



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	September	2022		31	August	2023

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	01/09/22-14/05/23	
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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) represented a wholly charitable activity – outside normal public or private provision. It had a successful track record, being in operation from 2014 to August 2022. The scheme operated by collecting food waste by bicycle and trailer from households that were part of the scheme and turning this into organic compost suitable for growing food. CCS member households were offered organic compost bags on favourable terms. It was non-profit making – the small sums derived from the sale of organic compost were ploughed back into supporting the work. During the eight years of its life, approximately one tonne metric of organic compost was produced. The scheme was brought to an end in August 2022 having, in the view of the trustees, achieved its objectives. The model of a local food waste recycling scheme had been proved to be feasible and its benefits made clear – both to participating households and more widely. Individual households are able to continue the practice through other avenues.

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 were established by LCL with the food grown being given away free. Work on the gardens is now mainly volunteer-lead with LCL taking a watching brief.

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 all 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.

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 2023:

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

Public liability insurance cover was maintained.

No formal meetings took place between the AGM in May 2023 and that in April 2024 but the trustees met informally, participating in LCL and associated events and at other times.

Specifically in relation to LCL's three objects:

The three organic community gardens established by LCL are maintained to a generally satisfactory standard. It may in the future be possible to increase the volume of food grown.

As above, the Community Composting Scheme was ended during 2023.

Presently, LCL pursues its public benefit objectives in two main ways.

Promotion of cycling has to a large extent been formalised within the framework of the county-wide *Active Lincolnshire* programme, specifically by the establishment of a bicycle repair hub in Louth as part of Wheels for Life (W4L). This project works by accepting donations of bicycles which are then renovated and passed on to individuals (free of charge) needing a bicycle for essential journeys such as work and/or those in transport poverty. The transfer of ownership is facilitated by referrals from social agencies.

The hub is located within the Louth Youth and Community Centre (LYCC) and is managed by James Pocklington with the help of two volunteers who receive [informal] training.

The W4L project is being further expanded throughout Lincolnshire. While the number of bicycles donated has been more than satisfactory, both generally and in Louth, provision of roadworthy bikes to individuals has been less than was hoped for. This seems to be due to the limited number of referrals made. LCL itself continues to publicise the scheme through the work of the Louth hub itself and as part of associated projects such as the national Big Bike Revival, a two day local event being promoted by LCL in Louth during January 2024.

During the period of the report LCL inaugurated a local "Repair Café" (RC) in Louth. More accurately this is a revival of earlier events managed by Transition Town Louth and reflects much greater international and national interest in the concept that broken items should be brought back into use rather than replaced. The events take place regularly at the Louth Youth and Community Centre during the late spring to early autumn period. Repairs are undertaken by skilled volunteers; members of the public are asked to sign liability disclaimers; and the work carried out, whether successful or not, is recorded. Free coffee and cakes are available and the cafes have the flavour of a drop in event where people can meet informally. To date 4 events have taken place and approximately 100 items examined. Donations are voluntary. Donations have amounted to £448 which are recorded in the LCL accounts. RC monies and those associated with the W4L hub are ringfenced in LCL accounts .

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

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Date	Chair	
	17/04/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Low Carbon Louth

1170503

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/09/2022

To

31/08/2023

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					
Wheels for Life set up	8,271	-	-	8,271	150
Repair Cafe	812	-	-	812	-
General	449	-	-	449	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,532	-	-	9,532	150
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,532	-	-	9,532	150
A3 Payments					
Wheels for Life	5,921	-	-	5,921	602
Repair Café	359	-	-	359	-
General	476	-	-	476	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,756	-	-	6,756	602
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,756	-	-	6,756	602
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,776	-	-	2,776	- 452
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	362	-	-	362	814
Cash funds this year end	3,138	-	-	3,138	362

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	TSB	3,138	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,138	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	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	-
	Wheels for Life Tools	LCL	2,800	-
	Repair Café tools	LCL	200	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	11/04/2024	
		S Mansfield	11/04/2024	