

Borders Climate Hub

What do we want to achieve?

- Net-zero and a climate resilient Borders through community actions and activities

How can we achieve this?

- Through establishing a vision for the future that will be designed and achieved through a self-organising, fully inclusive, adaptive network to support communities in their efforts to reach net-zero and create a resilient Scottish Borders

What's the hub's role in this?

- To enable and facilitate the emergence of this self-organising network/system by:
- strengthening the capacity of existing individuals, groups and organisations to support communities
- identifying gaps and helping to fill them
- facilitating the interconnections between those agents

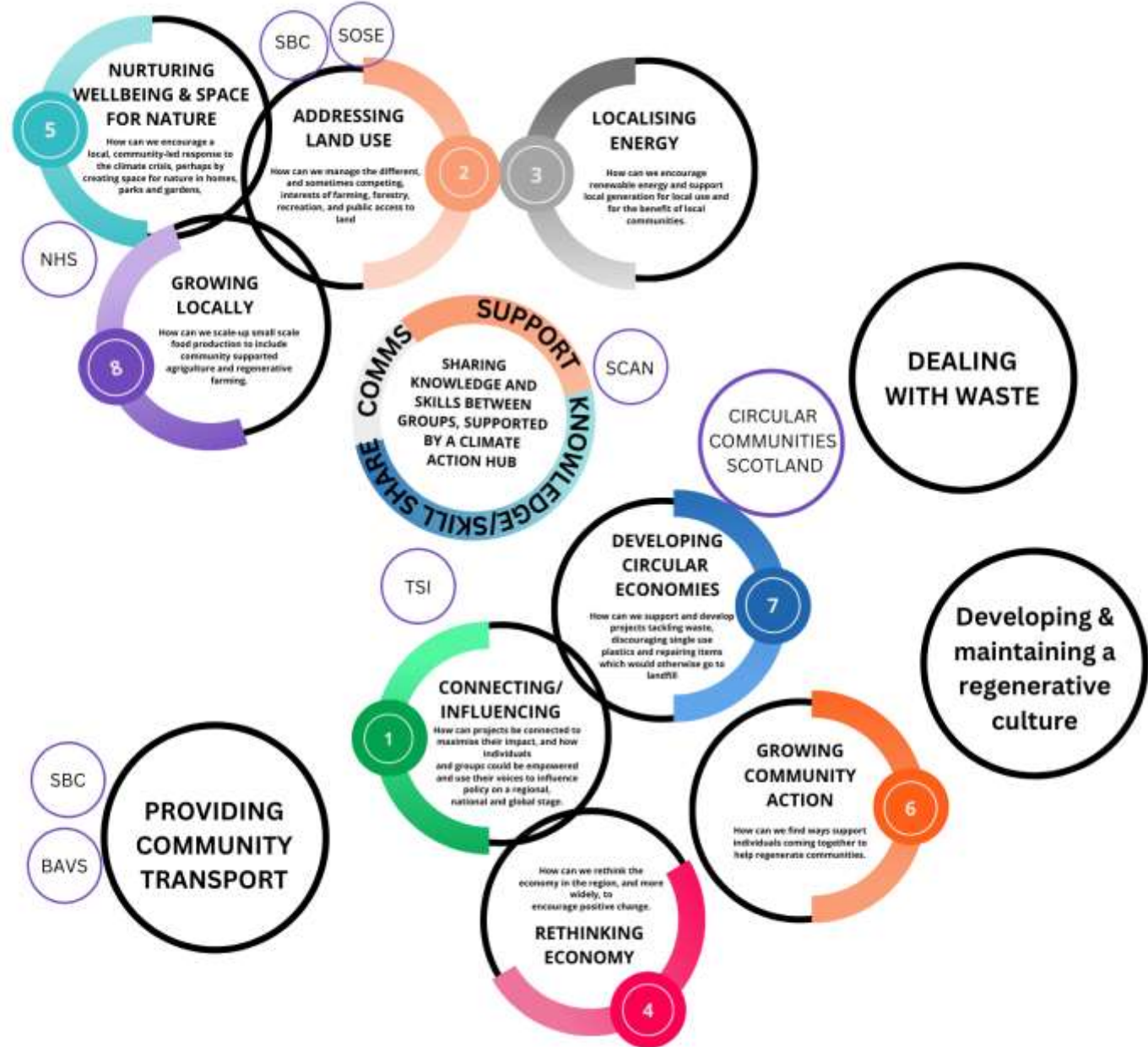
The term “hub” is used by Scottish Government in their funding application process , but since our ambition is be a Borders wide enterprise, focused on actions and activities to tackle climate change across the whole region, the name **Borders Climate Action Network** has been agreed as a working title. As a network we can do things differently, moving away from centralized control and to develop a method of working together which provides autonomy for groups and individuals to work towards a shared, emergent, collaborative and resilient future.

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- There are lots of great projects happening across the Borders. To uncover and map these activities, a Borders Green Summit was held in March and SCCAN visioning sessions were held in 2022/23
- These events
 - Highlighted key themes to be addressed if the Scottish Borders are to have a just transition to net zero
 - Created energy and ideas and demonstrated the need for further work
 - Started to build a strong network of groups including charities, CICs, statutory bodies and individuals
 - Recognised that embracing communities and other organisations not traditionally considered “Green” is key to long term success in tackling climate change
 - Proposed the creation of a “hub”, in-line with the Scottish Government initiative to support community climate action (<https://www.gov.scot/policies/climate-change/climate-challenge-fund/>)
- The summit and visioning sessions resulted in the formation of a “Next Steps” steering group, with individuals volunteering to take things forward

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The 8 Themes and how a hub fits into the Borders climate action landscape

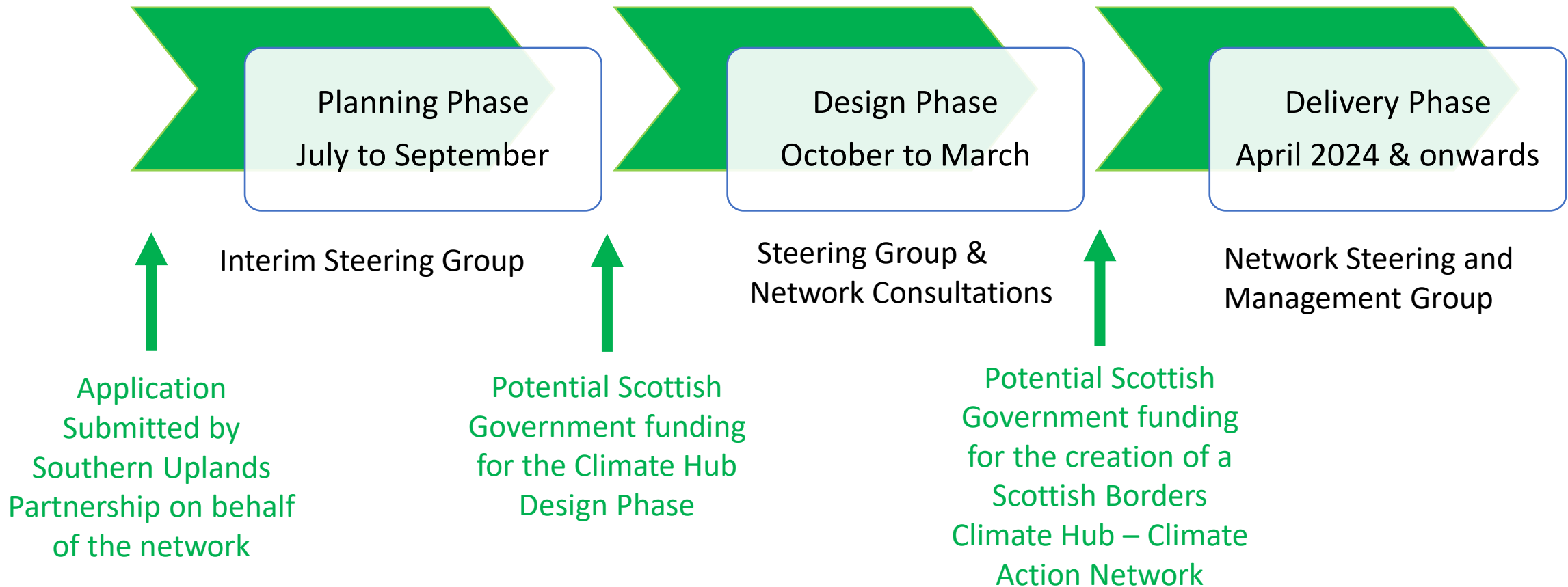


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- At the beginning of July, the Steering Group made an application to the Scottish Government, on behalf of the network, to establish a Climate Hub in the Scottish Borders.
- The funds will be used to design the hub and continue to build, strengthen and extend the network.
- If the application is successful, then the broader network needs to determine what we need from a hub and how it can best work for groups and individuals to support actions and activities to tackle climate change
- After developing a powerful feeling of collaboration at the Green Summit there is a strong desire across the network to do things differently. We want to challenge the norm of groups competing for money, and challenge the notion that funding, and activity is controlled centrally
- The Steering Group will support this process until a more permanent, agreed structure for the Climate Hub has been determined by the network.

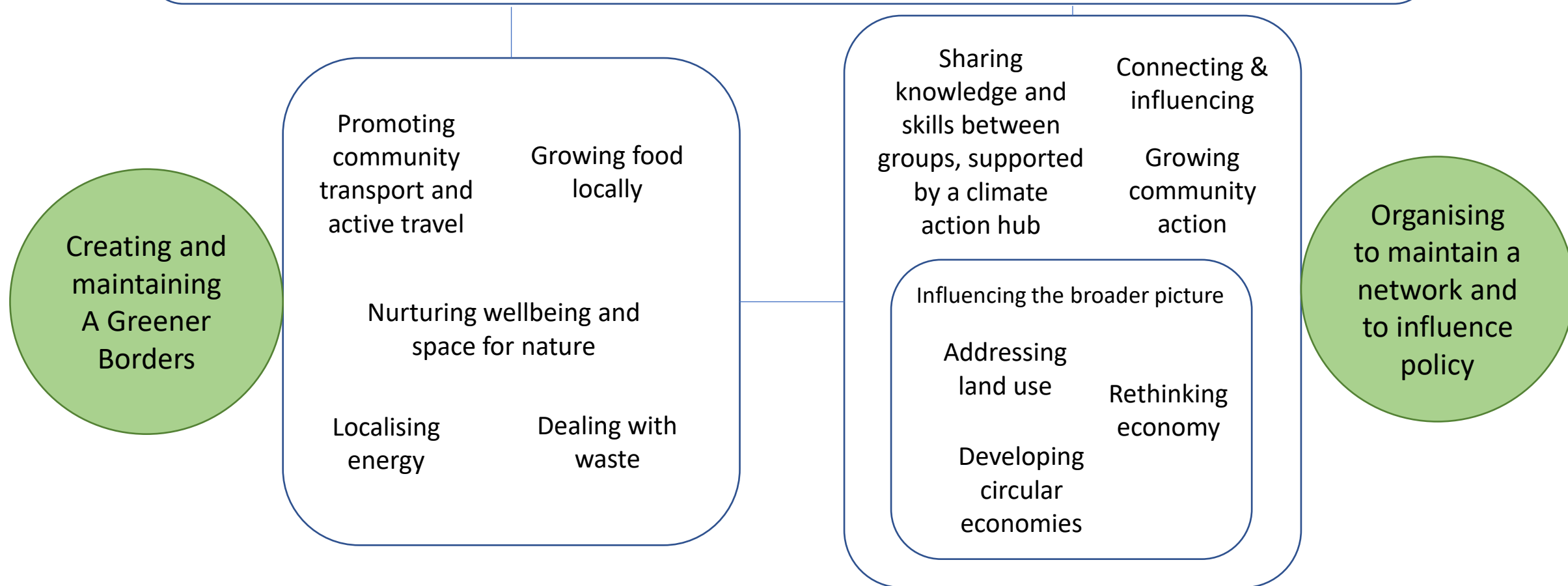
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Progress so far and future landmarks



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How a network can support Climate Change Action



This diagram represents one possible means of organizing the network. The final picture will emerge through wider participation in the design phase.

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Next Steps

- If the application to the Scottish Government is successful, the task of creating a Climate Action Network that meets the needs of individuals, groups and organisations across the Scottish Borders will begin.
- While the events that have already taken place have highlighted areas to address, the challenge of tackling climate change is ever changing, and new issues and concerns may arise.
- There is a strong desire in the Scottish Borders to do things differently, and to work collaboratively and inclusively to create an effective network to support a just transition to Net Zero.
- Over the coming months there will be opportunities to be involved and to help shape the design of the network and influence how we meet the challenge of our changing climate.
- Please join the mailing list by sending your details to piptabor@sup.org.uk
- Please circulate this information to anyone in your network, individuals, groups and organisations, who you think would like to be involved

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- Alice Fisher – Sea the Change

The Steering Group are volunteers and happy to answer any questions you may have