

Council	Agenda Item 72 (8)
1 February 2018	Brighton & Hove City Council

NOTICE OF MOTION**GREEN GROUP****CLEAN AIR DAY**

This council notes that Nitrogen dioxide concentrations in Brighton and Hove continue to exceed EU and UK standards; with Public Health England estimating that exposure to 'fine particulate matter' contributes 5-6% to all causes of annual mortality in the city.

This Council resolves to:

1. Request that a report be brought to Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee, exploring the potential to introduce an annual Cleaner Air Day from 2018, with the aim of raising awareness of the causes and effects of air pollution and thereby helping residents to understand how they can help clean up our air and protect themselves and their children.
2. That such a report assess the implementation of a Cleaner Air Day with consideration of:
 - suitable roads to be closed,
 - the most practicable date,
 - any economic and environmental costs and effects, both short and long term.

Proposed by: Cllr Greenbaum

Seconded by: Cllr Mac Cafferty

Supporting Information:

In Paris last September, emissions went down 40% on their 3rd annual *journee sans voitures*. This has been so successful it has both been repeated and also expanded from the historic city centre to the entire city. Reduced noise has also been very popular with residents. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/paris-car-ban-day-pollution-climate-change-a7981196.html>

A Cleaner Air Day would involve closing some city centre roads to traffic, organising a volunteer-led 'no-idling' patrol, as well as community, school, business and workplace led awareness and pollution reduction events. Suggested dates are June, to align with UK Clean Air Day, or September, to align with International Car Free Day.

In Brighton and Hove exposure to fine particulate matter is linked to 175 deaths each year and a factor in health conditions such as stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and both chronic and acute respiratory diseases, including asthma. Reducing air pollution benefits all but particularly our children and older people who are disproportionately affected. Research on the link between air pollution and childhood asthma (Kings College London):

<https://www.kcl.ac.uk/lsm/research/divisions/aalb/newsevents/newsarchive/featured/exhale.aspx>

There is a real threat of legal action if we do nothing to act on air pollution:

<https://www.clientearth.org/air-pollution/>

