

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****BRIGHTON & HOVE - A ONE PLANET CITY**

“At a time when Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, at the Council of foreign relations [1], talked of “the gathering threat of climate change,” we are proud that Brighton and Hove has received accreditation from BioRegional as the World’s first One Planet City.

BioRegional’s recognition is far from being the end of the project - merely an encouraging step on the way. We now need to make the agreed Action Plan, produced by the council’s Sustainability Team, into a reality.

This excellent plan sets out clear and practical ways in which we will save money from the public purse; cut carbon; improve our local communities; and strengthen the economic and environmental resilience of our city.

For example we are slashing our energy and water bills by cutting down on waste, and supporting residents and businesses around the city to do the same. Paying the living wage puts money back into resident’s pockets; thus supporting local businesses.

Globally cities such as Brighton and Hove produce 75% of carbon emissions but are also uniquely placed to combat climate change through technological innovation. We will support the Eco Technology show, which gives a platform and networking opportunities for business in this burgeoning sector.

Already, many organisations in the city are working with us, applying One Planet Living principles to boost our local economy, become more resistant to price hikes in energy, fuel and food, and fostering a more equal, healthy and resilient Brighton & Hove.

To that end this council resolves to:

- Welcome the historic One Planet City designation, the prestige it brings to our city, and the unique opportunity to showcase our strengths and innovation;
- Support the council’s Sustainability Action Plan;
- Express support for work with partners within the City and beyond, whose invaluable contributions have helped earn our city this accreditation.”

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[1] [http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/climatechange/pages/gateway/template/news\\_item.jsp?cid=39006](http://www.un.org/wcm/content/site/climatechange/pages/gateway/template/news_item.jsp?cid=39006)