

Abergavenny Town Council Climate Crisis Policy

Mission statement:

Abergavenny Town Council will seek to develop initiatives with and for the community to reduce the impact of climate change. We will do this in consultation with the community by adopting and delivering a strategy and action plan to enable us to work in partnership to bring about environmental improvements and sustainable solutions to reduce the impact of the climate crisis.

We recognise, as any town council, with limited resources and without staff dedicated to addressing the climate emergency, we cannot solve every issue or work alone. Our policy is based on what we can do to support, empower and encourage our local residents, community groups, schools and businesses, to take individual and collective responsibility to reduce carbon emissions, food and general waste, and single use plastics. Our aim is to contribute to making Abergavenny a more sustainable, diverse and resilient environment for our well-being, future generations and for wildlife.

In consultation with local residents, community groups, schools and businesses, Abergavenny Town Council will create a strategy and action plan to address the following:

- Increasing biodiversity through habitat improvements
- Promote the environmental benefits of shopping and growing locally
- Encourage more local food production and increase awareness of food miles
- Continue to develop the plans for allotments
- Encourage active travel solutions
- Provide information on schemes and grants available to community groups to enable sustainable projects to reduce, re-use or recycle waste.
- Engage with young people to promote their role in environmental custodianship
- Encourage our communities to visit the green spaces around the town and take a pride in them
- Develop, in partnership with MCC and other organisations, solutions to increase the number of urban trees and pollinator friendly planting
- Work with Housing Associations and Social Landlords to promote more community growing beds similar to the Incredible Edible model

This policy is to be reviewed annually by Council.