



Climate Emergency Strategy

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Introduction

The Town Development Committee (TDC) set up a working party to recommend actions that the Council could take to address Climate Emergency issues. This was prompted by several members of the community questioning the Council's response to the Climate Emergency.

This paper sets out a proposed strategy for the Council to adopt.

Background

The 2018 IPCC report made it very clear that to avoid the catastrophic effects of warming above 1.5°C, carbon emissions need to be reduced to Zero by 2050 at the latest and, if at all possible, before. Whilst Petersfield generates a very small amount of overall global emissions, there is considerable public support for reducing our emissions and the way in which the town reacts to this crisis could set a standard for others to follow.

Principles

This is a huge and multi-faceted problem which will require millions of pounds of investment to address. The Council cannot hope to provide sufficient financial support to achieve this alone. However, as the community's representative body, the Council can provide leadership, information and support.

Pillars

It is proposed that the Council's strategy is based on the following five pillars (CLIMS):

Co-operate with other local authorities and key stakeholders

Lead by reducing the carbon footprint of the Council's buildings and vehicles

Inform the community of what they can do themselves

Measure the carbon footprint of the town so that it can be monitored as it reduces

Support community groups who want to help

Further details about the potential actions relating to each pillar are shown at the annex. At this stage, these details are provided purely as an indication of the actions that could be undertaken.

Recommendations

The working group's recommendations are as follows:

1. That this strategy be adopted by the Council.
2. That the Council supports the formation of a Petersfield Climate Action Group (PeCAN). This would be a separate organisation run by members of the community.
3. Based on the annex to this strategy, a more detailed Climate Action Plan is formed, which sets out what actions are to be taken and by when
4. The Climate Action Plan is formally adopted by the Council as part of a Climate Emergency declaration
5. The Council considers the recruitment of a Climate Emergency coordinator, initially for 2 days per week, to help manage the Climate Action Plan.

CLIMS Pillars Potential Actions, Costs and Impact

Pillar	Potential Actions	Potential Cost	Possible Community Support	Potential Impact
Cooperate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with EHDC/SDNPA/HCC to achieve a shared space town centre prioritising pedestrians and cycles over vehicles - Work with EHDC to develop a town Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) - Liaison with EHDC/SDNPA/HCC - Coordination of climate events - Learning from best practice and other Local Authorities - Joint events - Liaison with public transport providers to try and encourage electric vehicles - Liaison with other LAs - Encourage EHDC to provide free electric car parking and more charging points - Liaison with local businesses to inform and encourage best practice 	Likely to be achieved by the employment of a Climate Emergency Coordinator. Approx £15k for 2 days per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community events - Review/comment on proposed activities 	Significant if efforts and resources can be coordinated effectively
Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commit to all Council buildings being Zero Carbon by 2035 - Commit to all the Council's road vehicles being electric by 2024 - Other Council vehicles and small machinery to be electric once viable - Install electric vehicle charging points on Council property 	<p>Between £1M and £2M for the Festival Hall</p> <p>Up to £500k for Avenue Pavillion</p> <p>Up to £200k for the occupied areas of Love Lane Pavillion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local expertise could help advise - Local architectural support - Provision of suitable land for solar farm 	Significant demonstration of the Council's commitment and also shows the way for others

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Switch to a green energy provider for gas and electricity - Consider setting up or enabling a solar farm - Where feasible, deliver habitat restoration and take action to increase biodiversity on all Council land - Adopt a Council policy that any planning application should be subject to an objection if green infrastructure has not been considered or included - A new dwelling which is a Certified Passivhaus will be given the Town Council's 25% CIL - All Council catered events to provide only vegan food 	<p>Likely to be facilitated by the employment of a Climate Emergency Coordinator. Approx £15k for 2 days per week.</p>		
Inform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Set up a website detailing what people can do to reduce their carbon footprint - Hold a series of climate emergency information events - Arrange training for local volunteers to advise on building retrofit and insulation (energy assessors) 	<p>Likely to be less than £10k</p> <p>Likely to be achieved by the employment of a Climate Emergency Coordinator. Approx £15k for 2 days per week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local expertise - Local volunteers to act as energy assessors - Volunteers to staff stalls/events 	Potentially very significant as this enables people to take action themselves
Measure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact energy providers to see if they will provide energy usage figures for the Petersfield area - Set up vehicle, cycling and pedestrian monitoring stations 	<p><£20k</p> <p>Likely to be achieved by the employment of a Climate Emergency</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local expertise 	This would be the first move of this kind in the UK and would set the standard. It would also allow the town to observe the effectiveness of carbon reduction emissions

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with EHDC to determine whether an overall carbon assessment for Petersfield can be undertaken 	Coordinator. Approx £15k for 2 days per week.		
Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the setup of a Petersfield Climate Action Network (PeCAN or Petersfield CAN) - Provide meeting rooms for local climate groups - Act as a 'treasurer' for local climate groups - Provide office facilities (1 or 2 desks?) for local climate groups - Support local Climate groups in any bids for funding 	<p>Likely to be less than £10k</p> <p>Likely to be achieved by the employment of a Climate Emergency Coordinator. Approx £15k for 2 days per week.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committed people who would be willing to devote their time 	With significant support from the community, the Council could act as a catalyst to create significant effect