



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	September	2021		31	August	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Low Carbon Louth

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1170503

Charity's principal address 10 Keddington Road, Louth, Lincolnshire

Postcode LN11 0AA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	James Olley Pocklington	Chair		
2	Alison Byford Spittles	Treasurer		
3	Stephen John Mansfield	Secretary		
4	David Ford	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/a

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (e.g., trust deed, constitution)	Constitution ("Foundation" constitution suitable for a CIO).
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Proposed, seconded and voted upon by existing trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The structure is a simple one with four voting trustees. As an environmental (although non-political) organisation, LCL exists within a loose network of similar organisations within the North Lincolnshire area. Specifically, it has strong links (and some shared membership) with:

Transition Town Louth (an unincorporated not-for-profit association) that is one of some 300 "transition towns" around the UK including several in Lincolnshire.

Friends of the Lincolnshire Time and Tide Bell (a Community Interest Company, registered in August 2017 under Companies House no. 10934941).

Management of risk is applied to individual events on a case-by-case basis.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in particular, but not exclusively, by the provision and promotion of a food composting scheme; the promotion of cycling as an environmentally friendly mode of transport; the promotion of organic food growing.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The provision of a food composting scheme:

The Community Composting Scheme (CCS) is a wholly charitable activity – outside normal public or private provision. It has a proven track record, having been in operation since June 2014, since when it has expanded. It operates on environmental principles within the town of Louth. When LCL was set up in December 2016, the ongoing costs of the scheme were funded with financial help received from Transition Town Louth. Subsequently, a grant of £500 was given by East Lindsey District Council for the purchase of further start-up equipment: a second shredder, a two-metre cubed fold-down composter, and some food caddies. It is non-profit making – the small sums derived from the sale of organic compost are ploughed back into supporting the work.

The scheme works by collecting food waste by bicycle and trailer from households that are part of the scheme and turning this into organic compost suitable for growing food. CCS member households are offered organic compost bags on favourable terms.

The promotion of cycling as an environmentally friendly mode of transport:

Inter alia, LCL undertakes the repair of bicycles free of charge with voluntary donations ploughed back into the support of its activities.

The promotion of organic gardening:

Three organic community gardens are managed by LCL. The food grown is given away free.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Low Carbon Louth welcomes the participation of community volunteers as well as the public at large in its work, whether actively or passively, and is mindful, if young or vulnerable people are involved, of the need for suitable safeguarding policies and practices to be put in place.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in less activity at the public access community gardens in line with government guidelines.

The community composting scheme continued throughout the periods of lockdown as it was considered an essential service.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Summary of the main milestones and achievements of the charity during the year to 31 August 2022:

A robust financial regime remains in place and LCL is financially secure.

Public liability insurance cover was maintained.

The trustees met formally on 2 occasions and the meetings were minuted and approved.

Specifically in relation to LCL's three objects:

The three organic community gardens managed by LCL were maintained to a satisfactory standard. The level of participation by local people was recorded as part of monitoring LCL activity.

For the year ended 31 August 2022, the Community Composting Scheme took in 24 households within the town of Louth – comprising perhaps 55 people. During the period of this report 682 individual house collections were made and the 1716 kilograms of domestic waste collected were diverted to the process of production of organic compost. It was decided to end the scheme at the end of August 2022 due to other time demands on the lead volunteer. We were unable to recruit a regular volunteer to continue the scheme.

During the initiative which began in 2014 the scheme has collected almost 20,000 kgs of waste from 5366 individual household collections. The average waste per household collected was 2.5 kg.

Approximately 1 tonne of finished compost was produced, the bulk of which was applied to the community gardens, a small amount being donated back to householders.

James Pocklington delivered a "Gardening in Schools" presentation as part of CPD training for teachers held at the Lincolnshire Show on the 18/06/22. The charity received a donation of £100 from the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society. James subsequently visited Billingham School to deliver the same presentation and offer advice on site.

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Achievements and performance

The Community gardens in the town centre were tended by volunteers led by James Pocklington on several occasions and refreshments were purchased for participating volunteers after those sessions.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As we have limited funds and no ongoing financial commitments, we do not have a policy on reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity.
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

James Pocklington	Stephen Mansfield, Secretary
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
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Date

18/05/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Low Carbon Louth

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2021

To

31/08/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fix your bike credits	50	-	-	50	548
Fee for presentation	100	-	-	100	106
	-	-	-	-	215
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	150	-	-	150	869
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	150	-	-	150	869
A3 Payments					
Hot Bin purchase for the Priory	199	-	-	199	303
Seeds stock	29	-	-	29	-
Website subs	51	-	-	51	-
Volunteer refreshments	39	-	-	39	-
Parts for trailer	125	-	-	125	-
Insurance	160	-	-	160	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	602	-	-	602	303
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	602	-	-	602	303
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 452	-	-	- 452	566
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	814	-	-	814	248
Cash funds this year end	362	-	-	362	814

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		814	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	814	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Composting and gardening equipment including shredders and 4 wheeled trailer	LCL	150	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		A Spittles	17/05/2023	
		S Mansfield	17/05/2023	