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Climate Emergency Committee Action Plan

Hebden Royd Town Council
Serving Hebden Bridge,
Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale



Introduction

Our aim is to effect change to reduce carbon emissions directly where we can and indirectly by working with or lobbying others to make necessary changes where we can't.

HRTC Climate Emergency Committee acknowledges the impact of flooding in the area caused by climate change. We seek to work effectively to minimise the impact of climate change both within HRTC and the wider world.



Goal 1: Hebden Royd Town Council Climate Emergency Committee to work with partners to reduce carbon emissions in Hebden Royd

Objectives:

- Working with Upper Valley Parish Councils and Calderdale Council to ensure rates of Peat sequestration do not deplete and indeed rise
- To explore potential to develop HRTC leased land to create a community orchard, hedgerow planting, meadow and fruit bush growing area
- To switch to green energy provider for buildings over which it has governance - Picture House
- Lobby Calderdale Council for single use BBQ ban in Calderdale due to the extreme fire risk that they pose
- Work alongside all relevant partners to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution from traffic through HRTC
- To engage with and influence capital projects and external bids (station expansion, flood scheme) early on to embed our active travel ambitions
- Investigate if any potential local electric car share scheme can be supported
- To work with Calderdale Council to promote cycling / active travel and increase cycle parking in Hebden Royd
- To lobby Calderdale Council for more and improved local cycles routes
- To encourage and enable tree planting both on a small and large scale - to sign up to the Woodland Trust Tree Charter
- HTRC to actively continue to promote carbon emission reducing actions i.e. Community Funding influencing and supporting projects to reduce carbon emissions. Also, to continue to consider the carbon emissions of planning applications including the importance of trees in absorbing CO2 as regards tree works applications.

Goal 2: Climate Emergency Committee to promote awareness of climate emergency and support residents in lowering their own carbon emissions and making green choices

Objectives:

- Investigate if HRTC can promote Green Energy Switch deal to residents i.e. 'Save Tonne of Carbon a Year' scheme
- Work with partners to support renewable energy projects for home / businesses
- Fully utilising skills of Lisa Murdoch, HRTC Marketing Officer, to
- promote the work of the Climate Emergency Committee and provide carbon emission reduction information on the HRTC website, social media and press. Climate Emergency Committee to actively support her in doing this
- To support Lisa Murdoch to complete Green Directory to support residents and public making climate aware and sustainable choices
- Climate Emergency Committee to actively promote its' work to National Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- Continue to lobby for public space recycling facilities
- When Corona situation allows host green event promoting climate change awareness, community initiatives and green choices

Goal 3: CEC to engage with young people in supporting opportunities for engagement with the natural world and climate change awareness

Objectives:

- Support schools in reducing their carbon emissions by encouraging initiatives such as 'Lets Go Zero'
- Support Forest School activities including participation in John Muir Award with Hebden Royd Schools and families



This action plan is to be reviewed regularly and amended as need arises.

For further information on the Climate Emergency Action Plan please email info@hebdenroydtowncouncil.gov.uk