



Coastal West Sussex Presents:

The Race to Net Zero - ways your business can help and prosper

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From PLATF9RM : Welcome to Coastal West Sussex Partnership Presents: The Race to Net Zero - ways your business can help and prosper? Thank you for joining today.

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From PLATF9RM : Please introduce yourselves in the chat.

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From Robin Brownsell : Hello from Steyning

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From Tim Hague : Hi everyone from Shoreham Port!

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From Raof Daud : Hello and good morning. Raof Daud, Chair, Bognor Regis Regeneration Board

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From Tracie Davey : Hello everyone. Tracie Davey Operations Manager, Worthing and Adur Chamber

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From Beverley Lees : Morning everyone,Bev at Allergy Therapeutics Ltd

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From Andrew Swayne : Hello, I have two hats today - Ricardo and AWBP chair (Greater Brighton Economic Board member)

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From James Dempster : Welcome all

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From Jo Williams : Hello from Jo Williams, Experience West Sussex Partnership, the Tourism Development and Marketing partnership for West Sussex - looking forward to this important discussion

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From Justine Lewis : Morning everyone from Southern Water, water efficiency.

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From Kate Hampson : Good morning all! Kate Hampson, Economic Growth team WSCC

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From PLATF9RM : This workshop is being recorded. If you don't want to be on the recording, please keep your camera turned off.

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From PLATF9RM : We'll be using the chatbox today for general discussion and for any questions you'd like to ask the speakers, which we will try to get to all the ones we can during the Q&A portion of the event today.

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From Michelle Furtado : Morning everyone - Michelle Furtado, Director, FuturEcoLogic with multiple third-sector hats too

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From Graeme MacLean : Good morning from Ricardo Energy & Environment

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From Suzy Bastable : Good morning from Lancing Business Park

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From Rebecca White : Good morning! Rebecca White, Advisor to the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board.

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From Raof Daud : A question for the panel. An organisation I am involved with has a building with an existing industrial gas boiler that is coming to the end of its life. Preliminary investigations show that the most cost effective replacement will be a like-for-like change to another gas boiler which has an expected life of 20 years. Obviously this does not help towards net zero carbon. What advice does the panel have?

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From Andrew Swayne : what opportunities are there for businesses in decarbonisation of the existing local built environment? e.g. existing housing refurbishment, industrial buildings, public sector buildings etc - there is much aspiration, but when will we get things like building regs etc for refurbishment and managing embedded carbon. Also need a view on affordability

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From Richard Hopkins - Fargro : I like to ask a question about the business tensions between sustainability and carbon reduction.

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From James Dempster : Thanks Richard, can you DM me and I'll add it to our

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From Jo Williams : <https://www.clean-growth.uk/locase/>

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From Fiona Shafer : Morning All - Fiona Shafer here from MDHUB. A question for Sam - as many SME business owners are overwhelmed by subject of Net Zero and really want to find out more for all the reasons you have highlighted - what would you suggest is the starting point for them to find out more - on a very practical level ? Thank you

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From Michelle Furtado : Hi all - as a Sustainability Consultant, I've put together a series of short videos for SME's to start their journey towards sustainability - find them here and feedback welcome - thanks!  
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0RuELOsb-OCxdiKHjJSYyeQH0o5rp0c0>

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From Philip Wood : Hi all, Phil from EV Avenue, we are an Electric vehicle charge point operator & installers of EV charge points for home & commercial businesses. We offer turnkey solutions for businesses. 01243 933722 or email [info@evavenue.co.uk](mailto:info@evavenue.co.uk)

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From Andrew Swayne : some information: from my Ricardo experience. Science based targets is a challenge in measurement particularly for manufacturing supply chains. (we are awaiting our application to be approved) I have also found that there is much regional variation in awareness of the need to have carbon footprint reduction plans. UK gvt saying it wants carbon reduction plans for contracts over £5m - we should expect that type of thinking to proliferate with time

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From Sam Zindel : @fiona - SME Climate Hub <https://businessclimatehub.org/tools/>

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From Martin Searle : Adding the FSB sustainability hub to the debate as a resource:

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From Martin Searle : <https://www.fsb.org.uk/campaign/small-business-sustainability-hub.html>

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From Fiona Shafer : Thank you Sam - very happy topics up the conversation with you . We are considering running some peer groups on the subject for MDs with our partners at Coast to Capital Growth Hub.

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From Paula Seager : Hello everyone, Paula Seager here from Natural PR. We work with local environmental construction projects including the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm and Rampion 2 extension project. I'd like to ask about whether there are still opportunities to get grants and concessions to buy electric company cars and chargers? Thanks

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From Kate Hampson : <https://zerocarbonbusiness.uk/> has also been developed with SMEs in mind by the Net Zero Partnership including Chambers of Commerce, FSB, UK Hospitality etc...

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From Sam Zindel : Small Business net zero advice: <https://small99.co.uk/>

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From Sam Zindel : SME net zero workshop at COP26 (in-person and virtual via Zoom)  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/net-zero-for-small-business-how-to-reach-net-zero-in-6-months-tickets-184223406167?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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From PLATF9RM : The recording of this event and all the helpful links and resources will be available at <https://coastalwestsussex.org.uk> next week.

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From Jo Williams : Experience West Sussex, Visit Brighton, East Sussex County Council, South Downs National Park are all working together for the Tourism and visitor economy sector - we will be having a

sustainability webinar on November 30th, with sector specialists and targeted practical support. for more information on tourism sector [getinvolved@experiencewestsussex.com](mailto:getinvolved@experiencewestsussex.com)

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From Martin Searle : This forthcoming FSB event also facilitates small business action on your net zero journey:

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<https://www.fsb.org.uk/event-calendar/fsb-small-business-virtual-conference-the-journey-to-net-zero.html>

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From Zoe Osmond : <https://www.clean-growth.uk/> for support with LoCASE grants, green innovation and to find out about our carbon accounting support to be launched later this year

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From Paula Seager : Thanks Zoe. Buying local food and drink is really important to our targets as well. Please do visit our website <https://sussexfoodanddrink.org> to find local caterers and local places to eat and drink that sell and serve local produce - to be sure that you're supporting local and reducing food miles. Thanks

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From James Dempster : We've got 8 more mins, so if anyone else has any burning questions please drop them here

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From Jo Williams: James - I can see Phillip Wood with his hand up

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From James Dempster : Thanks Jo, I will come to Phillip after Sam

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From Fiona Shafer : Question - I think all of the information shared today is amazing but a coordinated approach to knowledge sharing would make increase the engagement for business - who do you think should be leading on this within the county ?

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From Robin Brownsell : If anyone is interested in sustainable future flight I am a director of [www.flight-crowd.com](http://www.flight-crowd.com) so happy to answer your questions

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From Jo Williams : Thanks Zoe! see <https://www.experiencewestsussex.com/> for your next minibreak!

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From PLATF9RM : Thank you on behalf of Coastal West Sussex for joining us today.

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From Richard Hopkins - Fargo : Shortage of labour to pick UK cauliflowers!

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From Claire Atkinson : Thank you everyone - really interesting and informative

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From Caroline Wood : I'll echo that, thank you for joining this meeting and starting the conversation.

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From Andrew Swayne : we should do something in the spring focused on what people have achieved

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From Caroline Wood : I'm happy to take that challenge Andrew

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From Rebecca White : Thanks to all and the panel, a very practical and encouraging session.

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From Paula Seager : Thank you all - really enjoyed that and feel ready to do more at Natural PR on this!!  
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From Claire Atkinson : on the back on your food waste comment - cant wait for Arun to roll out fully the food waste collection service

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From Jill Sutcliffe : Amd include WSCC pensions

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From Suzy Bastable : Thank you!

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From Steve Read : Music to my ears Claire!

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From Jo Williams : Thanks and really brilliant to hear what everyone is doing for businesses - as well as individuals. Collective action is the key. Thanks to all on the panel.

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From Alicja Lecka-Tweddell : any ideas on the rubbish scattered everywhere? How do we tackle that?

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From Michelle Furtado : Thanks - very helpful [www.futurecologic.co.uk](http://www.futurecologic.co.uk)