

Carbon Footprint Change Target Report - (Combined responses)

Battle Civil Parish
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Responsibilities

Change Targets	E.S.C.C	R.D.C	B.T.C	C&E Action Plan	Community Group	Individual	Government	Suggestions
1. Housing								
a) Hugely reduced energy demand from buildings, including heritage assets	X X	X X	X X X A	A	X X(TIG - to start autumn '23) X (Energise South East)	X X X	X X X	Showcase local houses which have decarbonised; host events for residents to learn more about decarbonising their homes; encourage homeowners to retrofit/ make energy efficiency changes
b) Smarter & more flexible management of energy demand, including storage	X		X	A		X X X	X X X X	Promote smart storage heating; support batteries alongside clean energy generation
c) Decarbonised heat delivery	X	X	X A	A		X X X	X X X X	Showcase local houses which have decarbonised; host events for residents to learn more about decarbonising their homes; encourage homeowners to retrofit/ make energy efficiency changes
d) New buildings and developments that achieve net zero emissions	X X	X? X X X X	A A	A		X X	X X X	Can Rother Planning Dept require this? If so, why isn't it? If not, it's up to Gov to amend the law. Can ESCC set up training hubs for building trade to acquire the necessary skills, and perhaps bulk-buying arrangements for materials to reduce costs. Push RDC to ensure the new Local Plan is as ambitious as possible with regards to zero carbon new buildings Suggest to IM&R Subcommittee for Battle CP Neighbourhood Plan update
2. Transport								
a) Reduced private car travel	X X X X	X X X	X X X A	X		X X X X X	X X X X X	Allow all staff to work from home where practicable, and replace car journeys to meetings with Zoom calls for those who can't get to meetings other than by car. BTC could run a WFH campaign to encourage local employers who don't allow eligible staff to do so, and could perhaps set up a regular local 'social club' meeting/refreshment point in the town for those who get lonely at home?
b) A complete shift to electric vehicles (and an end to petrol & diesel cars & vans)	X X X X	X X X X	X X A	A		X X X X	X X X X	Gov funding needed in cash for old cars and subsidies for electric, also a pricing and penalty structure that encourages companies to rapidly fix broken charge points and reduces cost for those who don't have a home charging point. Plus sorting out a nationwide charging network and refuting the various myths about electric cars. Can Rother insist that all petrol stations install rapid charging points? If so, it should. Should also plan to have most car parks covered with solar and providing fast charging points throughout. All councils need to ensure all their vehicles are electric, including dustbin lorries. Encourage EV charging installation; shared charging; businesses installing charging points where possible (holiday lets etc) Higher taxes on carbon based fuels
c) Massively reduced air travel, particularly among frequent flyers		X	A	A		X X X X	X X X X	I think this is entirely in Gov hands and depends on tax structure for frequent flyers. Everyone who flies knows it's a high carbon polluting activity Encourage EV charging installation; shared charging; businesses installing charging points where possible (holiday lets etc)
d) Increase in active and public transport	X X X X X	X X X	X X X A	A	X (HARTAG and SECROP)	X X X X X	X X X X	Gov needs to improve funding for rural bus and cycle networks, but until that happens, councils need to do whatever they can re buses (electric), safe cycle routes and secure bike storage facilities (a rack on the Green covered by CCTV would help?) and better walking routes. More funding. Better promotion and accessibility to timetabling. Susedised public transport
3. Food & Diet								
a) Altered dietary patterns & reduced food waste	X X	X	A	A A	? X	X X X X X	X X X X	Gov needs to provide dietary advice and follow up with legislation on unhealthy food. All the councils could provide healthy eating info. BTC could set up a scheme to distribute out of date food from shops for free. Could BTC also run a bulk-buy discount food club, with easy healthy recipes and waste-avoiding meal plans, that anyone in the town could join? Are Battle's schools part of the nationwide effort to get schoolchildren to eat 3 or 4 vegetarian lunches each week? Altered dietary patterns & reduced food waste. Taxes on high carbon foodstuffs (as with "sugar tax")
b) Widely adopted agricultural practices that reduce emissions & increase soil carbon		X	X X A	A	X(Groundswell) X	X X	X X X X X	Gov needs to revise ELMS so it provides rational support for regenerative farming and rewinding. C&E could begin a conversation with local farmers about regenerative farming (perhaps attending Groundswell this year to get up to speed). BTC could provide information to gardeners and allotment holders about no-dig methods, biodiversity and soil carbon. Widely adopted agricultural practices that reduce emissions & increase soil carbon. Landowners. Subsidies for green production

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4. Goods & Services								
a) Hugely altered consumption patterns, buying less and re-using/repairing more	X X X	X X X	X X A A	A	X X (ChbrOfComm) X	X X X X	X X X	Gov could adopt EU legislation on reparability and assist with repair skills training and facilities. As could councils. BTC could see if a landlord would allow an empty shop to be used as a temporary repair shop. Support a local repair café and/or Library of Things; reduce waste from council operations (go paperless, zero waste events etc) Promotion of shop local Use it or lose it campaign. Encourage "right to repair" regulations. Promote repair cafes
b) Decarbonised power generation	X X	X X	X A	A	X	X X	X X X X X	Principally a Gov matter as they must provide funding and strategy to decarbonise all power generation and direct Nat Grid priorities and funding. Wealthy individuals can install solar panels, if BTC, ESCC and Rother have the funds they can do so too. It would be good for C&E to investigate communal power generation, whether by shared solar panels, or other renewables (wind, heat pump, etc). Support local clean energy generation
5. Waste								
a) Greatly increased recycling rates to achieve a circular economy model, taking plastics out of the waste stream	X X X	X X X X	X X X A	A	X	X X X X X	X X X X	Rother could improve recycling information. BTC could provide 3 public waste bins where there is currently only one, with recycling instructions on each. Government should legislate for improved and consistent recycling nationwide, and individuals need to recycle correctly. Support a local repair café and/or Library of Things
b) Widespread, actively managed and planned carbon storage strategies	X	X X	X			X	X X X X X	Support natural carbon sinks only. Suggest BTC plants more trees and Rother refuses any PPAs that have or will involve cutting down trees. PPA permissions to fell trees because of subsidence should be refused and home owners install pile foundations instead. Encourage residents to plant and maintain trees. Campaign for Gov to change planning law accordingly, and for Forestry Commission to refuse all licences to fell mature oaks (biodiversity value), and all licences to fell semi-natural Ancient Woodland
6. General								
								I think there is a need for a way for local councils and authorities to meet and share best practice and problems overcome. An annual or biannual conference might work well, along similar lines to that set up for educators by David Milliband. Is there such a thing? If not, in the absence of Gov action, I suggest we set one up and plan to hold it in November '23.

Tick ultimate responsibility (one or more)
Write 'A' for Assist, where BTC or a community group can assist