

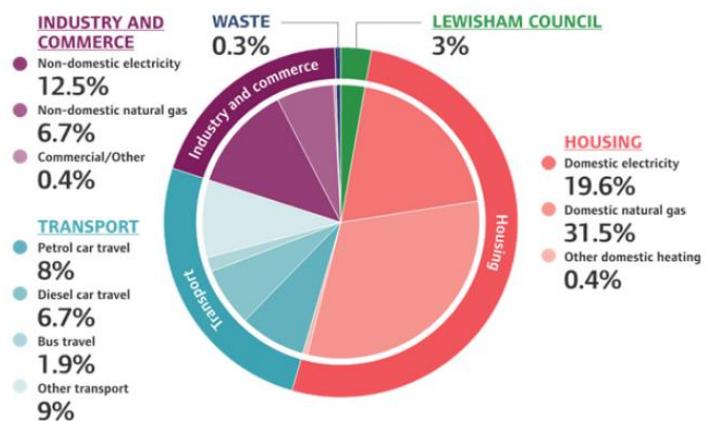


What is “Future Fit Streets”?

We now know that human-induced climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world. People and ecosystems least able to cope are being hardest hit. Climate emergency is a grave and mounting threat to our wellbeing and a healthy planet. 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?

Housing accounts for half of Lewisham’s measurable 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 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, 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 Homes programme (www.futurefit.org), we, at South East London Community Energy (Selce) we have been supporting householder to understand how to retrofit their homes. We know that it’s a daunting process; it’s not obvious what measures to take in what order; finding trustworthy contractors is a challenge. Faced with these challenges most households do nothing.

How Future Fit Streets Can Help?

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 Coordinator to enable you to do what you can

to reduce costs and environmental impacts. The street that has been chosen to receive this, against stiff competition, is Gordonbrock road, SE4.

What Does the Future Fit Street Get?

Gordonbrock neighbours work together, with Selce and invited experts.

- **Whole house plans:** 20 households 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 each focus on a measure you can take to reduce your energy costs and carbon emissions – think Tupperware party with a planet saving bent
- **Grant funding:** Selce are experts in getting grant funding for home energy upgrades, they will assess whether your household is eligible for a grant and support you to apply
- **Savings:** If your homes are of a similar age and design, you can make significant savings by working together to bulk buy measures. Our Retrofit Coordinator will support you to combine forces to reduce the cost of home energy upgrades
- **Advice and support a phone call away:** If at any time you would like to talk things through with our retrofit coordinator will be a phone call away



Part of something bigger

Your street will be one of three streets all going through the same process with the support of a community energy group. Other streets will be based in Manchester (supported by Carbon Coop) 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



How is this 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

Questions

Do give drop us a line if you would like to discuss this (Giovanna is available on 020 4506 6752 or giovanna@selce.org.uk)



How can I keep up with progress?

Join Selce's mailing list, where updates will be shared regularly. This project will run between July and December 2022.

I live in Gordonbrock road, how can I get involved?

Contact zaria@selce.org.uk or Giovanna@selce.org.uk to be added to the whatsapp group for this project, and be kept up to date with when the next events are to be held.