

The VONNE Climate Project

Tees Valley Nature Partnership
Steering Group

Middlesbrough Football Club

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COP 25 Madrid. UN Secretary General's opening

“Three major reports from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – on land, on the oceans and cryosphere, and on the 1.5 degree Celsius climate goal – each confirm that we are knowingly destroying the very support systems keeping us alive.

And indeed, we are.

In several regions of the world, coal power plants continue to be planned and built in large numbers.

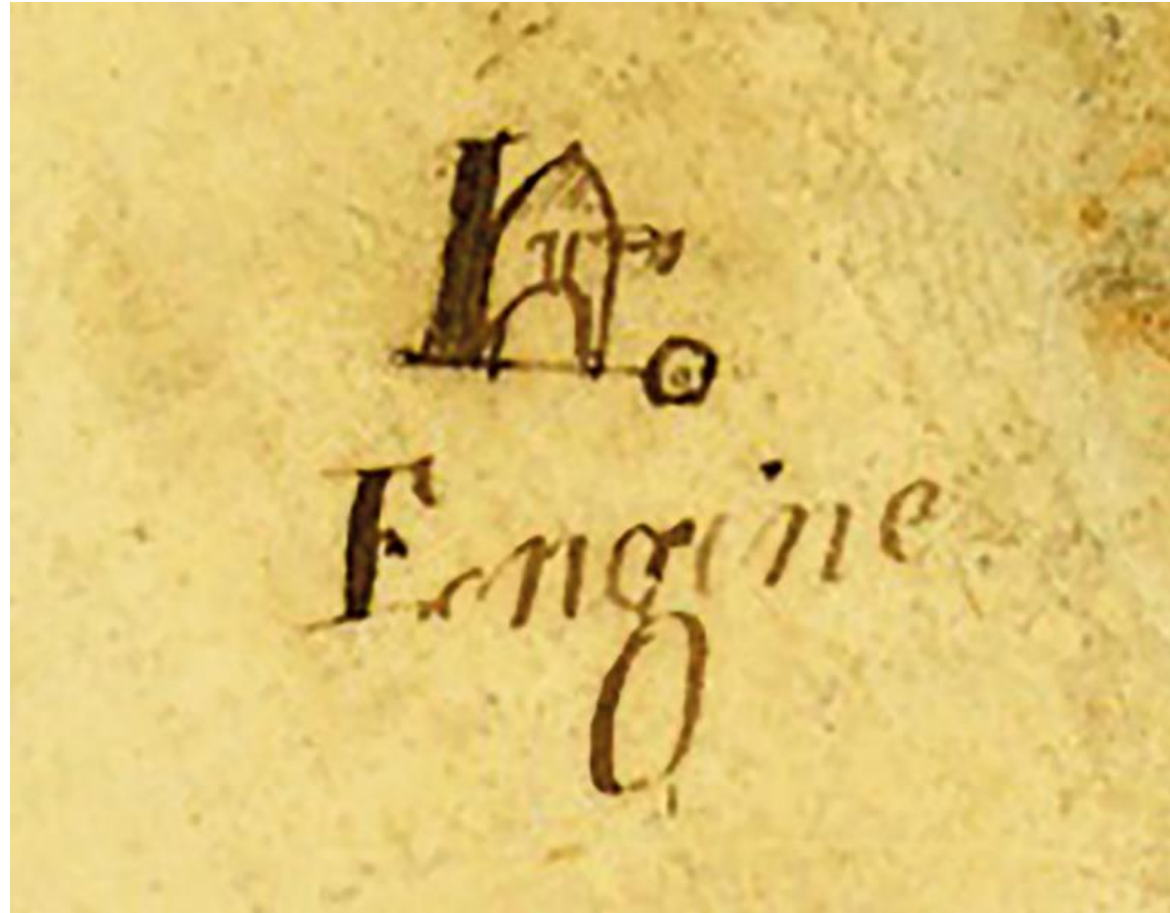
Either we stop this addiction to coal or all our efforts to tackle climate change will be doomed.

And, as the UN Environment Programme has just revealed, countries are planning to produce fossil fuels over the next decade at over double the level that is consistent with keeping temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius”

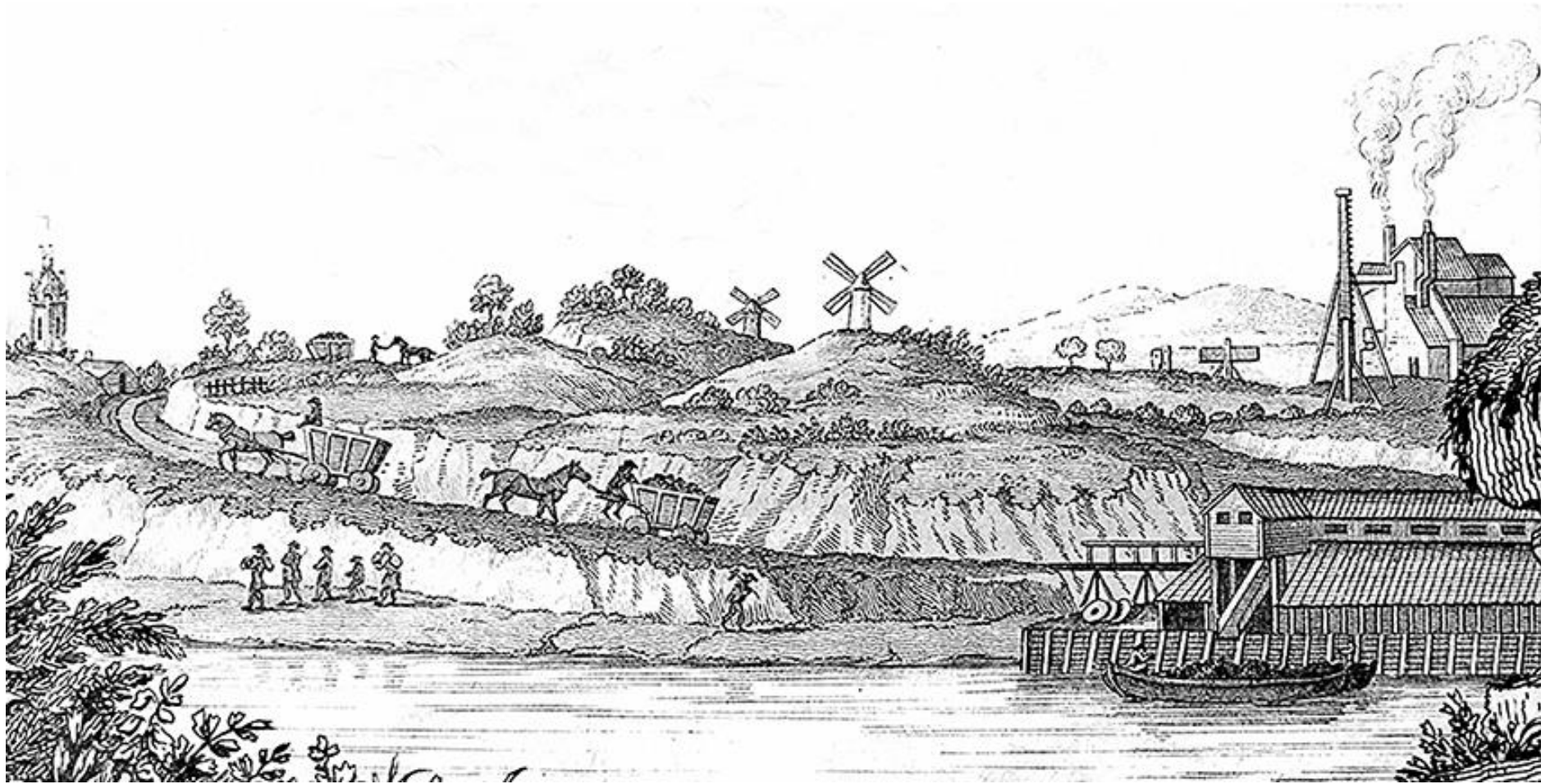
It was the engineers of the NE that 'released the genie of coal into the world'



1715 at Tanfield Lea



Gibson cartouche of 1787



Hetton Colliery 1830s



Parson's Heaton Works 1933



Shotton in the 1930s



The last shift. Kellingley 2015



Towards a Vision, Mission and Programme

- The VONNE Climate Project – in two parts
 - 1] Convening the Region to develop an overall Vision and Programme
 - 2] Developing and delivering a programme from Civil Society within it

A **Programme** Frameworkis needed for both Plus

An overall **Vision** for living in the North East in a low carbon economy

A **Mission** to ‘Become England’s Greenest Region’

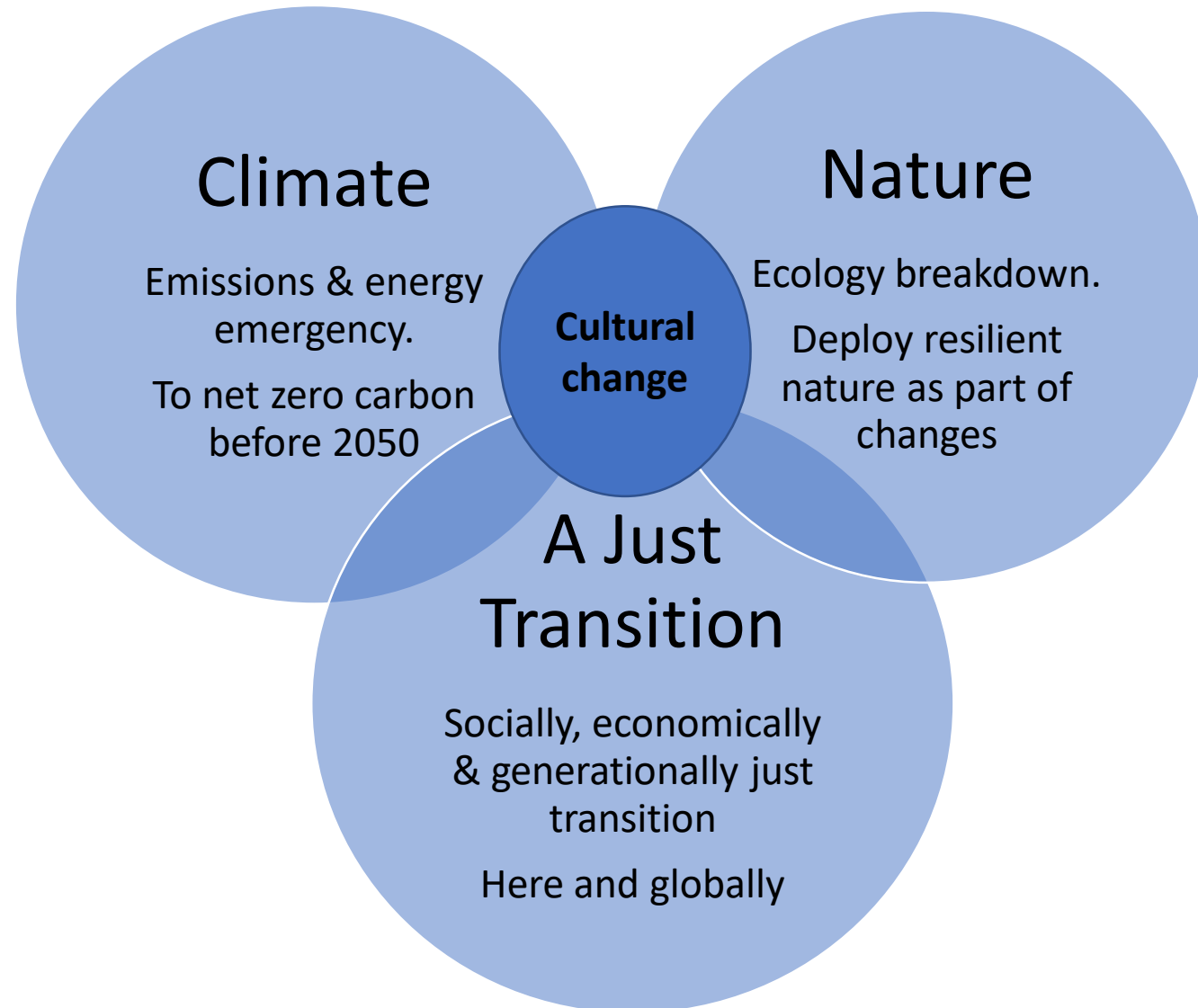
A **Structure** to deliver it through
and the **Resources** to deliver it with

1] Towards a Programme Framework for a North East Climate Coalition – chickens and eggs

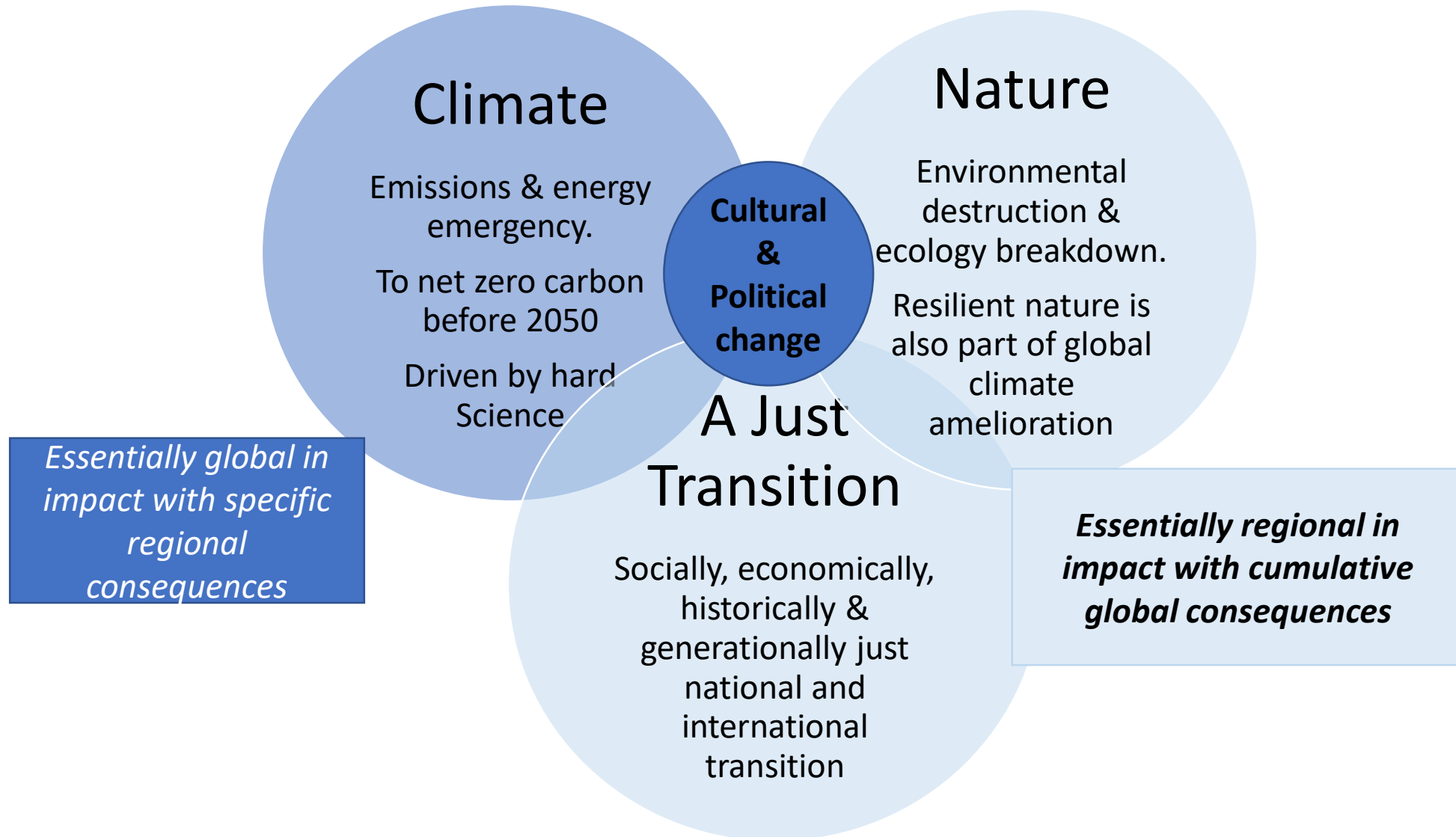
- CEOs of all 12 NE Local Authorities and 3 Combined Authorities
- The NE Local Enterprise Partnerships
- The Tees Valley Local Enterprise Partnership
- The Environment Agency
- The Health Strategy Group, Integrated Care system (CCGs, Hospitals, Public Health)
- Schools North East (linked to 1,150 schools)
- HE via Sustainability leads and a first group of Research institutes/departments
- CBI, Chamber of Commerce and FSB
- Regional TUC

- The North East England Nature Partnership
- The Tees Valley Nature Partnership
- Groundwork NE & Cumbria
- Youth Focus North East
- Climate Action North
- Northumberland Wildlife Trust
- Durham Wildlife Trust
- Social Action Leaders Network
- North East Cultural Partnership
- NewcastleGateshead Initiative
- The Common Room - NEIMME
- Redhills – Durham Miners Association

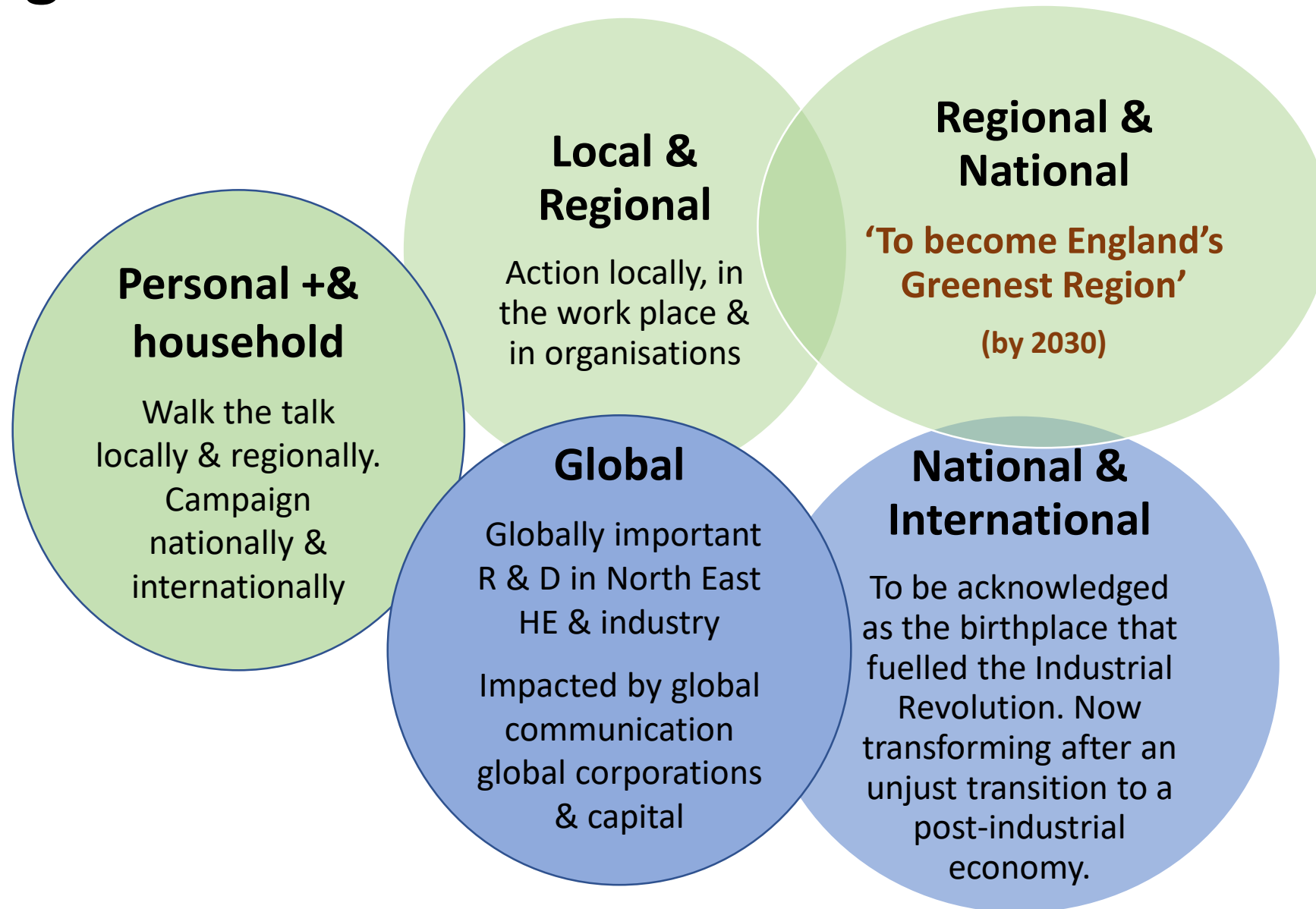
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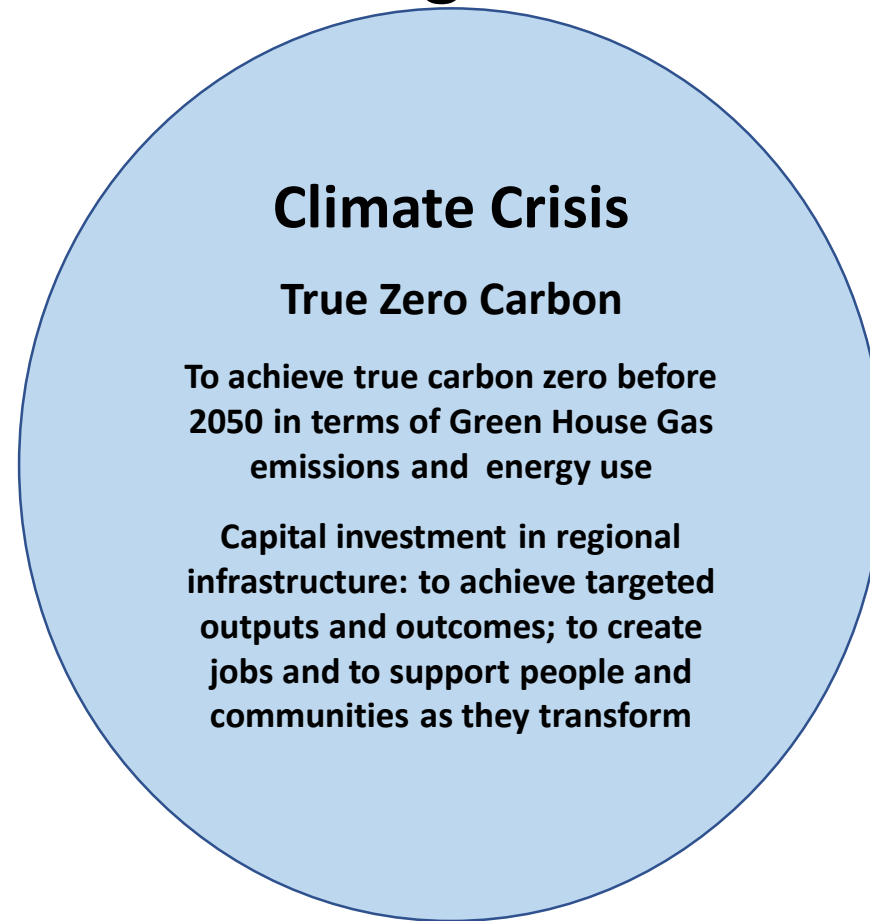
We argued that Climate Change was 'different in kind' and not amenable to 'local' or even regional address



We evolved a mission 'To become England's Greenest Region' that worked but had a weakness

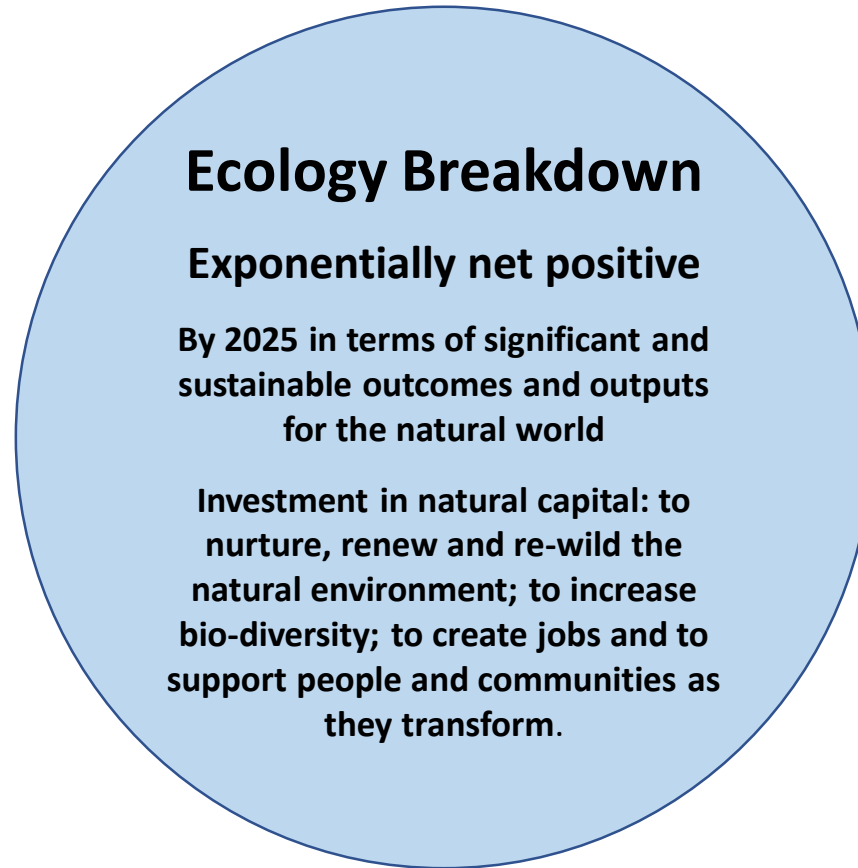


What if we added a focus on the national investment needed?
Our address to Climate Crisis might then be:



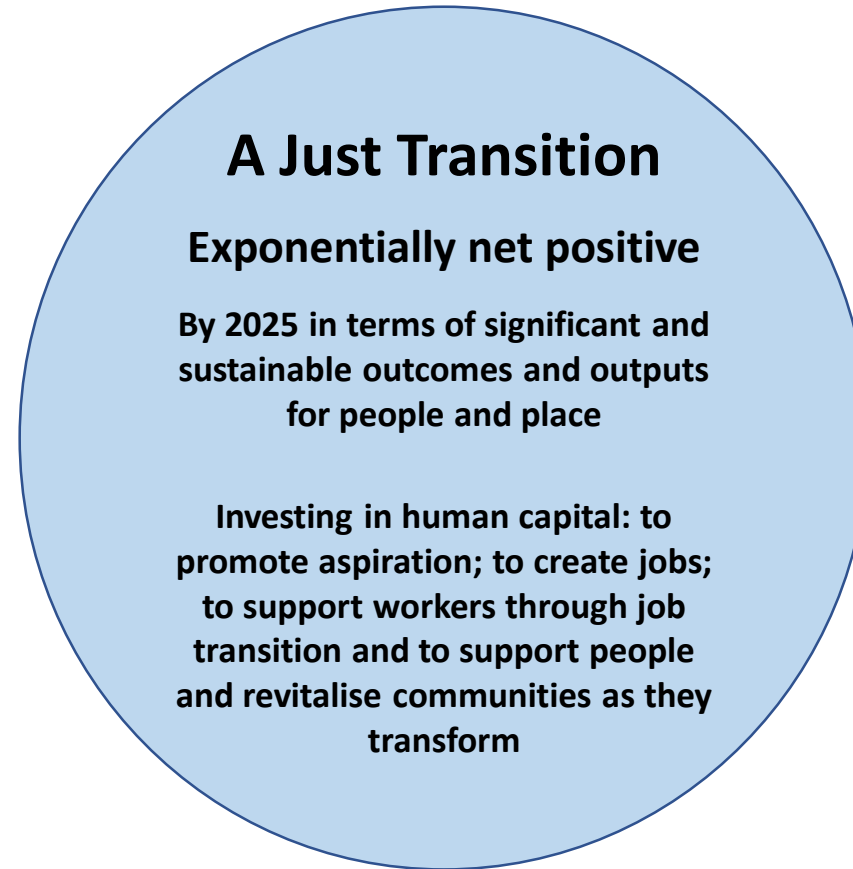
Investment in: Power generation, distribution, storage, insulation, housing, transport, industry, offices, public buildings, farming, digital, retail etc

That might produce this for Ecology Breakdown:

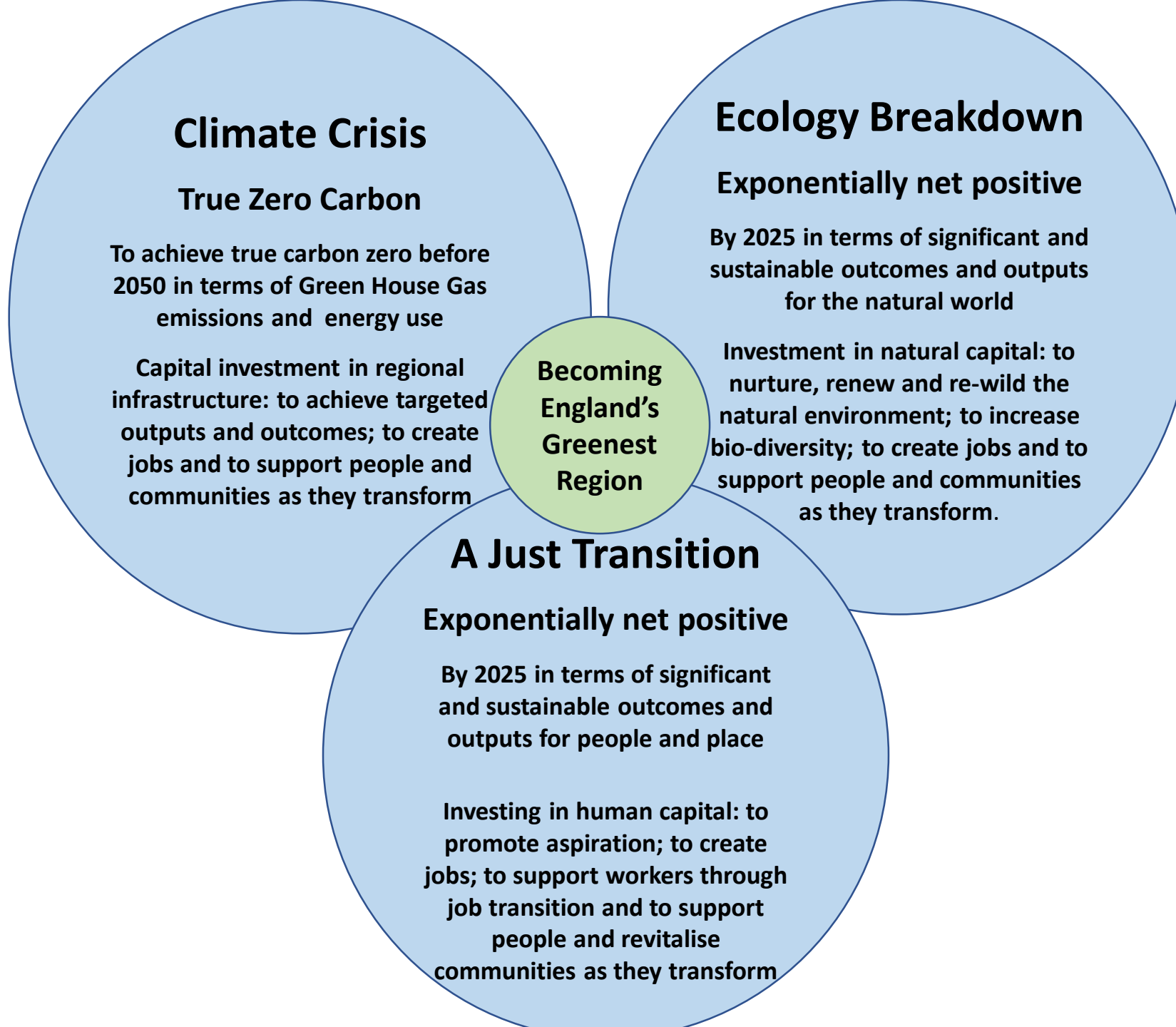


Investment in: land, rivers, sea and air, in farming, forestry and fisheries and in the natural environment in cities, towns, estates and villages

and this in terms of 'A Just Transition'



Investment in: Health and wellbeing; social care; education; skills and training; culture and heritage; local community facilities and the local environment



Towards an illustrative NE Climate Coalition Framework

Strategic partners	Possible Regional Programme strands	Connections
Local Enterprise Partnerships	Becoming England's Greenest Region	UN COP 26 and IPCC
Local Government	Media, Comms and PR On-line presence	UK Presidency 2020 & 2021 UK Climate Change Committee
Higher and Further Education	Climate Crisis	UK Presidency Programme
Business organisations & TUC	Ecology Breakdown	UK Government Departments and investment Programmes
Nature Partnerships	A Just Transition	UK Climate Coalition (NGOs)
Schools North East	Prospectus launch	UK National and International Civil Society movements (NB re COP 26)
Health – Integrated Care System	Statement of Ambition for 2030	Political Parties
Environment Agency	Annual Regional Climate Conference	Export potential
Civil Society	Research Evaluation and a 'Test Bed'	Other global 'place based' projects

2] ...and Civil Society within that overall programme?

-to support people and communities as they transform

Can we do that and address the aims of the Climate Action Fund which:

- will support communities across the UK to take action on climate change.
- will demonstrate what is possible when people take the lead in tackling climate change.
- will support projects that will work together, share their learning and be active participants in a broader movement of change
- aims to reduce the carbon footprint of communities.
- will support up to 15 place-based community-led partnerships to make the changes in their community they believe will have the biggest impact on climate change.