

Bridport Town Council

Climate Action Plan priorities 2022/23 – FINAL Revised April 2022

2021/22 Actions	Revised Actions for 2022/23	Milestones
<p>Develop a procurement policy for BTC that supports a net zero carbon future whilst promoting local businesses tackling the climate emergency</p> <p>Review BTC investment policy and divest from fossil fuel activities.</p> <p>Work with businesses to procure more food and other biomaterials from Dorset. Commitments should be set out in purchasing guidelines and procurement policies.</p>	<p>Ethical decision-making policy and scoring matrix covering all significant decisions – financial and otherwise – agreed by Full Council in March 2021.</p> <p>Investment Policy reviewed and updated March 2021 to strengthen environmental considerations.</p>	<p>Review implementation Spring 2023</p>
<p>Green Grant Fund – One off innovative challenge fund</p> <p>Review criteria for main Council grants to ensure can support climate SMART initiatives in all grant giving.</p>	<p>Town Council Community Grants and West Bay Car Boot Grants Schemes updated 2021 to encourage applications that demonstrate a benefit to the Climate Emergency Action Plan.</p>	<p>2022 Grants assessed for climate impact</p>
<p>Work with the Neighbourhood Plan JCC and parishes to promote climate SMART housing, policies and actions</p> <p>Adopt a 'Climate First' planning policy based on policies in the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan cross referenced with 'rising to the Climate Crisis'.</p> <p>Use and promote the 'Design for Living' ambitions set out in the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan policies and actions</p>	<p>BANP Annual Review Oct 21 identified that BANP climate policies are being used in determining planning decisions.</p> <p>BANP Design for Living and CC policies drawn on in developing BTC response to Dorset Local Plan and Design Code/ Reserved matters submission for the Foundry Lea development.</p> <p>BANP CC2 policy instrumental in leveraging renewable energy commitments for Foundry Lea development.</p>	<p>2022 monitoring report on BANP policies</p>

Theme 1 - Energy		
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<p>Support will be given to 'climate smart' initiatives where the outcomes encourage the community to reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle products. Support will be given to community scale energy conservation measures, including retro-fit, where local support and viability has been demonstrated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Magna Housing to promote retro fit energy conservation to the social rented sector in Bridport • Work with social enterprises to push domestic PV installations in Bridport – for example Solar Streets • Work with social enterprises to push commercial PV installation – for example Green Nation 	<p>BTC/CSE Energy Champions pilot initiative launched October 21 to run through into 2023.</p> <p>Online training sessions on energy issues delivered Jan -March 22. 5 Volunteer Drop-in sessions hosted at the Community Shed.</p> <p>Energy Champions, working with local partners; Ridgewater Energy, Magna Housing and Dorset Housing Standards will deliver an outreach programme of information & events for 2022/3. From Autumn 2022 this will include practical energy efficiency sessions hosted at the Community Shed.</p> <p>Work with Magna Housing on accelerating retrofit activity in Bridport.</p>	<p>Energy Champions Programme Autumn/ winter 2022/3</p> <p>Review Energy Champions Initiative Jan 23</p> <p>Retrofit accelerator scheme for Bridport</p>
<p>Implement Low Carbon Dorset Sustainable Energy Report 2018 recommendations for carbon savings</p>	<p>Programme of replacement windows @ Mountfield</p>	<p>Installation completed</p>
<p>Promote use of carbon calculators/SMART meters for householders to help drive behavioural change. Provide 'free to resident' climate emergency awareness training focused on practical responses and actions – for example stalls at local events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Colfox School on Energy Sparks scheme to help reduce carbon • Work with Transition Town Bridport and others to produce a directory of services and advice promoting reduction, re-use and recycling behaviours 	<p><i>To be considered as part of the energy Champions programme</i></p>	
<p>Work with Dorset Community Energy to promote community and commercial renewable installations in Bridport and consider the merits of establishing a new Bridport Community Energy Company</p>	<p>Support to Energy Local Bridport to promote membership on the back of the increase in renewable energy generation capacity.</p>	<p>Spring 2023</p>
<p>Monitor energy use within all BTC buildings and set energy reduction targets – assess pathway to net zero target and budget implications.</p>	<p>Carbon Emissions Accounting completed for 19/20 and 20/21 using Local Govt Association Calculator</p> <p>Emissions showing slight reduction 2019-2021 to 52 tCo2e – electricity reducing, fuel use increasing.</p>	<p>Annual calculation produced</p>

Theme 2 - Transport		
2021/22 Actions	Revised Actions for 2022/23	Milestones
<p>Use Transport & Movement Study evidence to draw up a travel plan for Bridport area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with a social enterprise to introduce a Town Bike Scheme to Bridport (see Beryl Bikes example – Hereford) • Work with a social enterprise to establish a Bridport Car Club – see example Co-Wheels from Poole • Work with Minerva Trust to promote a Car Sharing Scheme in Bridport for school and work journeys 	<p>Access & Movement Study completed June 22 Additional Connections to Foundry Lea Report Sept 22 Documents submitted to Dorset Council with request to be considered as part of Local Transport Plan Review.</p> <p>Discussions with DC to push for option implementation/ testing/ funding bids.</p> <p>Car Club/ E-Bike questionnaire survey with Co-Cars. Promoted to the Minerva Trust.</p> <p>Follow up actions with Co -Cars alongside Bridport Co-Housing and Foundry Lea to develop a proposal for a pilot scheme.</p> <p>Bus Back Better follow up?</p>	<p>DC start consultations on selected changes</p> <p>Co-Cars Survey Spring 2022</p> <p>Car Club pilot launched</p>
Theme 3 – Land Use		
2021/22 Actions	Revised Actions for 2022/23	Milestones
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw up or review management plans for all BTC owned green spaces to include maximising re wilding & tree planting opportunities. • Adopt a minimum cut verge management policy. • Continue support for local food programmes including the Local Food Festival and Food Links 	<p>Continue to review management plans. Continue support tree planting initiatives through Bridport Tree Group. Continue to reduce frequency grass cutting in line with climate smart management plans for land and verges.</p> <p>Support campaigns by the new Bridport Bird Group on species recovery - Dippers and Swifts.</p> <p>Continue support of Local Food Festival and web based information about climate adapted local food</p>	<p>Number trees planted since declaring climate emergency</p> <p>Number Dipper/Swift boxes installed</p> <p>Number of visits to food festival/ websites</p>

Theme 4 – Economy and Communication		
2021/22 Actions	Revised Actions for 2022/23	Milestones
<p>Work proactively with Bridport Business Chamber to promote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a ban on SUP use • promote locally produced good • energy reduction measures (i.e. keeping doors shut in winter) 	<p>Host an open meeting for the Bridport business community to showcase positive climate action and discuss how to step up and accelerate the transition to net zero.</p> <p>Support a Business net Zero Task & finish group to develop plans and communication.</p>	<p>Event Autumn 22</p> <p>Group established Winter 2022/3</p>
<p>Work with local tourism businesses to undertake assessments of the carbon impacts of the visitor economy and develop carbon reduction programmes.</p>	<p>Promote use of carbon foot printing tools and seek a collective target for reduction.</p>	<p>Produce foot print tool Winter 2022/3</p>
<p>Undertake an active social media programme to promote the Climate Emergency Action Plan.</p>	<p>Planned activity around Plottingham solar installation yet to take place.</p> <p>BTC Climate Action Stall at Community Fair.</p> <p>Seeding Our Future climate resilience website launch.</p>	<p>Series of events Spring/Summer 22</p>
<p>Work with Dorset Council to deliver this Climate Emergency Action Plan. Open reporting of discussions, especially around transport and planning issues through Town Council website. Work regionally and nationally to promote climate emergency actions by government.</p> <p>Work with other local authorities to share practice and push for national and international support for climate action.</p>	<p>Become a formal member of DCAN.</p> <p>Attend DCAN & Zero Carbon Dorset meetings/ events</p> <p>Attend Local Councils Climate network events/ training sessions.</p>	<p>Review in Spring 2023</p>