Conclusions from the emissions report[1] for 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25

1. Emissions fell in the third year, although no specific reason can be identified for this. The highest emissions are from the electricity usage, however if this electricity can be supplied from a sustainable, renewable source then this reduces considerably (Rother District Council equates it to nil emissions). We have addressed this by obtaining electricity from a sustainable supplier, from January 2024 onwards.
2. Each year the reports cover slightly different categories, this is inevitable when the work of the Council changes from year to year. For example, when a new building opens, or a new area of green space is taken on, the building lettings increase or decrease etc.
3. It should be noted that these reports are concerned only with emissions, and do not relate to usage (of electricity, for example).
4. The Transmission and Distribution losses are known but are difficult to mitigate without reducing usage, however Battle Town Council has made some progress towards addressing this with solar generation and battery storage at the pavilion.
5. Very little can be done to reduce the emissions due to Staff Commuting, however working from home could play a part.
6. The remaining sources of emissions include fuel and vehicles. These can be reduced by the removal of fossil-fuel dependent machinery and vehicles. Some machinery has already been replaced and this needs to continue if emissions are to be further reduced.
7. A future focus should be on waste reduction rather than emission reduction. Topics could include energy, procurement, waste created on site.
8. 3 years of emissions recording analysis has shown a clear picture of BTC's emissions. As the Council's estate and responsibilities

# Recommendations

1. BTC officers and C&E sub-committee focus on consumption and waste reduction
2. Encourage 'buy in' by officers and councillors
3. Discontinue with completing the Emissions report
4. Use electricity produced by renewable sources
5. Share BTC's actions on Climate and carbon reduction with residents

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*Sources: 1 - Battle Town Council GHG Accounting Tool Three-Year Change Report from C&E meeting 23/04/2026*

