

A plan to tackle the climate and nature emergency

ERWOOD - Making climate central to decision making

Our ambition is:

- to ensure that our climate and nature restoration are central in our decision making as individuals, households and as groups.

No:	What can or Community Organisations and Groups Do?
1	Ask Community Councillors to identify whether the new recommendations put to them would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.
2	Identify a Community Councillor as a Climate and Nature Champions to lead and report on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets.
3	Work with our Community Council to set targets to support a carbon neutral status for the community and actively support nature restoration
4	Consult Erwood residents about complicated or contentious issues that impact on Climate Change
5	Review and improve how we involve residents in decision-making processes
6	Align all our Council statutory and non- statutory plans, Terms of Reference, policies and guidance with carbon reduction s and nature restoration good practice and policy
7	Ask local Groups to organise a “members Climate Change Event’ to raise awareness and share ideas
8	Ask the Community Council to Host a Community Climate Action Ideas Exchange Event.

Land-use

Our ambitions are to:

- restore natural habitats in order to drawdown carbon pollution from the atmosphere.
- safeguard and develop biodiversity
- ensure everyone understands the value of the natural environment and has access to nature.

No:	What could we do	How could we do it
9	Increase tree cover (SET a TARGET) in our community. Ensure existing trees are properly protected in order to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid flood protection.	We will look for opportunities to acquire pieces of land, identifying key sites for tree planting, working with community groups. Work with other communities and organisations to promote and embrace their initiatives.
10	Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity, Identify and	We identify land in the Community ; carry out a survey

	designate community nature sites.	of trees and biodiversity; take an active stewardship role.
11	Manage Community Council and with others (PCC) road verges to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon pollution, including reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers.	We will identify areas of land for potential planting that will increase biodiversity. Assess and review the use of pesticides on land owned by the Community Council.

Protect and Prevent the most vulnerable in our community from the effects of Climate Change

Our ambition is:

- to ensure that those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change are properly supported and protected.

No:	What could we do	How could I do it	How could we do it
12	Support groups and organisations to identify the community's most vulnerable people who are most at risk of extreme weather conditions and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas.		Keep in regular contact with groups and organisations in order to identify any needs where the Community Council and others can offer support.

Buildings

Our ambition is:

- to ensure homes and buildings are well insulated
- to eradicate fuel poverty as fast as possible.

No:	What we will do	How we will do it
13	Support the improvement of community facilities in order that they are more carbon efficient, cost effective and available for local use.	Work with the Erwood Community Centre Management Committee to identify any deficiencies in insulation in the community centre and help to identify improvements
14	Help resident homes be more energy efficient, for example by supporting households to access insulation and a light bulb replacement scheme.	We will share details of available schemes and initiatives.
15	To support local planning policy which promotes minimum energy efficiency standards.	Identify the policies and relevant guidance and make the information available to local residents.

16	To promote the highest possible standard for built new homes.	Encourage Community Council responses to planning applications to request use of renewable energy and meeting the Homes for Life standard. Eg: installation of air-source heat pumps in all new builds.
17	To ensure that all new Community used property is built/converted to a high environmental standards.	Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy.

WASTE

Our ambition is:

- to be a zero waste Community Council where a waste is minimised, recycled or reused

18	Work towards sending zero waste to landfill or incineration.	we will remind residents to home waste audit and identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling, and upcycling.
19	Work towards reducing food waste	Create and promote a localised Food Waste Strategy.
20	Promote community sharing and reuse	We will promote a community sharing and reuse scheme

Transport

Our ambition is:

- to reduce air pollution by encouraging best practice in the use of buses, cycling and walking
- to promote support the use of zero emission vehicles.

No:	What we will do	How we will do it
21	Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise to enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles.	Research opportunities for grants to install community EV points.
22	Lobby for investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses.	Work to explore opportunities and actively promote pedestrian and cycle routes around the village.
23	Research electric community minibus.	Put together a feasibility study and cost-benefit analysis for funding the purchase of an electric community minibus, its ownership and running costs.
24	Promote and encourage, through education, the health and environmental benefits of walking.	Produce a footpath map identifying walking routes in the Community .
25	Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing, electric bikes and bus services.	We will produce a leaflet on sustainable means of travel and share information on other successful schemes with the aim of promoting the reduction of car usage.

26	To reduce our carbon footprint on deliveries to the Community.	We will promote the idea of using local and environmentally aware companies wherever possible to reduce delivery miles. We will encourage delivery sharing.
27	Discourage car idling, particularly outside schools and shops in order to reduce air pollution.	We encourage the school raise awareness with parents of the effects of car idling.

Power

Our ambition is:

- to enable and support the use of green energy
- to promote energy saving.

No:	What we will do	How we will do it
28	To change lighting in public areas to a well-designed and well-directed LED lights.	An audit of public area lighting. Promote the benefits of LED lighting.
29	Reduce energy used by the Community Council by its own assets.	We will incorporate energy saving measures and undertake an energy audit where required.
30	Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in planned developments	We will include renewable energy, air source heat pump and solar thermal in responding to planning applications.
31	Support renewable energy and energy storage.	We will promote the use of renewable energy and energy storage.

Raising money

Our ambition is:

- to raise resources to invest in the changes needed to restore and conserve nature and meet our climate action ambitions.

No:	What we will do	How we will do it
32	Raise funds to implement the outcomes of the Erwood Climate Action Plan.	We will use legal and planning mechanisms and identify grants.
33	Identify training and information that will support people to take part in local action	Promote training and information opportunities and identify funding for community learning.