

ACTION PLAN FOR THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Objectives

1. To increase awareness of the climate emergency, to advise and enable residents in Battle Civil Parish to reduce their personal carbon footprint and to reduce the carbon footprint of Battle Town Council.
2. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and the natural assets of Battle Civil Parish.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR OBJECTIVE 1

("To increase awareness of the climate emergency, to advise and enable residents in Battle Civil Parish to reduce their personal carbon footprint and to reduce the carbon footprint of Battle Town Council.")

3. To increase awareness of the Climate emergency
4. To advise and enable residents in the Civil Parish of Battle to reduce their carbon footprint
5. To reduce the Carbon footprint at Battle Town Council

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
MEDIUM TERM				
Press releases, Website, Newsletter, Social Media Battle Alerts page on website for green tips and advertising and promoting green actions through local businesses. Aim to create 6 informative entries/articles.	3	DTC, All Councillors and Staff Committee responsibility ER&TD		Nov 2023
Education: Links with schools and youth groups, Volunteer groups and community groups. Aim to see evidence of increased community involvement.	3	All Councillors and Community group leaders Committee responsibility ER&TD		Nov 2023
Inform residents, Councillors and staff about courses and conferences and training opportunities via Press releases, Website, Newsletter, social media. Opportunities for practical learning via walks and talks with experts. Aim to complete Climate and Ecological awareness courses.	3	Councillors and Community expertise (i.e., Wild about Battle, and Local authority experts) Committee responsibility F&GP		Nov 2023
Promote communication via Press releases, Website, Newsletter, Social Media, Town Forums and open meetings such as the Parish Assembly.	3	All Staff and Members at BTC Committee responsibility ER&TD		Nov 2023

Aim is to increase the number of Likes, Website visits and numbers signed up to Battle E-bulletins.				
Promote access to Information about local transport (Newsletter, Newspaper, Social media). Aim is to see an increased use of local buses and reduction of private car use.	4	All councillors and DTC Committee responsibility P & T		Nov 2023
Promote bus and train usage. Set challenge for young people. Aim is to see an increased use of local buses and reduction of private car use.	4	Community groups and schools Staff and Councillors		Nov 2023
Promote involvement with transport groups e.g.HARTAG and SECRPS. Possible online survey to residents. Aim is to see an increased use of local buses and reduction of private car use.	4	Staff and Councillors		Nov 2023
Promote car sharing. Aim is a reduction in private car usage	4	Staff and Councillors		Ongoing
Promote walking and cycling. Aim is an increased number of walkers and cyclists	4	Walking and Cycling Sub-Committee		Ongoing
Share information about home insulation. Aim is to increase the proportion of EPC rated C, B and A properties.	4	All councillors and community expertise		Nov 2023
To run a local energy campaign and make all residents of Battle CP aware of how to reduce their energy demand via Battle alerts; newsletters, energy advice desk at the Almonry. Aim is to increase awareness of residents about measures they can take to save energy and money.	4	All councillors, Energy experts		

Promoting use of water butts and grey water usage within the Parish. Aim is to publish results of a survey.	4	C&E Sub-Committee		Nov 2023
Promoting use of water butts on BTC property. Record number of new water butts installed.	4	Committee responsibility Environment, F&GP		Ongoing
Promote use of rain water to water floral displays	4	Committee responsibility Environment, ER&TD		Ongoing
Audit of ponds, wildflower areas, shaws on BTC estates. Aim is to establish positive aspects and gaps in biodiversity	4	Sub-Committee (depending on funding) Community groups		Nov 2023
Ascertain current carbon footprint of Council buildings. Aim is to draw up a carbon reduction plan	5	BTC Staff and C&E Sub-Committee		Review over next few years
Ascertain current carbon footprint of Council transport. Review future contracts for leasing and purchase Review staff transport. Aim is to draw up a carbon reduction plan	5	BTC Staff and C&E Sub-Committee		Review over next few years
Ascertain current carbon footprint of Council Energy. Review Energy supplier green credentials. Aim is to draw up a carbon reduction plan.	5	BTC Staff and C&E Sub-Committee		Review over next few years
Ascertain current carbon footprint of Council Lighting. Aim is to draw up a carbon reduction plan.	5	BTC Staff and C&E Sub-Committee		Review over next few years
Analyse and promote, reuse and recycle council waste. Aim to increase use of recycling bins	5	BTC office staff and grounds staff		Nov 2023

Review all BTC policies, service agreements and Contracts. Aim is to produce policies which address carbon footprint and biodiversity	5	C&E Sub-Committee		Nov 2023
Review use of pesticides, review choice of planting Introduce new habitats Aim is to further increase biodiversity	5	Committee Responsibility Environment Grounds staff, Beautiful Battle		Nov 2023
Reviewing contracts; existing and future. Aim to reduce CO2 Emissions	5	Committee responsibility F&GP		Review over next few years

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR OBJECTIVE 2

Objective 2 is reflected in the action plan

“To conserve and enhance biodiversity and the natural assets of Battle Civil Parish”

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MEDIUM TERM				
In woodlands, commence a process of tree audits within BTC estate. Implement programme of tree care. Commence audit of woodland carpet. Aim is to identify ancient and veteran trees in Battle civil Parish, and report damaged or dying trees, plan for re planting. Identify areas for natural reseedling and protection of endangered species. Healthy trees. Plan for planting programme, if required.	2	Experts and Community groups		Ongoing
In parks and open spaces, preserve wild flower meadows. Responsible grass cutting. Commence audit of hedgerows within BTC estate. Aim is the protection of rare species open spaces. Increase opportunities for rewilding and opportunities for wildlife to survive.	2	Environment Committee Experts, Community groups, BTC ground staff		Ongoing
Audit of existing wildlife verges and identify gaps. Aim is protection of rare species in verges.	2	Community groups		Ongoing
Preserve, enhance, and promote twittens. Encourage natural planters and peat free compost and insect / butterfly friendly planting and incredible edible. Aim is further acknowledgement of community asset and spirit	2	BTC Grounds staff and RDC staff Community groups and Beautiful Battle		Ongoing

Publicising of the allotments Educating to encourage re-purposed planters, peat free compost, rain capture and natural pesticides. Aim is to decrease the use of herbicides and pesticides by Grounds Staff.	2	Allotment owners and grounds staff		Ongoing
Short audit of different habitats on BTC estates. Encourage and celebrate introduction of bird and bat boxes and swift bricks as per NP. Aim is to establish positive aspects and gaps in biodiversity. Application to Sussex Lund for a community project.	2	Committee responsibility Environment BTC Staff and Community Groups		Nov 2023
Increase use of grey water and improve facilities for water capture. Aim is to reduce water bills and strain on water demands.	2	BTC and BB use of water tank for Almonry and install water butts on council managed buildings		Ongoing
Protect existing dark skies areas e.g. Kingsmead, George Meadow.	2	(No action at present)		Ongoing
Carry out audit of air quality	2	(No action at present)		Nov 2023