



Sport SEN Meeting - Social Enterprise Net Zero Discussion

Monday 8 February 2021: 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Follow Up

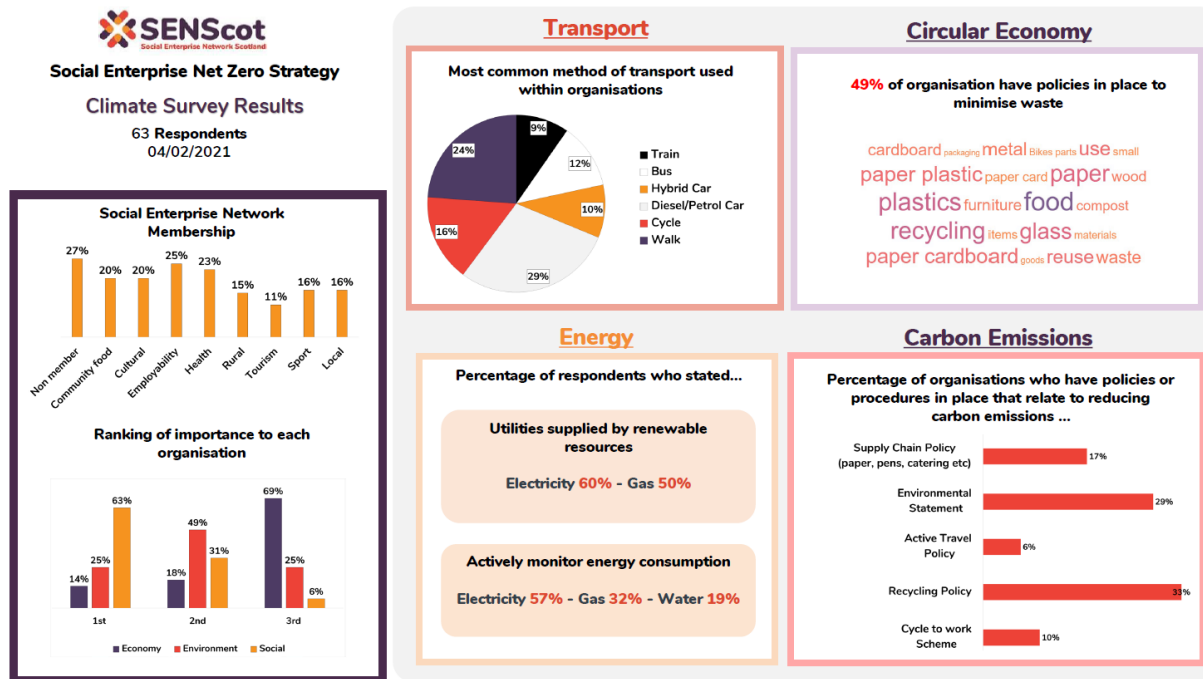
We heard from 3 social enterprises about the work they have been doing to help tackle climate change and reduce emissions; and support available to businesses and individuals. In addition to making physical changes and introducing systems and policies, it was identified that influencing behaviour change is a key component.

More info about the speakers here: <https://sen.scot/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Sport-SEN-Session-Overview-Climate-Change-and-Net-Zero.docx>

The following contact details were shared – please do make contact if you have any queries or would like to know more about the projects which were mentioned.

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Overview of Climate Survey Results (as at 04/02/21)



- 63 respondents to the survey so far with 16% response rate from Sport SEN members.
- The social economy is ranked first in terms of importance, with environment coming second and financial third.
- Most common way of travelling to work is by car – although cycling and walking combined means active travel is actually reasonably high too. Quite a few respondents did note that obviously staff were working from home right now – perhaps the survey needed to be clearer that we were looking for a reflection of normal circumstances.
- 49% of orgs have policies in place to minimise waste. Overall, most of the plans and measures in place appear to be around minimising waste and energy consumption – recycling and using energy efficient heating and lighting sources.
- Those who don't have specific plans and policies in place would like to have. Would like to know where to find a good example of a green policy/environmental management plan.
- Some said they would change their energy provider if it was an easier process or they could get a competitive price.

Some things SE's are currently doing/have done:

- Internal/external facility reviews / assessments – [Keep Scotland Beautiful](#) have helped with these
- Making changes informed by these assessments have led to reductions in utility and other costs. These savings are passed on in reduced membership costs.
- Adapted shipping container with wind turbines and solar panels installed on site – [Motive UK](#) . Contact Alan Still for more details: astilly54@outlook.com
- Installation of solar panels
- Education/outreach programmes
- Driver efficiency training - <https://roadwisedrivertraining.co.uk/corporate/fuel-efficient-driving/>

- Work with others to educate/reduce carbon usage/share savings
- Using United Nations Sustainable Development Goals to develop green/environmental policy
- Introducing electric off-road motorcycles; changing attitudes of 'petrol heads'
- Recipient of Climate Challenge Funded grant: Kicking Carbon, with Travel, Waste and Energy themes.

Future Plans

- Completely carbon free facility
- Education; behaviour change
- Help users understand that greener motorcycles can be equally competitive
- Installation of solar panels
- Installation of LED lights

Support required

- Important to take into account that when looking at the support required that there is not one answer for everyone – no golden bullet. Diverse range of people working on a range of challenges, need variety of skills – that's why collective approach works
- How to encourage behavioural change and education
- Funding – limited funding opportunities available to make facility changes / undertake big projects
- Identifying and implementing small, quick wins

Challenges

- ££'s flowing out of communities through 'industrial' wind turbine sites – very little engagement with local community in some instances. Need to make sure funds are being used for community benefit.
- How to impact the green agenda when you don't have your own premises and landlords/facility operators don't seem to be responding to suggestions?
- Difficulty/red tape if you hire a facility and need to seek permission from the landlord to make changes to the building – in particular if LA owned facility
- Outdoor facilities – limited access to drinking water. Often can only purchase small water bottles, from inside a sports centre. Could bigger bottles be used, or install more water stations for filling own water bottles.
- Access to toilets eg parks. Most of tennis clubs not built in areas where toilets are nearby – not always open.
- Venues used need better public transport links; especially parks
- Lack of alternative funding available eg what do you do if your project is not funded by the Climate Challenge Fund – the Climate Challenge Fund not currently open either
- Difficulty trying to encourage some sport governing bodies to make changes to their processes eg LTA using a lot of packaging to send out equipment

Opportunities / Support / Resources

- [Sustainable Pathways](#) – work across UK, Europe and Internationally . Impact assessment – economic; social; environmental and natural resources. Offer an action-based framework – form baseline of where organisation is currently at. Identifies what is currently being done well and should continue in addition to identifying areas for improvement.
- Organisations coming together to receive support and tap in to resources at a reduced cost.
- Taking small actions can make a big difference – keep focusing on these so as to not overwhelm people with large scale projects.
- Impact weighted accounting likely to be introduced. Large companies audited on environmental impact. Will help drive behaviour change.
- If you hire facilities make use of user group meetings and AGM's to raise green issues, or approach your key contact/climate change person.
- [UN Sustainable Development Goal 14 - Life Below Water](#)
- Find out what governing bodies are doing in relation to this agenda. Eg Sustainable Pathways are starting a project with [SACU](#) which might help Kingdom Off Road Motorcycle Club with their query over whether assessments are carried out to demonstrate the impact of off-road motorcyclists.
- [Keep Scotland Beautiful \(KSB\)](#) – useful for resources/funding sources/assessments
- [Climate Challenge Fund](#) – administered by KSB. SG reviewing this fund and not currently open.
- [Home Energy Scotland](#)
- Use existing contacts/networks eg Oil & Gas (keen to get into schools and work with communities)
- [Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [Local Energy Scotland](#) – administer the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) [Community and Renewable Energy Scheme \(CARES\)](#)
- Check whether **sportscotland** might fund works considered upgrades to sports facilities ie LED lights?

Slides from Garioch Sports Centre presentation:



The logo for Garioch Sports Centre features a stylized green figure of a person in motion, with a green circle above its head. To the right of the figure, the words "garioch sports centre" are written in a green, lowercase, sans-serif font.

Who are Garioch Sports Centre and what do we do?

- I'm Kevin Bonarius COO of Garioch Sports.
- We are a charitable community sports & leisure facility based in Inverurie Aberdeenshire.
- Our facilities opened in 1996.
- We pride ourselves on our community and providing activity and services from new borns through to seniors – A centre for life.
- Pre COVID-19 we averaged 7,000 visits a week.
- We have delivered a number of unique and exciting projects over the years and have further aspirations in the future. Today I'm going to focus on our Climate Challenge Fund projects.



Our Climate Challenge Projects...

- Project 1 (Garioch Sports Goes Green) was identified after a full facility review financially & visually.
- The challenge was to reduce our carbon footprint reduce our energy out outgoings whilst improving our facilities.
- Project 1 delivered a full upgrade to all internal building lighting to LED with 2 new project funded job roles introduced.
- The big plus from this project was the huge visual impact it had on our facility. The other was the savings in our energy bills. This allowed us to push these savings back into our members pockets.
- We used the projects visual impact to then educate our users/visitors. Working with youngsters and the seniors to help them make savings.
- We worked with community groups to cast the net our project as wide as we could. Sports Clubs/Schools/Community Kitchen.



- Garioch Goes Green Project 2 came after reviewing all external facility lighting along with our buildings heat retention and reducing carbon use in the town.
- This project was delivered once more by the funded job roles from project 1.
- Our external 3G football pitch with 8 floodlight columns where upgraded to LED.
- We introduced an additional foyer wall/doors to add another buffer to prevent heat loss.
- Radiator wall reflectors where introduced throughout with all external doors having draft excluders installed.
- These facility upgrades had less of a visual impact as project 1 but we continued to work with community groups and local businesses to aid in reducing carbon usage.
- We delivered driver efficiency training days which showed one local business they could be saving over £1k a year from changing driving habits.



What does the future hold for Garioch Sports

- We now have aspirations to become a completely carbon free facility in the years ahead.
- New projects and a partnership with a local renewable energy firm has see the addition of an adapted shipping container with wind turbine and solar panels installed on site.
- We are investigating the install of Solar PV to the roof of our facility to further drive down our energy usage and costs.
- We will continue to educate and offer help and support to our users in reducing their carbon foot print and energy bills with our project staff now accredited green champions.



- Thank you for the opportunity to present today. For further details please visit our website www.gariochsports.co.uk