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Electrifying the M180 – CPRE views sought

CPRE Committee members recently attended a consultation event to explore the issues around the planned £20m DfT zero emission road freight trials along the M180 in North Lincolnshire.

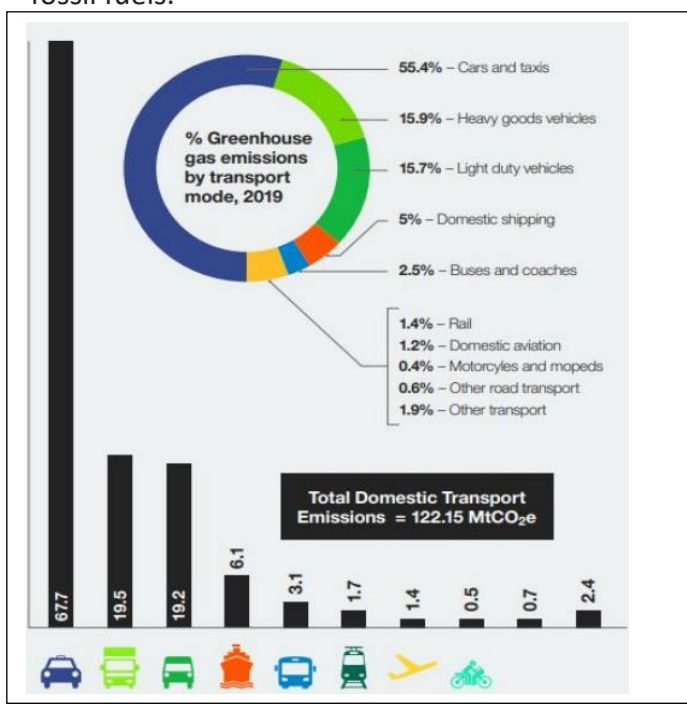
Government plans are being implemented by the Electric Roads Consortium. They are investigating a combination of electrifying motorways (using overhead wires like those used to power trams and trolley buses) and high-powered static chargers, to enable the heaviest HGVs making long distance trips to switch from fossil fuels.



Informed by successful trials in Sweden and Germany, the initial aim is to electrify the M180 in North Lincolnshire and install an HGV charging network across the region by 2025. The consortium of businesses involved with the project will be led by Costain and will also include Siemens Mobility, Scania and SPL, who have been involved with similar trials in Europe.

Sue Kershaw, managing director for transportation at Costain, said: “This study is another important step towards understanding how industry could work together to tackle one of the largest carbon emission producers in the country and create a cleaner, greener and more efficient road freight network across the UK.”

CPRE members explored the impact on the landscape, the impact on diversionary routes (A18) and the potential opportunities and benefits for local communities and nature of the ambitious scheme.



Council commits to net zero by 2030

North Lincolnshire Council has recently produced a 'Green Futures' plan with the ambition to achieve net zero as a Council by 2030.

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire was involved in the consultation on the draft plan and the final version aims to 'create a cleaner, greener, healthier and more sustainable North Lincolnshire'.

Cllr Rob Waltham, leader, North Lincolnshire Council, said: "This is one of the most important pieces of policy we will be responsible for - it sets a vision which will protect North Lincolnshire now and for future generations".

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The net zero target will include greening the Council's fleet, planting 170,000 trees, encouraging and supporting renewable energy schemes and sourcing energy from renewable sources. The Council has also spent over £3m of government funding on insulation schemes and energy efficiency across the county.

Northern Lincolnshire to be part of net zero industrial cluster by 2040.



Northern Lincolnshire will be part of the East Coast Cluster, selected as one of the UK's first carbon capture and storage projects. The aim is to make the industrial cluster net zero by 2040.

Zero Carbon Humber is part of the East Coast Cluster and will lead the project in this area, bringing industry and business together, using low carbon hydrogen and capturing carbon emissions.

British Steel has carbon capture as a key factor in its Plans, with a phased reduction in carbon emissions by 2035, with the ambition to be net zero by 2050.

The company also have plans for product innovation, recycling and reuse as well as electric arc furnace steelmaking at the Scunthorpe plant.

National Grid has proposed a network of pipelines to transport captured carbon emissions for safe storage under the North Sea. CPRE Northern Lincolnshire has responded to the consultation on the route of these pipelines and there will be 2 further rounds of consultation later this year.



Plant a tree for the Jubilee



CPRE have long campaigned for more tree and hedgerow planting. There is now even more urgency, given the impact more trees can have in storing carbon, not to mention the benefits trees bring to the environment and society.

In North Lincolnshire the Council have set a target of planting 172,000 trees, one for every person in the county. They have now planted over 90,000 trees in the past year, thanks to the work of many volunteers, some of whom can be seen in the picture above.

Tree planting has, of course been happening across

Northern Lincolnshire during the past year but 2022 is a very special year. The Queen's Green Canopy is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Individuals, groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and businesses have been encouraged to play their part to enhance our environment by planting trees.

The tree planting will be a legacy in honour of the Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. It will also, of course, provide a green legacy of its own.

Great British Spring Clean 2022

CPRE members across Northern Lincolnshire have signed up to join in with the Great British Spring Clean this year. This is an important event for CPRE with litter-picking being one of our key issues to improve our local environment.

The Spring Clean event is an opportunity to involve more members of the local community in litter-picking



and hopefully gain new recruits for the many local groups that have done such a great job in the past few years.

CPRE Northern Lincolnshire have been able to encourage the excellent work of our litter picking groups with special Litter Champion Awards, which were presented at our annual Presentation Evening in October.

With individuals 'pledging' to collect a number of bags of rubbish for the Spring Clean this year, we hope that by 10th April Northern Lincolnshire will be an even cleaner and more attractive place.

Best Kept Village Competition 2022



Letters have gone out to town and parish councils inviting them to take part in this year's Best Kept Village competition. This is an opportunity to involve the whole of their community in improving the local environment. Despite lockdowns and social distancing in the last two years, the response by volunteers all over the area has been wonderful and we are hoping for the same this year.

In addition to the usual village and town awards there will be individual prize categories to enter:

Best Kept Churchyard; Best Kept Cemetery; Best Kept Playground and Best Community Planting.

CPRE Environment Awards 2022



We are currently seeking nominations for the CPRE Northern Lincolnshire Environment Awards for 2022.

Winners of the award last year included Amcotts (see below) and Waltham Parish Council.

If you know of an individual, group or organisation that has made a significant contribution to improving the local environment please contact Jenny Haynes

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Tricia Murphy receiving the Environment Award for 2021. The Award recognised the excellent Tiddy Mun Trail initiative in Amcotts.

PLANNING HELP – If you have any concerns about local plans or potential development in your area, CPRE Northern Lincolnshire can offer professional help or advice using our planning experts. Please contact David Rose davidjohnrose@gmail.com or jenny.haynes@btinternet.com giving brief details of your issue or concern.

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