



Porter Croft Church of England Primary Academy is one of four schools in the city with a School Street



Coun Douglas Johnson talks to the pupils about their work



The former president added: "All of us have a part to play, all of us have work to do and all of us have sacrifices to make."

"Those of us who live in big, wealthy nations, those of us who helped to precipitate the problem, we have an added burden to make sure that we are working with and helping and assisting those who are less responsible and less able, but are more vulnerable to this oncoming crisis."

A veteran of the failed UN climate summit in Copenhagen in Paris which secured the world's first comprehensive climate treaty, Mr Obama was speaking at an event by Cop26 organisers the UN-FCCC on island resilience.

Calling for more action and for countries to stick to the pledges they have made in Glasgow and previously, he said: "It's important for us to recognise as was true five years ago we have not done enough."

The Hawaiian native said he is an 'island kid' and ended his speech quoting a Hawaiian saying which he said roughly translates as 'unite to move forward'.

Green community projects are showcased at roadshow event

Sheffield Council hosted an event around the climate crisis as the city prepares for the 'biggest transition since the Industrial Revolution'. The council organised a regional roadshow at Kelham Island Museum, Alma Street, on Saturday to coincide with COP26 in Glasgow.

Neepsend Community Alliance partnered with the council to showcase community projects contributing towards Sheffield's target of becoming net zero by 2030.

There was a programme of talks on sustainable food and urban conservation and activities running throughout the day. People were able to talk with councillors, local businesses and experts and staff from the



Hapa Zone - the art of leaf shaving - was one of the activities

council's sustainability team, taste food and drink made in Sheffield from surplus and local food produce by Food Works and Regather, sample Minor Figures oat milk and try Hapa Zone - the art of leaf shaving - with the council's community forestry team.

This week, the council's climate change transitional committee is discussing the authority's 10 Point Plan for tackling the climate

emergency. It is a key part of the council's One Year Plan which sets out a framework for how the council will work with residents, partners and businesses to develop and deliver action to tackle the crisis. A working draft will be presented to the committee for consideration and comment tomorrow and residents and businesses were able to submit their thoughts on the plan.



Sheffield's Clean Air Zone will cover the inner ring road.

Zone needed to help reduce deaths

Hundreds of people are dying prematurely each year in Sheffield from air pollution which is why the city needs a Clean Air Zone.

Air pollution is a major public health challenge that is damaging the life chances of people nationwide but air quality in Sheffield has exceeded legal levels since 2010.

Tom Finnegan-Smith, head of strategic transport at Sheffield Council, said: "In Sheffield air pollution contributes to the early deaths of around 500 people every year and particularly affects the long-term health of young people and those with existing health conditions."

"The Sheffield Clean Air Strategy 2017 stated that addressing the effects of air pollution is a public health emergency. The World Health

Organisation guidelines provide clear evidence of the damage air pollution inflicts on health.

"The guidelines recommend new air quality levels to protect the health of populations, by reducing levels of key air pollutants, some of which contribute to climate change." Clean Air Zone Class C is the standard needed to

achieve legal levels of air quality, along with wider traffic management measures.

The inner ring road is a key area given the volume of traffic but also the regeneration of the city centre will eventually see 21,000 new homes.

Mr Finnegan-Smith added: "Multiple places across our road network are in breach of legal limits for air quality with vehicles, particularly diesel vehicles, exposing communities to invisible but harmful concentrations of nitrogen dioxide. The primary goal is to encourage and support the removal of the most polluting vehicles from the city's roads."

Buses, coaches and HGV drivers face a £50 daily charge for going through the zone. Vans, minibuses, private hire taxis and hackney carriages will pay £10. Automatic number plate recognition cameras will catch vehicles, but private drivers are exempt. Sheffield Council is offering a number of grants and loans so drivers can upgrade their vehicles and avoid paying the penalty. There will be a public consultation before the zone is introduced late in 2022.