

Sheringham Town Council

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

July 2020

Sheringham Town Council declared a Climate Emergency on 4th June 2019. A Climate Action Plan has been agreed to support and protect the future of the town and ensure that Sheringham Town Council can implement its Mission to:

- Protect and improve the quality of life for the community and future generations
- Enhance the attractiveness of the town as a place in which to live, work, visit and invest
- Preserve and enhance the essential traditions, character and identity of the town
- Engage with the community to identify their needs, priorities and wishes,
- Show due regard to advance equality of opportunity for all residents

The Climate Action Plan also supports the STC Principle on the Environment to:

- Engage in the protection of the environment and also ensure its sustainability, within the means of STC

What Sheringham Town Council will do:

Putting our climate at the heart of decision-making

Our goal is to ensure that our climate emergency goals are central in all the decision-making of Sheringham Town Council and that inclusive engagement with the people of Sheringham ensures that the changes made are sustainable.

	Goals	Actions and timescale ST, MT, LT (short, medium or long term)
1	Councillors to identify whether the recommendations put to them would help or hinder STC's Climate Action Plan and the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19) that all strategic decisions, budgets and approaches to planning decisions are in line with a shift to zero carbon by 2030. If a decision is made that would have a negative impact on the above, justification must be provided.	-All committees must identify any impact on the climate. -STC reports and recommendations to include a climate emergency statement. -CAG to develop a template for STC reports and recommendations that come to full Council. <i>All ST</i>
2	Identify a councillor(s) as Climate Champions who promote sustainable living and working habits and publish an annual report to the public on progress in meeting climate change goals.	-Identify at least two Climate Champions -Publish an Annual Report to be presented at Annual Town Meeting <i>Action 1 ST, Action 2 MT</i>
3	Set measurable targets for our council to achieve net zero greenhouse reductions. This supports the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19) that STC take responsibility for reducing, as rapidly as possible, the carbon emissions resulting from the Council's activities.	-Council's activities to be carbon neutral by 2030 -Investigate working with beeanglia.org to achieve Carbon Charter status. This will be at a cost of approx. £750. <i>All MT-LT</i>
4	Align all our council statutory and non-statutory plans, policies and guidance with the goals of our Climate Action Plan, including procurement. This supports Clause 4. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	- STC will endeavour to purchase re-cycled goods or less damaging environmental materials where they meet the required functional standard and can be procured at comparable or near comparable cost -Consider STC's internal processes to ensure impact on the environment is given due thought in any policy implementation and work

		undertaken by, or for, STC. <i>Action 1 ST, Action 2 MT</i>
5	Review and improve how we involve local people in our existing decision-making processes.	-Hold a public meeting with invited speakers to gather views on how to address the climate emergency before Easter if possible. In SCC or St Andrews. (SB) - Develop privacy and consent notice for public meeting to allow storage of interested members of the public's details (LW) -Consider co-option of relevant expertise/skills <i>All MT</i>

Protect the most vulnerable

Our goal is to support those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

	Goals	Actions
6	Ensure that NNDC identify the most vulnerable people in the areas most at risk of flooding and high heat levels and promote adaptation actions to these areas.	-work with NNDC to identify those 'at risk' through the NNDC Environmental Forum <i>All MT-LT</i>
7	Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable in our community are also represented in council decision-making by NNDC.	-Identify and implement ways of engaging with the most vulnerable in our community <i>All MT-LT</i>

Buildings

We support the goal to ensure all homes are well insulated to minimum EPC C level and eradicate fuel poverty as fast as possible.

	Goals	Actions
8	Seek to influence the Local Plan so that NNDC promote the highest building standards possible.	-Liaise with NNDC so that the Local Development Plan has the highest possible

	This supports Clause 11. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	insulation standards. -Work with NNDC so that building standards are enforced. <i>As and when</i>
9	STC's intention is that any buildings to be constructed on STC land will be energy efficient, using the Passivhaus standard or similar (i.e. buildings that use very little energy for heating and cooling) This supports Clause 4. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	<i>As and when</i>
10	Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy for the Council, including Planning Committee, to promote energy saving homes/buildings (solar panels, air-source heat pumps, car charging points). This supports Clause 4. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	-audit of Council's heating and energy efficiency -Planning Committee to comment on new builds which do not make use of renewable energy sources -investigate the viability and funding for electric charging points at Sheringham Community Centre -investigate alternative energy sources, such as solar, to provide power for the Council <i>Action 1 MT-LT, Action 2 ST (through template), Action 3 ST, Action 4 MT-LT</i>

Transport

We support the goal to reduce air pollution to meet World Health Organisation levels, match European best practice in the use of buses, cycling and walking, and ensure all vehicles are zero emission.

	Goals	Actions
11	Support the rapid shift to electric vehicles by promoting the use of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points. This supports Clause 15. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	-promote use of Morris Street Car Park's EV charging points <i>All MT</i>
12	Support the prioritising of transport investment into cycling, walking, trams and public transport, such as electric buses. This supports Clause 15. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19).	-promote the Sheringham Community Bus -create a pedestrian access from Cremer's Drift through Morley Hill to the Community Centre

		-put pressure on NNDC's Development Officer to incorporate a cycle way along Cromer Road to Splash as part of the new development. -support and promote the development of the Bike, Walk and Scoot Scheme <i>Action 1 & 2 LT, Action 3 ST-MT, Action 4 ST-MT</i>
13	Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing and public transport. This supports Clause 15. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19).	-as above -investigate the viability of a Sheringham car club lift-sharing scheme <i>All LT</i>

Power

Our goal is to support the growth and use of green energy, ensure energy is not wasted, and oppose the development of new fossil fuel extraction.

	Goals	Actions
14	Switch street lighting to well-designed and well directed LED lights. This supports Clause 4. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	-Task & Finish Group to investigate replacement of streetlights <i>LT</i>
15	Reduce energy used by the council in its own estate and ensure that that our electricity supply is provided from renewable energy sources to support the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19) to achieve 100% clean energy across the Council's full range of functions by 2030.	-identify and implement appropriate energy suppliers -investigate alternative energy sources, such as solar, to provide power for the Council <i>All MT</i>
16	Support the development of renewable energy and energy storage.	-investigate alternative energy sources, such as solar, to provide power for the Council -Through STC procurement policy as far as is practicable, diesel and petrol driven equipment is replaced with equipment that supports a shift to zero

		carbon emissions. <i>All LT</i>
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Waste

Our goal is to be a zero-waste council where all waste is minimised, recycled or reused as part of a circular economy approach.

	Goals	Actions
17	Promote food waste hierarchy of prevent, reuse, recycle.	-regularly promote the 'Too Good To Go' App on STC website and facebook -investigate how STC can support the development of a Community Fridge -engage with local businesses to reduce food waste through distribution to local community groups <i>All ST-MT</i>
18	As far as is practicable, ban the use of single use plastic in council offices, premises and work sites.	-work with SPA to promote initiatives to reduce use of single-use plastic <i>All ST-MT</i>

Influencing others

Our goal is to encourage and support our partners with their contribution to the fight against the climate emergency.

	Goals	Actions
19	Use council membership of groups to promote decisions that are in-line with our Climate Action Plan. This supports the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19) that STC work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon by 2030.	-promote climate awareness in decision-making <i>All ST-MT</i>

20	Support local organisations and businesses to reduce carbon pollution. This supports the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19) that STC work with all other relevant agencies towards making the entire area zero carbon by 2030.	-encourage community to understand its carbon footprint -promote carbon offsetting by big fossil fuel users -Investigate potential of carbon offsetting for tourism events. <i>All ST-MT</i>
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Land-use

Our goal is to restore nature to help drawdown carbon pollution from the atmosphere and to ensure everyone has access to nature in nearby green spaces.

	Goals	Actions
21	Promote tree-planting and ensure existing trees are properly protected in order to store carbon and support nature This supports Clause 2. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	-promote establishment of a Community Orchard <i>MT-LT</i>
22	Protect existing local green spaces and locally designated nature sites in order to aid flood protection and urban design.	-support and encourage the protection and preservation of our local salt marshes that act as blue carbon sinks -develop Morley Hill in accord with STC Climate Action policies -protect Franklins Hill as a local green space -encourage the development of habitat corridors -Protect Station Approach and Beeston Hills Putting Greens as local, green, recreational spaces -Be active in promoting pedestrian access and cycle routes through all new developments. <i>All MT-LT</i>

23	Manage council-owned and managed land to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon pollution, including through reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers	- maintain the SSSI and SSSI statuses of the Sheringham Commons -explore how to encourage bees on the allotment site -as part of Allotment Review, look at use of pesticides <i>All MT-LT</i>
24	Develop new quality green spaces in areas where they don't exist	-develop green spaces within the town centre through the Sheringham Greening Project <i>All LT</i>

Campaigning

Our goal is to make our voice heard, locally and nationally, to increase climate crisis awareness and action.

25	Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations (for example, those identified by Friends of the Earth), and join forces with others who wish to enact a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate emergency. This supports Clause 11. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	-Sheringham Climate Action Group to be part of NNDC Environment Forum -develop link with Sustain Sheringham <i>All MT-LT</i>
26	Councillors to act as Climate Emergency Ambassadors for the town, promoting and campaigning for sustainable living and working habits including through use of STC social media and online presence. This supports Clause 11 & 12. of the proposition agreed by STC (04.06.19)	- Climate awareness promotions with local schools, shops, and other local organisations -designated section on social media and online <i>All MT-LT</i>