



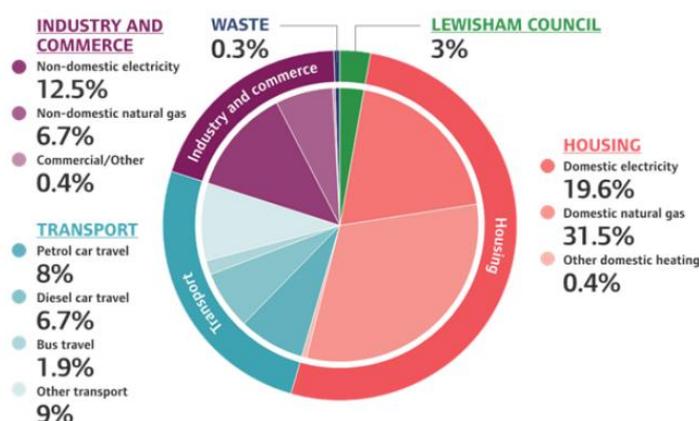
# What is Future-Fit Streets?

We now know that climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and is affecting the lives of billions of people around the world. Sadly, it's the most vulnerable people and ecosystems that are being hardest hit. Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a brief and rapidly-closing window to secure a liveable future. We in Lewisham have a responsibility to do everything we can to reduce our climate impacts now.

## Why retrofit your home?

Housing accounts for half of Lewisham's carbon emissions. The use of natural gas (for heating and hot water) is the largest source of direct emissions from homes - making up over a third of the borough's total. To reduce these emissions, it is estimated that 80% of Lewisham's housing needs to be retrofitted to meet the Council's ambition to be carbon neutral by 2030. Simply by better insulating our homes in Lewisham

and increasing renewable energy generation, we can massively reduce our carbon footprint. It is very much in our power to do something about climate change whilst simultaneously making our homes more comfortable and valuable. That's good news.



Through our Future-Fit Streets programme ([www.futurefit.org](http://www.futurefit.org)), South East London Community Energy (Selce) has been helping householders to understand how to retrofit their homes. We know that it's a daunting process; it's not obvious what measures to take or in what order; finding trustworthy contractors is a challenge. Faced with these challenges, most households end up doing nothing.

## How Future-Fit Streets can help?

The Future-Fit Streets programme provide expert guidance worth over £20,000 to one street in Lewisham that would like to make their homes fit for the future. The street will get expert guidance and support from a qualified retrofit co-ordinator to enable you to reduce your costs and your environmental impact.

## What does the Future-Fit Street get?

Your group will receive:

- **Whole house plans:** Up to 20 households will be able to get a 'whole-house retrofit plan' (valued at £350 per plan). This gives you a fully-costed, step-by-step plan to reduce your household's energy costs and carbon emissions. It will evaluate the costs and benefits of insulation measures, renewable heat and solar PV. It will give you everything you need to make decisions that are right for your household.
- **Future -Fit parties:** The team would organise a series of friendly social occasions (possibly involving fully-funded wine and cheese) at which an expert will focus on specific measures you can take to reduce your energy costs and carbon emissions – think Tupperware party with a planet-saving theme.
- **Grant funding:** Selce specialises in getting grant funding for home energy upgrades, so we can assess whether your household is eligible for a grant and support any applications you make.
- **Savings:** If your homes are of a similar age and design, you can make significant savings by working together to bulk-buy the measures you have selected. Our retrofit co-ordinator will provide the right support to make this process as easy as possible.
- **Advice and support a phone call away:** If, at any time, you want to talk things through with our retrofit coordinator, you only need to pick up the phone.



## Part of something bigger

Your street will be one of three streets that are all going through the same process. The other streets will be based in Manchester (supported by Carbon Co-op) and Brighton (supported by BHESCo). Every so often, we'll bring like-minded householders together online from all three streets to share learning and challenges.



## What's your role?

If your street is selected to be Lewisham's Future Fit Street, we would need:

- at least one household to volunteer to be a Future-Fit champion. They would do some door knocking and get their neighbours involved in the project. Ideally the champion would host the first 'Future-Fit party'.

- at least seven other households need to sign up. Ideally, they would also be prepared to host a Future-Fit Party but we can also host these at an alternative local venue.

## The application

If you are interested in becoming Lewisham's Future-Fit Street, please fill in a short application form. It asks you to nominate a 'champion' and identify other households who would like to be involved. You can fill out the application <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NF9BWQ8>.

**Please complete by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May**



## How is the project funded?

The Future-Fit Homes programme is funded by:

- The MCS Charitable Foundation - a charitable trust that has a vision is a world where everyone has access to affordable and reliable renewable energy
- The Environmental Funders Network - a network of funders of environmental projects

## Any questions?

If you would like to discuss the project in more detail, please contact Giovanna on 020 4506-6752 or [giovanna@selce.org.uk](mailto:giovanna@selce.org.uk)



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