



SCANN September 2026 Newsletter

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Sussex Climate And Nature Network (SCANN)

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In this edition:

- SCANN gathering - Haywards Heath 26th September, 10.30am-3.00pm.
- SCANN - Who are we? Aims, Values and Asks
- Recent SCANN activities
- Joining SCANN, the website and our growing membership

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Join our SCANN gathering in Haywards Heath Saturday 26th September 2026, 10.30am-3.00pm. We will explore who is in the SCANN network, what we want, and what we can do together to champion climate, nature and environmental justice across Sussex's devolution process.

Venue: Presentation Church Hall, St. Wilfrid's, New England Rd, Haywards Heath RH16 3LE

Objectives;

- Build relationships between SCANN members
- Explore SCANN asks - reviewing content on the website
- Consider SCANN purpose, structure and functioning
- Begin to develop plans for influencing the SBSA and Mayoral Election

We will send out some basic info about devolution and the SBSA in advance.
Please take a look and come ready to contribute!

Timing	Session
10.30	Tea coffee biscuits and networking - there will be a space to share materials about your work, events etc.
11.00 Prompt!	Who are we and why are we here? Meet each other, get an update on devolution, explore what role SCANN can play in this content.
11.45	What do we want to happen? We have generated some asks of the Strategic Authority and the future Mayor that we will discuss in this session and consider what's missing. Check out asks on website: Prosperity / Nature / Planning / Leadership / Energy / Transport
12.30 - 1.30	Pot luck lunch- please bring something to share and cutlery if you can
1.30 - 2.45	What are we going to do together? Isaac Beevor from Climate Emergency will share ideas and lessons from influencing in other regions before we share ideas and start planning what we might do in groups. If you already have an idea for a potential joint action you want to discuss, please let Cat know
2.45-3.00	Next steps and close

Representatives from the Sussex and Brighton Strategic Authority and the South Downs National Park Authority have been invited,

- [Book your place here](#)
- Invite a climate and nature-inspired friend to come along
- We want everyone to feel welcome.

Accessibility: Presentation Hall is wheelchair accessible. We will have a PA for whole group sessions, there will be some small group discussions for which we cannot guarantee acoustics. Bring babies or children if you need to, unfortunately no creche/child minding facility is available. If you have any additional accessibility needs you would like to discuss, please contact Cat Fisher contactscann@gmail.com

Travel bursary: If cost of travel is a barrier to your participation, we can support up to 50% of public transport costs, please get in touch contactscann@gmail.com in advance with details. Thanks to FoE for their support.

Recent SCANN activities worth mentioning

- **Influencing the SBSA Prosperity Strategy:** SCANN members Cat Fisher, Victoria Ransome, Paul Steedman and Cathy Shutt co-created an Open Letter to the [Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority](#) calling for a vision of Prosperity in which “people, place, the economy and nature are resilient and thrive together, now and in the future.” The letter was signed by over 200 organisations, businesses, and individuals, including many SCANN members. It has already shaped the nature and climate section of the Prosperity Strategy but we are yet to hear if our suggestions have been considered across the whole strategy as we wanted. Public engagement on the draft Prosperity Strategy starts soon. Read the letter on the [SCANN website](#)
- The first Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA) AGM in July 2026 was attended by some SCANN members as observers. SCANN was introduced informally to several of the newly elected board members and SBSA key staff.
- SCANN as a network supported and were co-signatories for a recent letter ([link](#)) to the new environment ministers Miatta Fahnbulleh, Katie White and Polly Billington, asking them to require all new devolved authorities to produce climate strategy and action plans which achieve net zero by 2050, and emissions reductions by 87% from 1990 levels by 2042 as recently agreed nationally in the seventh carbon budget.
- A group of SCANN members created a considered response on the Brighton & Hove City Plan 2041 Scoping Consultation, which is still open for comments until 7th September 2026, see [City Plan scoping consultation](#) Our comments on the 15 questions asked in the link are here: [‘suggested responses’](#). If you live in the Brighton & Hove City area please send in your own response; or, you are welcome to use our proforma replies as amended for your particular views.
- The Steering Group continues to develop SCANN infrastructure: the SCANN logo was finalised, we established banking arrangements, and applied for funding from FoE to cover the gathering.

Other consultations in progress are:

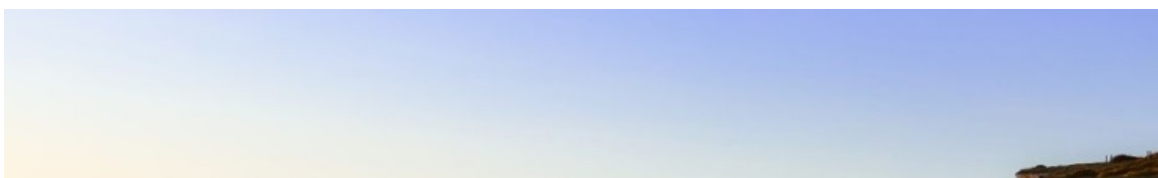
- Review of recently released Sussex Nature Recovery Strategies for East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove; and

- Managing flood risks across the City (of Brighton & Hove).



A reminder: SCANN's aims are to:

- Champion climate, nature and environmental justice across Sussex's devolution process, including upcoming local and mayoral elections, seeking a united voice.
- Foster collaboration among grassroots environmental groups across Sussex by sharing knowledge, building skills and taking joint action.
- Support each other in navigating and responding to forthcoming changes in local governance.





Help us to build our membership and impact

Please let us have any feedback on our first summer Newsletter (July 2026); or request a copy if you have not seen it.

*Should the Newsletter be publicly available on the SCANN website for example?

*If you wish to contribute articles for the Newsletter please email

contactscann@gmail.com

*If you have not done so already, please [Join SCANN](#), and the [SCANN Community](#) on WhatsApp

Review [our website](#) and see our draft 'asks' of the Mayor / Authority, particularly in the topics areas that interest you most. Do also check out our padlet-based [SCANN Noticeboard](#) that you can all contribute to.

We now have a list of [organisations that our members belong to](#). If your organisation, group or company is NOT listed then email us to get added (see below).

For enquiries through to the Steering Group then email

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