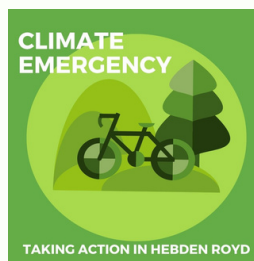


**Hebden Royd Town Council**

Serving Hebden Bridge,  
Mytholmroyd and Cragg Vale

# Climate Emergency & Biodiversity Action Plan 2022-23



# Overall objectives:

*Hebden Royd Town Council Climate Emergency Committee to work with partners to reduce carbon emissions in Hebden Royd.*

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



# Land & Biodiversity

## ***Main goals:***

Work with partners to increase carbon sequestration through the planting of trees and the protection and restoration of peat.

Work with partners to tackle the biodiversity crisis through encouraging a greater area of land to be managed for nature both within rural and urban areas.

## ***Short term actions:***

Complete the site development of High Hirst Woodmeadow, establish management and survey regimes and seek to maximise its potential as a showcase for biodiversity and educational use through an events programme and other activities.

Lobby Calderdale Council for single use BBQ ban in Calderdale due to the extreme fire risk that they pose.

Run Bee Friendly Garden / Streetscape Competition for residents.

Seek to establish mechanism to support local landowners in accessing funding and/or materials for tree planting.





# Buildings & Technology

## ***Main goals:***

Work with partners to support the development of projects that cut carbon emissions associated with buildings in Hebden Royd through energy efficiency, low carbon heating and renewable energy.

## ***Short term actions:***

Develop communications and events campaign to educate and inspire action and encourage peer support on domestic retrofit – energy efficiency and low carbon heating technologies.

Identify community organisations with buildings within HTRC in order to encourage them develop their own plans for retrofit, access available funding and capture/share learning.

Switch to green energy provider for buildings over which Town Council has governance when market allows (Picture House).

Develop a plan to retrofit the Picture House with energy efficiency measures and low carbon heating and take action as soon as is practicable.



# Transport

## ***Main goals:***

Work with partners to reduce carbon emissions and air pollution from traffic in Hebden Royd.

Work with Calderdale Council and other partners to promote and enable greater levels of walking and cycling (active travel) within the area including developing new infrastructure such as cycle routes and parking.

## ***Short term actions:***

Promote the take-up of e-bikes within the through promotional activities and events.

Work with partners to seek to develop financial mechanism to enable more young people to afford e-bikes as an alternative to buying their first car / learning to drive.

Commission feasibility study into a local bike hub / bike library and if warranted, develop action plan based on the results.

Develop guide to local public transport focusing on cheapest ways to travel to key locations, explaining the sometimes complex ticketing options.

Review the submissions to Calderdale Council's 2020/21's 'Safe Streets for Walking and Cycling' consultation; prioritise problem hotspots and engage with Calderdale Council to encourage action.

Promote car sharing services / lift sharing websites via new website and social media.

Monitor quality and reliability of local public transport and engage with relevant forums and lobby transport authorities.

Engage with and influence any upcoming capital projects and external bids to embed our active travel ambitions.

## Young people

### ***Main goals:***

Climate Emergency Committee to engage with young people and support opportunities for engagement with the natural world and climate change awareness.

### ***Short term actions:***

Work with local youth organisations and/or schools to identify a youth-led project to engage young people with the climate emergency and/or the natural environment.

Run young person's nature photography competition.



# Consumption / waste

## ***Main goals:***

Work with partners to encourage and support projects that reduce waste and develop a circular economy.

## ***Short term actions:***

Provide information and resources on new website that educate and enable local residents to reduce consumption-related emissions by encouraging reuse and repair.

Support the development of a Repair Café in Mytholmroyd.

Lobby Calderdale Council for public space recycling facilities.

Investigate the possibility of a 'Library of Things' or similar in Hebden Royd.



## Cross-cutting actions

Use the opportunity of the Local Climate Engagement Programme to develop a joint participative project with Todmorden Town Council to enable residents to help shape action on one of the key climate or biodiversity challenges facing our valley.

Provide opportunities for people to learn about the climate emergency through workshops, speakers etc by organising events in partnership with other groups.

Develop climate and biodiversity walks as part of the Pennine Walk & Ride Festival

Embed carbon reduction and nature recovery into the everyday business of HTRC and use Community Funding to encourage and support projects to reduce carbon emissions

Consider the carbon impact of planning applications including the importance of trees in absorbing CO<sub>2</sub> as regards tree works applications.

Promote the work of the Climate Emergency Committee and provide carbon emission reduction information on the HTRC website, social media and press.

Encourage arts organisations and events within HTRC area to use art to engage people with the climate emergency.

Climate Emergency Committee to actively promote its work to National Association of Local Councils (NALC)