



Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

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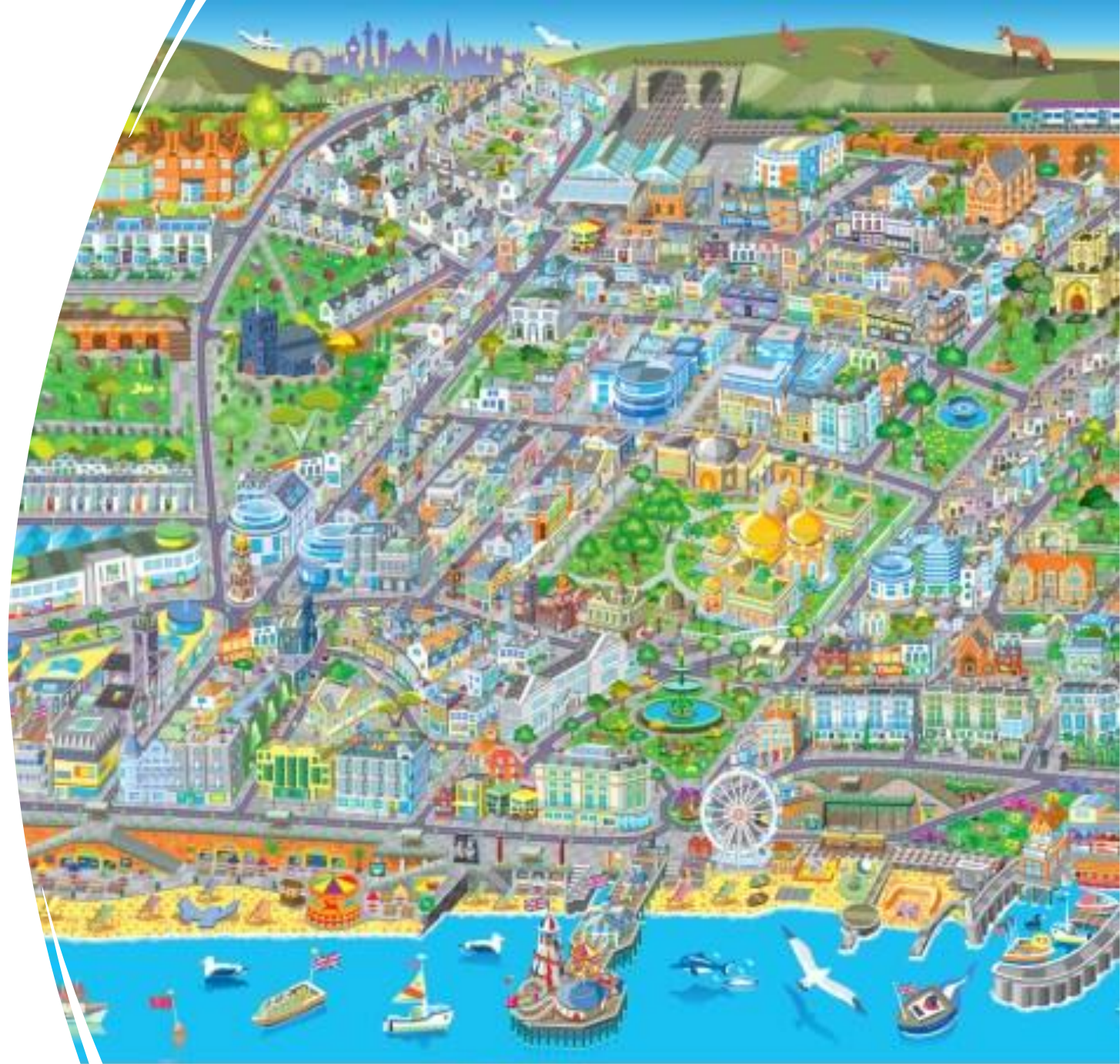
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# Brighton & Hove Food Partnership – why we get involved in local elections

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- Although we are political neutral doesn't mean we are politically disengaged
- Unitary authority – number of areas of interest + budget
- Ward level support for community food work
- Lead administration changes regularly – blue, red, green, red, green & red



Things we  
have done.  
Be mindful of  
capacity -but  
do  
something!

STICK YOUR HAND  
UP

ASK YOUR CANDIDATE  
– 5-10 QUESTIONS TO  
ALL CANDIDATES

CONSULTATION  
EVENT TO DRAW UP  
QUESTIONS



# We also used the process to introduce the Food Partnership

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- **Our questions have covered**

Food Poverty

Reducing Food Waste

How will you support community food groups

Procurement and minimum buying standard

Allotments and space for community food growing

Promoting healthy eating



Election 2015  
**Our questions  
to you**

**The choices we make about food are important because they affect our health, our local economy and the condition of the environment.**

If elected, you will have the opportunity to make decisions which take into account the economic, health and social benefits of sustainable approach to food.

# Top Tips

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- ❖ Do your research – check what powers that level of local government has and only ask about that – some of the things we want are a national level
- ❖ Less is better in terms of number of questions
- ❖ Don't be shy - ask them
- ❖ If going to hustings write your questions in advance so you ask them in a concise, clear fashion
- ❖ Think about timeline in terms of when this will take place
- ❖ Share a list of questions for people to ask if 'door knocked', see candidates on the streets, for people to ask on social media or if they go to online hustings– the more people that ask about food the more than candidates know it is an issue
- ❖ Thank everyone who responds and don't let your own politics get in the way
- ❖ After the elections write to congratulate all the elected people – share resources
- ❖ Offer visits to community projects / sustainable enterprises (preferably with a meal or cake) – seeing is believing and people remember food given!
- ❖ Having a nominated Councillor from the Lead Administration as 'your' person
- ❖ Go back to the list of commitments to see what you can get into the 'corporate plan' or other strategic document

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# Bristol Green Capital Partnership

Organising a hustings

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# Bristol Green Capital Partnership

## **Our Vision**

A sustainable Bristol with a high quality of life for all

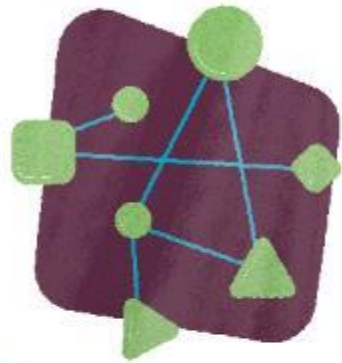
## **Our Mission**

To support Partnership members and promote sustainability throughout Bristol and the West of England, providing a leadership voice and enabling collaboration and collective action across sectors towards our shared vision





# Our approach



## ENABLING

Supporting the Partnership network of over 1,000 organisations – enabling collaboration, information and skills-sharing, and collective action



## AMPLIFYING

Showcasing innovation and best practice, and broadening the reach of sustainability initiatives within and beyond Bristol and the West of England



## INFLUENCING

Enabling members of the Partnership to engage with policy-makers and decision-making processes to ensure city, regional and national frameworks support our shared vision



# 2016 & 2017 Elections

- An alliance of organisations & groups, centrally coordinated by BGCP
- Non-selective hustings, limited no. of candidates invited
- Set out key themes in advance
- A good Chair!
- Audience interaction
- Engaging with local media



# Building on experience in 2021

- Ensure the priorities and concerns of communities are represented
- Questions on cross-cutting issues and commitments
- Amplify campaigns & key asks
- Moving online

[Friends of Earth advice: Elections 2021 | Climate Action \(takeclimateaction.uk\)](#)



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# Many thanks

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