Highlights

Over the past year, sustainability at the University of Cambridge has focussed on our commitment to zero carbon and meeting our ambitious Science Based Target. Here are some of our achievements over 2020/21...

FALLING EMISSIONS
Decreased market-based emissions by 39% on the previous year - keeping us on track to achieve our Science Based Target.

RENEWABLE ENERGY
Increased the amount of renewable energy we procure.

SELF GENERATION
Started generating electricity from slurry, which will reduce emissions in the future.

RECYCLING
73% of waste generated by the University recycled.

SINGLE OUT
Single Out survey found 150+ different single-use items disposed of each year – over one million items. We’re working on initiatives to reduce the main culprits.

BIODIVERSITY
Planted extensive wildflower strips, restored ponds, engaged more people with biodiversity monitoring – all to meet aims of our Biodiversity Action Plan.

DEEP RETROFIT
of Entopia Building to create an ultra-low carbon sustainability hub. Aim to achieve both the Passivhaus ‘EnerPHit’ and BREEAM ‘Outstanding’.

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL
90% of staff commuted by sustainable modes including working from home.

TRAVEL ADVICE
New Travel Advisor Service offers personalised support and advice.

SELF-DRIVE SHUTTLES
Autonomous vehicle trials saw three self-driving shuttles transport 300+ passengers.

TRANSPORT
Universal Bus Service continued to provide transport for key workers.

LAUNCHED
Strategic Procurement and Purchasing project - putting sustainability at the heart of all decisions.

ISO 20400
Activities started towards achieving the international standard in sustainable procurement, ISO 20400.

CLIMATE EXPO
Cambridge Zero and Cambridge University Press hosted Climate Exp0 and Cambridge’s first global Climate Change Festival.

FUTURE LEADERS
Cambridge Zero launched a research symposium and Future Leaders programme.

THE FUTURE WE WANT
Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership launched The Future We Want - a global conversation with leading names in business, finance, government and academia.

GREEN IMPACT
In Green Impact 49 awards, were presented to 47 teams and 2,400+ sustainability actions were completed.

WINNER
at the Green Gown Awards in the Reporting with Influence category for our Environmental Sustainability Report 2019/20.