

Job Creation Opportunities in a Low Carbon Economy

East Lothian is 'striving to become Scotland's most sustainable local economy' East Lothian's Economic Strategy

'East Lothian will be a place of opportunity for all, with a thriving low carbon economy....' East Lothian's Environment Strategy

"We have a more localised, low carbon, economy focusing around our 6 main towns." East Lothian draft Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013

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The following documents what people recorded onto post it notes while they listened to the speakers.

Our aim is to consider the following:

<p>What will a local, low-carbon economy look like in East Lothian?</p>	<p>What opportunities, particularly for local jobs and local wealth creation in East Lothian, will arise from the move to a local, low-carbon economy?</p>	<p>What measures are needed to ensure that we take full advantage of these opportunities?</p>
<p>Economy Affordable and flexible work places. Renewable generating income for local communities Enterprise and business support that is appropriate and effective Locally owned independent businesses More people buying locally More jobs in organic farming Providing food for Edinburgh = 1.2 Billion market It will be enterprising in all areas and everything it does. 11 Local Jobs created in Health Care No fuel poverty in East Lothian Jobs in the building industry – 35000 refurbishments – 1000 homes per year</p>	<p>Many more locally owned independent businesses Brian Grindlay’s idea of tapping into Network Rail ECML broadband. Business hub on Spott Road. More people buying locally It will be enterprising in all areas and everything it does. 11 Local Jobs created in Health Care No fuel poverty in East Lothian Manufacturing jobs Jobs in the renewable industry Energy Auditors Jobs Architects Jobs Surveyor Jobs Jobs refurbishing existing housing stock = 25 million per year for 35 years. Teachers and trainers of skills Link between the 3 bike shops in EL to</p>	<p>Raise awareness that a low carbon economy can produce more jobs! Look at East Lothian Council procurement in relation to low carbon economy. Local procurement and energy generation policies. Put clear measures in place to encourage innovation, enterprising people, and adaptable organisations and policies. The development and implementation of demonstration projects. Should there be a Council lead person for low carbon food production? QMU and other organisations – food innovation hub. Big fiber for large organisations (telecommunications). How do we square the encouragement if local produce and exports?</p>

<p>Energy Use and Generation Reduced domestic sector (carbon) fuel use (refurbish existing housing stock) Finance and resilience coming from ownership of power generation by communities. No fuel poverty in East Lothian Community shares for renewable and other local assets Appropriate finance for housing refurbishment. Community owned energy generation. Energy aware children. Re-use of biomass for energy generation</p> <p>Transport East Lothian Saltire Travel Card Super broadband reduces the need to travel</p> <p>Education and Skills Building industry skills Food production and processing skills</p> <p>Health and Wellbeing Improved local economy and wellbeing No fuel poverty in East Lothian People working closer to where they live.</p>	<p>create a network of travel interlinked in the main tourist area (Dave)</p> <p>More jobs in organic farming and farming - Providing food for Edinburgh = 1.2 Billion</p>	<p>Investment in local communities. Affordable and flexible workplaces. Long-term finance and investment in development of low carbon economy. Local banks and credit unions. East Lothian Council to improve process of applications for single wind turbines and support for communities to make good decisions. Training and skills to prepare for the low carbon economy. A shared vision which is easy to understand and communicate and encourage everyone. An understanding that the illiterate of the future will not be those who can not read and write but those who cannot adapt to the changing times. Respond to local needs. Business models that stake up. Illustrate a good route but not grant funding. Help for farms to move away from fossil fuel based fertilizers. Future market speculation. A Community retrofit company. Carbon credits. Use money from LA bonds to offer refurbish package plus finance if needed at 3%. Evaluate the School Curriculum to assess that it is preparing young people for the future low carbon economy.</p>
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Resources, Land, Farms and Food

Growing more of what we need to eat and eating more of what we grow
Shorter local food supply chains
More jobs in organic farming,
Smaller scale and more labor intensive farming.
Land reform
Community owned market gardens/ farms.
Local fisheries supplying local needs.

Carbon Reduction

Less carbon produced and less costly pollution
Reduced carbon footprint for East Lothian's housing stock - 60- 80% demand reduction
35% of our carbon footprint is from Food.
Local Resources meeting local needs.

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Identify what jobs and wealth creation a low carbon economy could bring East Lothian.	Identify what needs to be in place to ensure that East Lothian can take best advantage of these opportunities.	Identify who will do what	by when	Identify the short term benefits and outcomes East Lothian could realise as they move a more localised, low carbon economy.	Identify the medium term benefits and outcomes East Lothian could realise as they move a more localised, low carbon economy.
Local Food production and Processing jobs Meat, Vegetables, Dairy, Fish, Brewing, Grains etc.	Local food strategy/ recreate and delocalize supply chains that have been broken up. Financial backing. Skills. Marketing and promotion. Access to resources land and water. Mills. Local markets. Local Cooperatives. Social Enterprise. Feasibility studies. Affordable work spaces/ buildings.	ELC develop a local food procurement policy. Commitment to buying locally. Training in schools and training centers. Community Planning.	As soon as possible.	More jobs More skills People spending money in East Lothian.	Smaller carbon footprint. More wealth. Healthier population. Balanced economy.

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Services to support small businesses.	Coordinated networks of support. Volunteer coordination Good broadband.	ELC, Scottish Government,			
Care jobs	Identification of where the gaps are and opportunities to fill these locally. Skills. Department managers to invite contracts to enable local enterprise bids.	NHS, ELC, QMU, Schools. Community Planning.		People receiving care closer to where they live. Local Carers	Smaller carbon footprint. Continuity of care. Multiplier effect.
Education and Training Jobs	Local skill audits – identify gaps and fill locally.	Local qualified training delivery. ELC Community Learning and Development. Community Planning.		People receiving training and jobs closer to where they live.	Smaller carbon footprint.

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Transport Jobs	Identify what people need to make it easier use public transport.				
Jobs in the renewable industry: wind, solar, offshore, biomass.	Community owned energy generation.	ELC develop a local community energy generation policy.		Local communities making money to put back into their localities. Money being made in East Lothian staying in East Lothian	Local jobs and wealth

There was a plenary session at 4:15 – a chance to hear what all groups have come up with.