate.org.uk/news/gatwick-airport-expansion-plans-register-19-november-have-your-say>

Joint P Can response to the Government's levelling up paper in respect of net zero planning 2023

[PCAN 2203 briefing - Net zero supports Levelling Up v2.docx - Google Docs](#)

P-Can Paper devised by joint finance group in network. Pitched to UKRI in 2021 to submit ideas for regional funding platforms.

[PCAN Pilot Platforms Bid v8.docx - Google Docs](#)

Cat Reeby - Director



- Cat Reeby leads on the Commission's projects
- BEng Mechanical Engineering, MSc Energy & Environmental Management
- 25 years' experience in the energy sector
- Founder and Chair of Surrey Energy Partnership

Geoff Duck Director



As a student studied both animal and plant systems.

Commercial life focussed on systems in business, especially in accounting.

Recent experience over the past decade has included very close focus on the planning system in England. This through ten years as a District Councillor which included roles such as Vice Chairman, Surrey Hills AONB.

Chris Hyde Director



Chris's background is as a transport planner, providing research, teaching, and consultancy, for London Transport, the Greater London Authority and as a senior manager at Transport for London.

Chris was on the team that produced Mayor Ken Livingstone's first transport strategy, contributed to planning the Elizabeth Line, and helped develop the first cycle strategy for London.

He has represented London on a European transport group, contributed to setting up GLA Economics, and under Mayor Boris Johnson led the transport team that successfully challenged a third runway at Heathrow.

He is also one of the founders and a Director of the Talking Tree Climate Emergency Centre in Staines.

Richard Essex Chair and Director



Richard is Chair of the Surrey Climate Commission, which he helped to initiate back in 2019.

He also sits on Surrey's Greener Future Board and is a council member of Surrey Chambers of Commerce.

In his other Richard is an Independent Financial Adviser, specialising in sustainable and responsible investment.

He has been at the forefront of promoting sustainable investing and is author of 'Invest Feelgood Make a Difference', published in 2014.