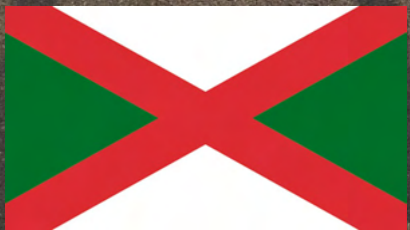


# Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council

## Climate Action Plan

### 2022-2030

**DRAFT VERSION**





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Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council was formed in May 2021. We are a passionate team of councillors who are committed to addressing the climate and nature emergency. We see our role as bringing the community together for the sake of our children, to reduce Bexhill's carbon footprint and protect our wildlife and nature.

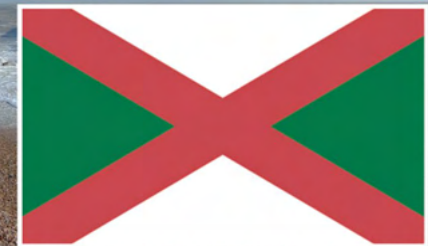
Until recently, these ideas have seemed distant and not to affect us, but now we are all aware of increasing storms, floods, heatwaves, and rapidly rising energy bills, plus the need for self-sufficiency, clean seas and inland waters, and planning for the future. That is what this climate action plan is about.

Because we are in an emergency, we need to identify what needs to be done, and the practical action that will make a difference. We are aiming to achieve a lot by 2030. Some measures may take a few years to attain, and for some we will need to seek external funding. We do not have the powers of the big local authorities, but we can lobby and influence local matters, and be sure that every decision we make will aim to be well-informed and benefit our lovely town and its residents.

This plan is an ever-evolving document, a vision of possibilities which will guide us through the coming years, based on research and data and – most importantly – your involvement. Join us in being a force for good and share your ideas with us as we embark upon our journey to carbon neutrality. Thank you.



**“Your Town Council  
is listening”**





# INTRODUCTION

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In 2018, a special report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warned that urgent action was needed to cut greenhouse gas emissions and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change. In response, 191 countries formally approved the 'Paris Agreement 2', targeting net zero by 2050, and committing them to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, and preferably to 1.5 degrees, compared to pre-industrial levels.

In June 2021, in one of the first ever motions passed by Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council, we recognised and declared a climate and nature emergency and pledged to support Bexhill, as a town, to become carbon neutral. This is in line with Rother District Council's target for carbon neutrality by 2030. Twenty years in advance of the Paris Agreement target the town council resolved to work in collaboration with local people, organisations and businesses to develop evidence-based ideas and solutions to enable the town to progress on its climate and nature goals. This collaboration is key not only to the development, but also the implementation, of the plan.

This Community Climate and Nature Emergency Action Plan sets out the scale of the carbon neutral 2030 challenge for Bexhill and proposes a framework of nine pillars for collective and collaborative action.



# WHY WE NEED TO ACT IN BEXHILL-ON-SEA

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*We now know that the levels of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere are higher than at any point in recent history, and that this increase is directly linked to human activity, mainly the burning of fossil fuels.*

The effects of climate change are already being felt across the world, including Bexhill. Effects, including extreme heat and more frequent, intense storms, and rising sea levels are already being witnessed locally. Experts are seeing levels of local wildlife change, affecting our carefully balanced ecosystem. As global temperatures rise, areas of our town will be at increased risk of flooding, wildlife will be at risk of disappearing and the health and wellbeing of those who live and work within our town will be at risk of deteriorating.

Delivering the rapid cuts in greenhouse gases needed to avoid more severe impacts of climate change whilst maintaining and protecting our wildlife and biodiversity will be the biggest challenge of our generation.



# WHAT DOES A BETTER ENVIRONMENT MEAN TO US?

5:

“We could grow better quality and sustainable local produce.”

“I love swimming in Bexhill, but I want the water to be clean.”

“It would be great to go for my evening run and breathe fresher air, with less exhaust fumes.”

“My friend said to me, why do anything, it might not happen. I said, either way, we’d end up with a cleaner world”

“The flood risk to my home is always on my mind, it’s such a worry.”

“The threat of such extreme weather means I have to stay indoors more and more.”

# CO-BENEFITS OF CLIMATE ACTION

6:

There are many associated economic, social and health benefits to reducing carbon emissions and increasing wildlife and biodiversity that strengthen the case for climate action.

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council has adopted the Climate Action UK set of co-benefits to assess each action against. Each action created will be identified by the appropriate co-benefit badge seen here.

- Improving health and wellbeing
- Promoting equity and Social Cohesion
- Creating Jobs
- Social growth
- Town resilience
- Community engagement
- Economic growth
- Supporting nature and wildlife growth



**HEALTH AND  
WELLBEING**



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COHESION**



**JOB CREATION**



**SOCIAL**



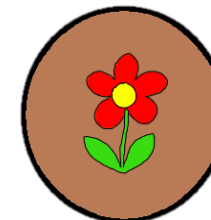
**RESILIENCE**



**COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**



**ECONOMY**



**NATURE AND  
WILDLIFE**

# EMISSIONS CONSIDERED WITHIN THE ACTION PLAN

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*We have considered different types of emission sources for this plan. Some will be linked to our own direct activities as a town council, and some relate to the wider community.*

Town-wide emissions have been collated from the IMPACT Tool, a community carbon calculator. The IMPACT tool produces 2 different types of footprints for each ward within Bexhill.

## **1. Consumption-based carbon footprint**

Emissions produced as a result of what people within Bexhill use in their daily lives. This includes things like gas, electricity, and petrol, but also products like food and drink, clothes, shoes, consumer electronics and appliances, as well as financial services, even where these emissions take place outside of the local area.

## **2. Territorial-based carbon footprint**

Emissions produced within the territorial boundaries of Bexhill. This includes emissions from transport or local agriculture and manufacturing, whether local people were travelling on that road or use those products and services.

Emissions referenced from the IMPACT tool have been calculated by using certain estimates and assumptions found in the methodology paper here; <https://impact-tool.org.uk/static/doc/Impact-methodology-paper-v1.7.pdf>.

This has given the council an insight to where the emissions are highest, which in turn has informed the key action pillars of this Climate Action Plan

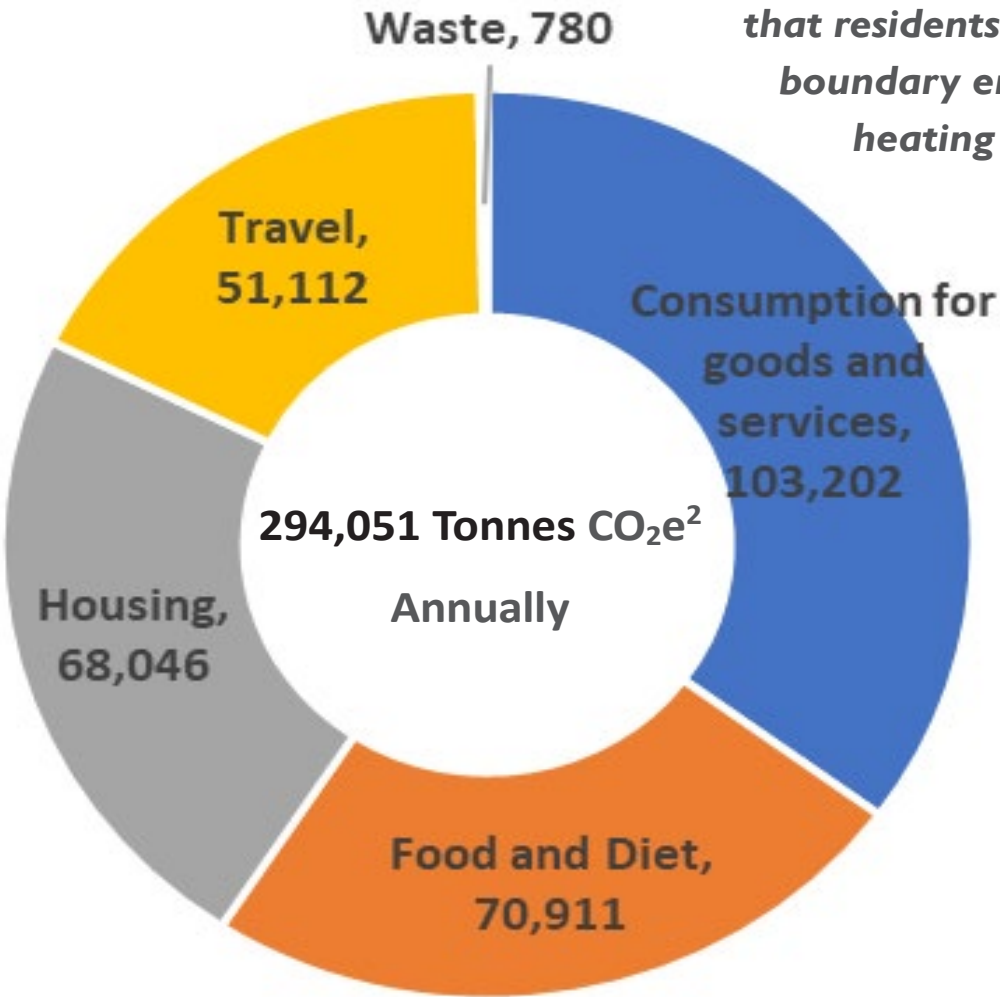
For more information on the IMPACT Tool or to look at individual ward-based emissions, please visit [www.impact-tool.org.uk](http://www.impact-tool.org.uk)



# BEXHILL-ON-SEA COMMUNITY CONSUMPTION FOOTPRINT (IMPACT)

8:

<b><u>Housing</u></b> Emissions resulting from resident's use of energy in their homes.
<b><u>Food and Diet</u></b> Emissions resulting from the consumption of food and drink products by residents.
<b><u>Travel</u></b> Emissions resulting from the transport choices and behaviours of residents.
<b><u>Waste</u></b> Emissions resulting from the management of waste generated by residents.
<b><u>Consumption of goods and services</u></b> Emissions resulting from the purchase of goods and the use of services by residents.



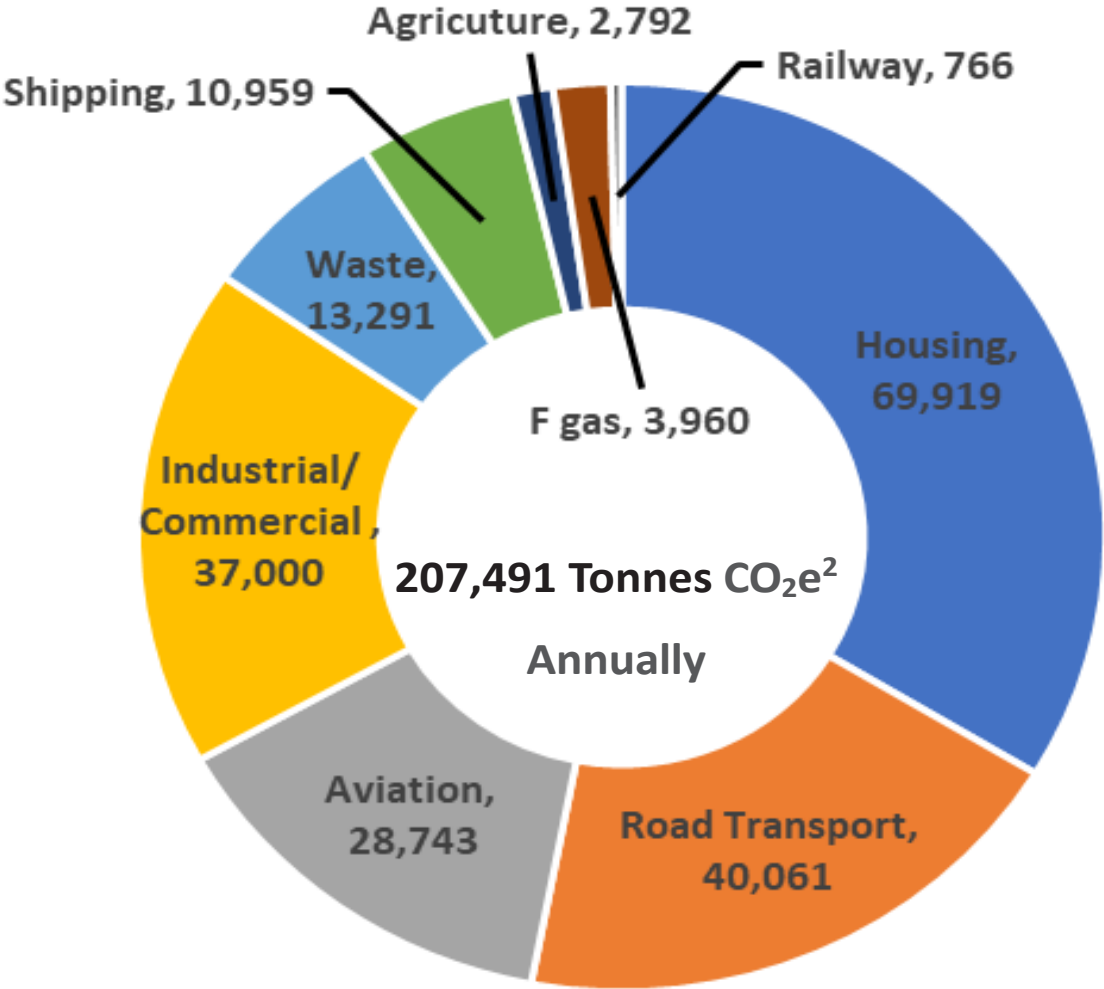
*This figure shows the annual carbon emissions (measured in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>2</sup>) emitted as a result of the different activities that residents within Bexhill's boundary engage in, from heating to eating.*

# BEXHILL-ON-SEA COMMUNITY TERRITORIAL FOOTPRINT (IMPACT)

9:

<b>Road Transport</b>
Emissions from road vehicles.
<b>Housing</b>
Emissions from domestic energy consumption.
<b>Aviation</b>
<b>Industrial and Commercial</b>
Emissions from industrial processes and energy consumption.
<b>Shipping</b>
Emissions from international shipping.
<b>Fluorinated Gases</b>
Release of 'f-gases' into the atmosphere.
<b>Waste Management</b>
<b>Diesel fuelled railways</b>
<b>Agriculture</b>
Emissions livestock, crops and agricultural vehicles and machinery.

*This figure shows the annual carbon emissions (measured in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>2</sup>) emitted as a result of activities taking place within Bexhill's boundary*





# ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY IN BEXHILL BY 2030

10:

***To support the goal of carbon neutrality in Bexhill by 2030, the town will need to reduce and offset over 42,000 tonnes of carbon each year. That's roughly equivalent to the weight of 3500 double decker buses\*!***

**For the town to effectively play its part in becoming carbon neutral by 2030 the council must take a high ambition pathway working closely alongside Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council and local organisations, businesses and residents.**

**Because some of the town's emissions would be extremely challenging to reduce without further national legislation, more innovation, and support from national government, a proportion of the town's emissions may need to be offset to reach the goal of 2030.**

**This action plan has been created in collaboration with local experts, residents, businesses and organisations.**

***\*Average UK Double Decker bus weighs 12,000kg.***



# VISUALISING CARBON

11:

## One tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> is equal to...

- **Heating the average UK house for 4.4 months**

(Average yearly household emissions from heating 2.7 Tonnes Carbon - source citu.co.uk)

- **Driving a petrol car for 5 and a half months**

(Average yearly milage of a petrol car 6700 miles, source Carbuyer.co.uk)

- **250 Eurostar trips from London to Paris**

(Average CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per passenger 4kg per journey source Eurostar.com)

- **17 economy flights from London to Paris**

(Average CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per passenger 57.8kg per journey source Eurostar.com)

## One tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> looks like...

⇒ 500 CO<sub>2</sub> fire extinguishers

⇒ A 500 m<sup>3</sup> hot air balloon

⇒ 125m<sup>3</sup> of cola

## For the capture of 1 tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions...

50 trees must grow for one year



## Climate and Nature Action Plan Priorities

We have identified 9 key pillars based on the current assessment of the towns emissions which we hope will deliver the greatest opportunity as a community to deliver the greatest emission savings, and the greatest positive effect on local nature.



### Enabling Climate Change

Nationally, principal authorities (such as Rother District Council) are directly responsible for a small percentage of local emissions, but they can influence a huge percentage of emissions through their activities and their powers. The town council is best placed working directly with residents, organisations, and businesses to support the delivery of local emission reductions with Rother District Council, and to increase the sustainability of local wildlife. This plan was created through strong collaboration with local stakeholders through a Climate Action event held by the council in May 2022. The event saw many local people come together to hear from a range of experts and individuals with high levels of experience in delivering achievable local results. We all came together in focus groups to discuss, debate, and put forward local solutions they would like the town council to take forward in tackling the Climate emergency locally. These solutions have directly formed the objectives within this plan.





# THE PLAN - GOVERNANCE

**AIM: ENSURE CLIMATE AND NATURE AT FOREFRONT OF COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING, WITH INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES.**

**14:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Require councillors to identify whether the new recommendations put to them would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.	Councillors should refer to the Climate Action Plan when making decisions, and minute that consideration has been given. When purchasing and issuing contracts to source suppliers and products that meet the aims of the Plan.	2023			
The Climate, Nature and Environment (CNE) Committee will be required to publish an annual report to the public on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets. The Council will nominate a councillor to present at the Annual Town Council meeting.	The committee will monitor and record progress. The report will be presented at the Annual Town Council meeting and published on the website.	2024			
Set interim and measurable targets for our council to achieve a carbon neutral status and meet nature restoration goals.	The CNE Committee will research and make recommendations to the Council. The interim and measurable targets will be incorporated into the annual report.	2024			
	We will investigate the role of a climate officer as an employee of the town council to maintain the council's plan.	2024			

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**15:**

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Use additional and existing decision-making approaches consulting the residents of Bexhill for complicated or contentious issues.	The Council will engage with the public to gauge opinion on complicated or contentious issues in order to inform the Town Council decision making process. E.g., hosting public meetings, surveys etc.	2025			
	We will promote our Plan in local schools, colleges, and youth organisations to engage young people.	2025			
Review and improve how we involve residents in our decision-making processes	We will analyse the success of different methods of consultation based on the quality and quantity of public involvement.	2026			
	We will seek to be innovative in improving our methods of consultation.	2026			
Align all our Council statutory and non-statutory plans, Committee Terms of Reference, policies and guidance with respective carbon reduction pathways and nature restoration plans, including procurement.	The CNE Committee will undertake a review of Committee Terms of Reference, council policies and make recommendations to the council and committees.	2024			



# THE PLAN – Land/Sea use (including Wildlife and Biodiversity)

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**16:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Increase tree cover, and biodiversity on council-owned land and support local planning strategies to double tree cover, and increase, hedgerows across the town, and ensure existing trees, hedgerows and wildlife are properly protected in order to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid flood protection and urban design.	We will identify key sites for tree planting working with residents and community groups where possible.	2027			
	We will work with other local authorities and organisations to promote and embrace their initiatives.	2023			
	We will seek to support or undertake a nature and biodiversity audit of the town, working with the Local Authority to protect, manage and increase the local wildlife and biodiversity.	2025			
	We will identify key sites to maintain and increase the level of hedgerow cover, working particularly to plant species of hedgerow that promote a healthy ecosystem for our wildlife.	2026			

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**17:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity, green belt and locally designated nature sites.	We will seek to acquire land in the parish; carry out a survey of trees to identify the gaps and areas of potential growth; take an active stewardship role.	2027			
	We will review the quality of water sources, streams and ponds and draw up a plan to reduce pollution.	2028			
	We will investigate 'green gyms' to generate electricity.	2028			
Improve quality of our marine life and protect and promote the wealth and importance of our seafront including looking at mitigating the effects of rising sea levels and increasingly unpredictable weather.	We will support the creation and work alongside local organisations and the local authority to create a Marine Heritage Centre.	2030			
	We will investigate the benefits of canvas panels along the seafront to prevent damage from moving shingle along the promenade.	2030			
	We will lobby for cleaner seas, reducing pollution and plastics from entering our waterways.	2023			
	We will lobby to protect the wildlife at Galley Hill by calling on the Local Authority to halt any plans to increase the number of beach huts in sensitive wildlife areas.	2023			



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**18:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
	We will investigate introducing Marine life information boards along our seafront	2030			
Increase availability of land for community sustainability	We will seek to acquire more land or work with the local authority to designate more land for allotment use	2030			
	We will seek to acquire more land or work with the local authority to designate more land for Community Orchards	2030			

# THE PLAN – Protecting the Vulnerable

**AIM: TO ENSURE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE PROPERLY SUPPORTED AND PROTECTED.**

**19:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Support local groups and organisations in identifying the most vulnerable people in the area most at risk of extreme weather conditions and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas.	We will keep in regular contact with local groups and organisations in order to identify any needs where the Town Council can offer support. We will prepare an emergency plan to ensure we are ready to act.	2024			
Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable communities are also represented in council decision-making.	We will actively consider the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable parishioners in our decision-making.	2022			



# THE PLAN - BUILDINGS

**AIM: ENSURE ALL HOMES ARE WELL INSULATED AND TO ERADICATE FUEL POVERTY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.**

**20:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Retrofit Town Council-owned properties with high levels of insulation and energy saving measures. Help other organisations to do the same.	We will work with the other groups and organisations to identify any deficiencies in insulation in the community centres and public buildings and seek to improve.	2023			
	We will ensure high levels of insulation in the new Town Council premises.	2025			
Help owner-occupied homes be more energy efficient, for example by supporting poor or vulnerable households with insulation and a light bulb replacement scheme.	We will share details of all available schemes and initiatives on our website and social media platforms and display in our offices.	2023			
To support local planning policy which promotes minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector.	We will identify the policies and relevant guidance and make the information available to local tenants.	2024			
To promote the highest possible standard for privately built new homes.	We will include in our response to planning applications the use of renewable energy and meeting the Homes for Life standard e.g., installation of air-source heat pumps in all new builds, solar panels.	2023			
To ensure that all new Town Council property is built to high environmental standards.	Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy for the redevelopment of the assets that are transferred from Rother District Council, such as WCs.	2023			

# THE PLAN - Waste

**AIM: TO BE A ZERO WASTE TOWN COUNCIL WHERE ALL WASTE IS MINIMISED, RECYCLED OR REUSED.**

**21:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work towards sending zero waste to landfill or incineration.	We will carry out an in-house waste audit and identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling, Terracycling and upcycling.	2024			
Use food waste according to the food waste hierarchy of prevent and compost.	We will create a localised Food Waste Hierarchy Strategy working with Rother District Council to improve food waste recycling.	2026			
	We will develop an app to share excess food information from local businesses for residents to collect.	2026			
	We will work with Bexhill Environmental Group and Community Supporters to develop community garden kitchens, promoting cooking and growing produce.	2024			
Promote community sharing and reuse.	We will incorporate a sharing and reuse scheme in the terms and conditions for the allotment sites.	2025			
	We will work with local groups to form a repair café.	2025			
	We will complete an audit of recycling receptacles in the town, reviewing seagull proofing.	2025			

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22:

	We will organise a Community Fridge across the area and support those in action already.	2026			
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# THE PLAN - Transport

**AIM: TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION TO MEET WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION LEVELS, MATCH EUROPEAN BEST PRACTICE IN THE USE OF BUSES, CYCLING AND WALKING AND TO PROMOTE ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES.**

**23:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise to enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles.	We will work with local organisations that manage car parks at their facilities to help them install EV charging points such as community centres and incorporate EV charging points.	2026			
Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses.	We will work with East Sussex County Council to explore opportunities for improving the pedestrian and cycling networks.	2025			
	We will actively encourage developers to take into consideration pedestrian and cycle routes around the town when building new homes.	2023			
	We will develop accessible walking routes from other areas in Bexhill to the town centre.	2027			
Purchase of an electric community minibus, to replace the current diesel model.	We will carry out a feasibility study and cost/benefit analysis with a view to purchasing an electric community minibus and lease to the current community bus service at no cost.	2025			
If the Town Council purchase vehicles they will be electric.	We will identify the need for a Town Council vehicle in the short, medium and long term.	2023			

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**24:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Promote and encourage, through education, the health and environmental benefits of walking.	We will produce a footpath map identifying walking routes in and around the entire area of Bexhill.	2024			
Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing, electric bikes and re-regulating bus services.	We will produce an online leaflet on sustainable means of travel and share information on other successful schemes with the aim of promoting the reduction of car usage.	2024			
	We will lobby Rother District Council to stop producing paper parking tickets.	2023			
	We will investigate running a summer bike hire scheme.	2023			
To reduce our carbon footprint on deliveries to the Town Council.	We will use local and environmentally aware companies wherever possible to reduce delivery miles.	2023			
Discourage car idling, particularly outside the school and shops in order to reduce air pollution.	We will monitor the air pollution outside the shops and the school and working with the school raise awareness with parents of the effects of car idling.	2027			
Reduce the need to own and use a car through managing developments in the Neighbourhood Plan and the provision of retail infrastructure through the National Planning Policy Framework.	We will actively seek to incorporate walking and cycling routes in planning applications for new housing developments, particularly regarding access to the town centre.	2023			

# THE PLAN – Power

**AIM: TO ENABLE AND SUPPORT GROWTH AND USE OF GREEN ENERGY AND ENSURE ENERGY IS NOT WASTED.**

**25:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
To change lighting in public areas to a well-designed and well-directed LED lights.	We will carry out an audit of public area lighting. We will work with East Sussex County Council to replace lighting, and work with other owners to move to LED lighting.	2025			
Reduce energy used by the council in its own assets.	We will incorporate energy saving measures in all Town Council-owned properties, undertaking an energy audit where required.	2024			
	We will research solar farm opportunities for Bexhill.	2024			
We will promote and support residents in managing towards a green energy transition.	We will explore ways in supporting residents to gain expert advice and getting the best value for money on energy and insulation.	2024			
Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in affordable housing developments and, as much as possible, within private sector developments.	We will include renewable energy, air source heat pump and solar thermal in responding to planning applications, use renewable energy in Town Council buildings, including the assets transferred from Rother District Council.	2023			
Support renewable energy and energy storage.	We will promote the use of renewable energy and energy storage using Town Council website and social media.	2023			



# THE PLAN – Raising Money

**AIM: ENSURE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO INVEST IN THE CHANGES NEEDED TO RESTORE NATURE AND MEET OUR CLIMATE GOALS.**

**26:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Raise money from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for low carbon infrastructure.	We will undertake a study of potential low carbon infrastructure projects and produce a project cost-benefit analysis.	2028			
To raise grant funds to implement the outcomes of the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Climate Action Plan.	We will use legal and planning mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements, CIL and other mechanisms to fund climate actions and nature restoration projects.	2025			
	We will seek grant opportunities to meet our climate goals.	Ongoing			

# THE PLAN – Influencing Others

**AIM: ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OTHER ENTITIES WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE INCREASED DEVOLUTION AND DEMOCRATIC CONTROL TO A LOCAL LEVEL.**

**27:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations.	We will share our Climate Action Plan and its process with other Parish and Town Councils.	2023			
	We will seek to maintain the eligibility for the General Power of Competence to enable the Town Council to take up opportunities outside of standard legislative powers.	2023			
	We will work with the Environment Agency, Rother District Council, and other organisations to improve sea defences and quality of sea water.	2024			
	We will raise awareness of our Climate Action Plan at all levels of National and Local Government.	2024			
To join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate and nature emergency.	We will work with East Sussex Association of Local Councils and the Rother Association of Local Councils to create a forum where Parish and Town Councils can work together on climate action.	2024			

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**28:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work with Local Enterprise Partnerships to encourage their decisions to be in-line with the climate reduction pathway and nature restoration plans.	We will work with Business East Sussex to promote climate action principles in their advice to businesses.	2024			
	We will work with Rother Voluntary Action Group to incorporate climate action principles into social enterprise organisations.	2024			
	Review Rother District Council's strategic plan and associated policies/ strategies to identify areas of good practice and areas that we can lobby for improvement.	2025			
Provide support to Small, Medium Enterprises (SME) businesses and residents to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution.	We will research and share information with businesses on local, district and county-wide initiatives.	2025			
Raise awareness of the Eatwell Guide and the 'Shop Local' campaign, including the importance of high-quality produce, including meat.	We will promote local food and healthy eating to residents and businesses.	2024			
	We will promote the benefits of local markets and locally produced food through awareness-raising events and media.	2024			



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**29:**

Goal	Action	Milestone	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
To inspire the people of Bexhill to eliminate litter and waste, for now and for future generations.	We will support and/or carry out regular litter picks across the town and actively promote the Keep Britain Tidy campaigns.	2023			
To maintain regular engagement with the community in the development and progress of this plan.	We will hold regular public engagement sessions to check public opinion of environmental matters allowing members of the public to feed in development ideas to the plan for consideration.	2025			
	We will facilitate space for public presentations about the local environment.	2024			

# MONITORING, EVALUATING AND REPORTED

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We will continually monitor and evaluate the progress of this action plan against the intended outcomes, review it and refine it based on lessons learnt.

Performance monitoring of this action plan will take yearly and will be presented at the Annual Town meeting to ensure transparency. The action plan will be fully reviewed every 2 years.

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council will calculate and publicly report its own organisational emissions each year in line with the Local Government Association's Carbon Accounting Tool reporting methodology. Bexhill-on-Sea will aim to work with Rother District Council to create reporting for Town wide Emissions.





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