



Battle Town Council



Statement on Climate Change

Making Battle an environmentally aware place to live, work and visit

Battle Town Council declares a climate and ecological emergency and aims to reduce emissions within the organisation to meet net zero and support nature recovery across the parish, with an aspirational target of 2030/2035.

It is widely accepted that it is important to act now and this is why Battle Town Council has stretched its target over the UK Government's target of 2050; the cost of taking action will be far less than the cost of no action [David Attenborough].

Therefore, Battle Town Council will seek to:

- Meet net zero by 2030/2035 in all its direct operations;
- Understand the costs needed for change and plan accordingly;
- Provide useful information to influence the reduction of carbon emissions by the people of Battle, Netherfield and Telham;
- Protect, conserve and enhance the environment of Battle Civil Parish.

To achieve this aim, Battle Town Council pledges to develop policy that will:

1. Pro-actively reduce CO₂ emissions as an organisation and strategically reassess and adjust the scope of current activities in order to do so.
2. Increase biodiversity within Battle Town Council's Estate.
3. Set out an evolving & dynamic climate and ecology action plan, with a workable strategy to set realistic, achievable and measurable targets.
4. Place this issue on Town Council agendas and embed climate emergency action in all council strategies, plans, actions and communications.
5. Report annually the actions that Battle Town Council has taken to address this emergency.
6. Work in partnership with Rother District and East Sussex County Council to enable the support and resources to make the 2030/5 target possible.
7. Encourage and support the community of Battle to move towards net zero as soon as possible by providing information, actions and suggestions that help people change their behaviours to be more climate friendly.
8. Work with local people, groups, businesses and schools to determine and implement best practice methods to meet net zero by 2035.

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