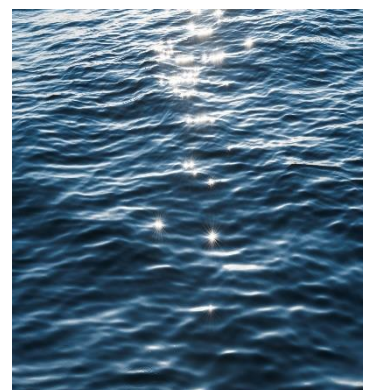


BUDLEIGH SALTERTON CLIMATE CHANGE GROUP



Action Plan 2022 - 2026

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The Purpose of the Group

The purpose of the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group is to ensure that Budleigh Salterton Town Council responds appropriately to the climate and ecological emergency and plays its part in working towards a net-zero carbon Devon, in line with the Devon Carbon Plan of having net-zero emissions by at latest 2050 and an interim target of 50% reduction by 2030.

This Group will recommend steps to reduce the environmental impact of Budleigh Salterton Town Council's activities and infrastructure by working with higher tier local authorities and other external organisations, such as Devon Association of Local Councils and Devon Climate Emergency. It will also influence external stakeholders locally and nationally to incorporate sustainability into economic and strategic frameworks, strategies, plans and service operations.

List of Organisations

Budleigh Salterton Town Council will be working with several organisations, local councils and stakeholders as such it was felt a list of abbreviations would be helpful in terming who would be responsible for each action within our action plan.

- Budleigh Salterton Town Council (BSTC)
- East Devon District Council (EDDC)
- Devon County Council (DCC)
- Clinton Devon Estates (CDE)
- Otter Valley Association (OVA)
- East Budleigh with Bicton Parish Council (EBPC)
- Otterton Parish Council (OPC)
- Colaton Raleigh Parish Council (CRPC)
- Budleigh Salterton & District Chamber of Commerce (CofC)
- Exmouth & District Community Transport Group (EDCTG)

Natural Environment

Desired Outcome: Increase Carbon Capture/Biodiversity

Means: Plant memorial trees, Planting of trees and wildflowers at Amenity Walk, Allotments, Verges

Responsibility: BSTC/CDE/OVA/DCC/EDDC/EBPC

Research and comments from committee members:

Map suitable sites – Suggested sites: Jubilee Field/East Devon Golf Club

Maybe offer trees to residents with large gardens so that the public spaces do not become overcrowded.

Ensure there is aftercare when planting trees

Ensure trees that are planted are the best possible species for carbon capture and sustainability. Some species of trees are not thriving now that the climate and temperatures are changing.

Look after existing trees – Tree Preservation Orders or replacement tree system if a tree is lost

CDE owns the cycle path from Bear Lane to Capel Lane – leased to DCC but good to bear in mind for future projects

Find out who owns the various allotment gardens

Community Actions:

EDDC has offered all town and parishes a gift of a tree to commemorate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee – BSTC to consider this.

Shortage of timber so rather than send felled trees for use in biomass boilers, they could be set aside to season – are there suitable sites locally – CDE to consider this

Undertake an annual tree survey to keep the older specimens going

Rewilding of The Green – difficult to keep everyone happy – try to balance the increase in biodiversity while keeping some areas tidy! – EDDC, CDE, BSTC to review this.

Useful to have information boards on The Green explaining what is happening – maybe QR codes on a nature trail - EDDC to consider this

Establish who owns the Amenity Walk – Group has established this is EDDC, not CDE

Work with DCC to increase biodiversity along the verges between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh

Education, Communication, and Influencing Behaviour

Desired Outcome: Details of opportunities to enhance Budleigh Salterton Neighbourhood Plan (BSNP)/Co-ordinated strategy

Means: Identify elements of BSNP/Work with neighbouring parishes

Responsibility: BSTC/EBPC/OPC/CRPC/OVA

Research and comments from committee members:

BSTC is currently going through all Community Actions – must not overlook the studies carried out when the Plan was put together – BSNP was agreed by residents, BSTC and EDDC so there is a strong argument that it is taken note of – Plan policies are quoted when planning responses are sent from BSTC

New Local Plan coming from East Devon District Council

Besides Lower Otter Restoration Project, no freshwater lakes, or ponds – valuable resource but difficult to have water on public land.

CDE manages water courses – tenant has reinstated ponds at Kersbrook

The school held an event before covid – maybe have another one to share ideas – Honiton TC is doing something similar – could have presentations on how to manage trees or garden with less or no water

Pressure to build start home but they all have small gardens – encourage developers to include large community areas.

Community Actions:

BSTC and EDDC to encourage developers to include large community areas.

Presentation Event to promote being greener and more sustainable.

Community

Desired Outcome: Increase carbon capture/minimise mis-use of natural resources

Means: Promote tree planting/gardening ventures

Responsibility: BSTC/Lions/Garden Club/OVA/DCC

Research and comments from committee members:

Encourage residents to use their gardens in different ways

Community Actions:

BSTC to work with the Garden Club and OVA to encourage residents to use their gardens in different ways such as the planting of trees and wildflowers.

Purchasing, Supply and Consumption

Desired Outcome: Reduce BSTC's carbon footprint

Means: Change lighting over to LED

Responsibility: BSTC

Research and comments from committee members:

Carbon Footprint – specific tool that can be used to show how to reduce carbon

Public Hall has changed nearly all lighting over to LED

BSTC to encourage C of C to use LED when upgrading the town's Christmas Lighting

Look at rainfall capture at Public Hall – difficult to find suitable location

Community Actions:

BSTC to encourage CofC to upgrade Christmas lights to full LED

BSTC to investigate into rainfall capture

Water Supply and Flooding

Desired Outcome: Reduce wasted clean water/reduce use of plastics

Means: Promote "fill your water bottle" scheme/survey provision of plastic packaging and bags

Responsibility: BSTC/CofC

Research and comments from committee members:

Reduce plastic -refillable water bottle scheme – some concern about cost to shop-keepers- maybe approach the library/churches/medical centre to house a water fountain.

CofC was looking at reintroducing the "Budleigh Bag"

Community Actions:

BSTC to encourage CofC to encourage shop owners to join the refill scheme

BSTC to encourage CofC to reintroduce the Budleigh Bag

BSTC to work with other organisation to introduce further water fountains to the town

Transport

Desired Outcome: Reducing use of fossil fuels by vehicles/Increase use of public transport/Increase safe walking and cycling routes

Means: Contact EDCTG/Survey bus shelters/bollards in the High Street

Responsibility: EDCTG/BSTC/DCC/Stagecoach

Research and comments from committee members:

Whilst transport is not under the control of the Town Council, DCC and EDDC will be asked to contribute ideas

EDCTG be asked to consider using electric buses

Community Infrastructure Levy – committee looking at replacing bus shelters with greener versions with solar panels or living roofs – dual purpose = replacing old shelters as well as environmentally better

Encourage residents to walk and cycle more – more areas which could be developed for cycle paths

Look at areas where there are no footways

Encourage parents not to leave their cars idling when dropping off/picking up children at school – suggest it becomes a “fume-free” area

St Peter’s had a walking bus but there could be safeguarding issues with this

Keep the verge along the footway between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh cut – encourage the urban/rural link between the two communities – better for pushchairs/mobility scooters/cyclists

BS Traffic Group could look at some of these issues

Encourage car share schemes – co-car and co-bike

Electric Vehicle charging points across the town – two car parks have been earmarked – High Street not suitable for on-street charging

Community Actions:

BSTC to encourage EDCTG to purchase electric buses when next bus is needed.

BSTC to encourage their community infrastructure levy committee to continue to look at bus shelter options.

BSTC to work with EBPC/DCC to improve the footpath from Budleigh Salterton to East Budleigh so that it can be used as a cycle route.

BSTC to encourage the BS Traffic group to look at areas with no footways, keeping verge along the footway between Budleigh Salterton and East Budleigh cut, creating a fume free zone around the school.

BSTC to work with EDDC to install electric charging points in all car parks.

This committee to investigate the option of co-car and co-bike and present this to the full council.

Low Carbon Development

Desired Outcome: Reduce reliance on fossil fuels

Means: Encourage developers to install solar panels on roofs/heating source exchange systems

Responsibility: BSTC/EDDC/DCC

Research and comments from committee members:

Outside the remit of the Town Council but EDDC/DCC will be asked to encourage developers to go for greener solutions when deciding future development in the town

Cranbrook has heat source district heating which is a great example – encourage this for future development in the town

Community Actions:

BSTC to encourage EDDC and DCC to work with developers to go for greener solutions.

Energy Supply

Desired Outcome: Reduce reliance on fossil fuels/Establish Electric Vehicle Charging points

Means: Speak to other Councils across Devon/consider solar capture devices when the time comes to re-roof the Public Hall/insulation/identify suitable site for EV

Responsibility: BSTC/EDDC/DCC

Research and comments from committee members:

Maybe revisit the installation of solar panels on the Public Hall

Heat exchange systems

Look at retrofitting

Community Actions:

BSTC to reconsider solar panels on the public hall

This committee to research solar capture devices and report back to the full council

This committee to work with BSTC/EDDC/DCC to identify suitable sites for EV charging points

BSTC to be encouraged to look at loft insulation when reroofing the public hall.



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