

West Malling Parish Council Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Group

Action Plan.

Reviewed January 2024.

Aim	Action	Result	Future Plan	Review
<p>DEVELOP POLICY AND STRATEGY TO MEET NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS BY 2030 AND SUPPORT THE NATIONAL NET ZERO TARGET FOR 2050.</p> <p>DEVELOP POLICY AND STRATEGY TO COMPLY WITH THE DUTY TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE BIO-DIVERSITY</p>	<p>Set up a Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Group (CC&BAG).</p> <p>Members of CC & BAG meet monthly to create an Action Plan and act!</p> <p>Comply with the Environmental Improvement Plan 2023. Aim to halt species decline and protect 30% of UK land by 2030</p> <p>Monitor performance.</p>	<p>WMPC Environmental Policy agreed and posted on WMPC website. Outside speakers including Councillor Robin Betts.</p> <p>Environmental Policy and Action Plan updated January 2024 to demonstrate compliance with 'bio-diversity duty' imposed in May 2023.</p>	<p>Continue to meet monthly.</p> <p>Encourage members of the public to attend meetings and participate actively.</p> <p>Look for outside speakers to support the aims and work of the group.</p>	<p>Review Environmental Policy and Action Plan in January 2025</p>
<p>REDUCE WMPC CARBON FOOTPRINT</p> <p>Reduce WMPC carbon footprint to net zero by 2030 (Scope 1 & 2 emissions)</p>	<p>Measure carbon footprint for Scope 1 and 2 emissions using KALC tool.</p> <p>Reduce energy from fossil fuels wherever possible.</p>	<p>WMPC's carbon footprint for 2021-2022 = 8.9 tonnes of CO2. 76.4% came from street lighting.</p> <p>New contract negotiated with Laser. Electricity is now wholly from renewable sources. Street lighting now converted to LED.</p>	<p>Switch to 100% renewable energy source for all energy consumption, wherever possible</p> <p>Continue to measure carbon footprint annually. Look for opportunities to</p>	<p>Review January 2025</p>

	<p>When the PC takes ownership of the public toilets review potential to reduce energy use' <i>(For water usage in toilets, see section on water use and quality)</i></p>	<p>The PC own the Village Hall which has solar panels and has replaced existing bulbs with LED</p>	<p>reduce carbon emissions.</p> <p>Liase with VH committee to look for further reductions in energy use.</p> <p>Review with electricianFit motion detectors to the lighting and replace fluorescent tubes with LED tubes. Switch to renewable energy ? Laser.</p> <p>Look at possibility for a green roof.</p>	
<p>REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF WORK UNDERTAKEN FOR WMPC</p> <p>Reduce WMPC Scope 3 emissions to net zero by 2030.</p>	<p>Write to contractors asking for information about their carbon footprint incurred while working for WMPC.</p>	<p>Considered replies from contractors show that they are giving thought to their environmental impact.</p>	<p>In the coming year ask contractors to provide measurable information about their emissions when tendering for work for WMPC.</p>	<p>Measure Scope 3 emissions 2024 -2025</p>
<p>SUPPORT WEST MALLING RESIDENTS TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD CARBON EMISSIONS (AND ENERGY BILLS).</p>	<p>CC & BAG wrote to TMBC requesting support to enable residents to survey individual houses with a 'heat seeking' camera to identify areas of poor insulation. We</p>	<p>Positive response from TMBC but no action.</p>	<p>Pursue this problem actively, write to KALC to see if they will take this problem on.</p> <p>Explore possibilities for hiring/buying a</p>	<p>Review 2025</p>

	<p>also asked TMBC to encourage planning officers to engage with</p> <p>the problems of people who live in older properties (especially listed buildings), regarding the difficulties of installing double glazing, insulation and solar panels in listed buildings.</p> <p>All housing developments, new builds and extensions should aim to create carbon neutral homes.</p>	<p>The Planning Committee routinely requests that plans include measures to reduce energy use and reliance on fossil fuels eg heat exchange pumps, insulation, solar panels etc</p>	<p>heat seeking camera.</p> <p>Look at strategies adopted by other</p> <p>parishes with many important buildings.</p> <p>See community engagement section.</p> <p>These measures are not a legal requirement. Continue to call for better legislation to improve the quality of housing stock and reduce people's energy bills.</p>	
<p>REDUCE TRANSPORT EMISSIONS</p>	<p>WMPC want to see improved Public Transport. This is a requirement if we are to achieve net zero by 2050.</p>	<p>Public transport policy to encourage improved bus services, together with action by WMPC to subsidise no 58 and 71 bus, resulting in a continued service, and pressure for hospital bus resulting in extension of an existing route from Tonbridge to go to Hospital daily.</p>	<p>Continue to promote these services.</p>	<p>Review January 2025</p>

	<p>All new developments should have access to public transport.</p> <p>Support residents to switch to Electric Vehicles. Apply for KCC funding for 2 EV Charging points in the Village Hall car park.</p> <p>Improve safety and reduce carbon emissions with reduced speed limit.</p> <p>Encourage residents to walk and cycle.</p>	<p>Planning committee routinely considers access to public transport for all new planning applications.</p> <p>Awaiting confirmation of funding and plans for EV charger installation.</p> <p>Consultation on 20mph speed limit to be extended across West Malling now completed. Signage is being designed.</p> <p>School 'walking bus' is very successful.</p>	<p>Continue to apply for funding for EV charging points. Look to TMBC and KCC for funding for EVs in council owned car parks.</p> <p>Identify necessary funding to implement the scheme.</p> <p>Consider ways to encourage cycling eg Cycle path to Kings Hill</p> <p>Reconsider position of bike racks in Tesco car park.</p> <p>Look at possibilities for car sharing clubs.</p>	
<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>WMPC wants to encourage the community to engage with the Climate Change emergency and the</p>	<p>We have started to make links with local Green organisations eg the Green Hub. We held a 'Greener West Malling' event in March 2023 – inviting</p>	<p>Over 70 people attended the event which was well received by the public.</p> <p>KWT 'Nature Friendly Gardening for All' event held on 26.10.23</p>	<p>Encourage residents to attend CC&BAG meetings.</p> <p>Continue to encourage networking and raise the profile of collective and</p>	<p>Review January 2025</p>

<p>environmental crisis of Biodiversity</p>	<p>Communigrow, Kent Wildlife Trust, the Repair Café, and myworldrefill hub.</p>		<p>individual action to mitigate the impact of climate change.</p> <p>Plan for Great Big Green Week (UK wide) event) 8-16th June 2024. Co-operate with local partners eg Communigrow, the Repair Shop, and encourage community participation.</p> <p>Consider engaging with KCC and TMBC and KALC about how to support residents to reduce their energy use on heating their houses and keep warm at the same time.</p>	
<p>WATER USE AND QUALITY</p>	<p>Reduce excessive water use when WMPC takes ownership of the public toilets.</p>	<p>Active engagement with problems, see plans for the future.</p>	<p>Consider installing motion detectors to reduce water usage to urinals. This is urgent as current system is hugely wasteful. Potential to reduce usage by 80%. Water meter makes measurement easy to monitor.</p> <p>Review use of chemicals for</p>	<p>Review January 2025</p>

	Encourage new developments to include provision to save rainwater and use it as 'grey water'.	Planning committee request all new developments to adopt measures to save water.	cleaning. Look at changing to environmentally friendly cleaning products.	
MONITOR AIR QUALITY	For air quality to improve and to detect any deterioration.	Established that TMBC do not routinely monitor air quality in West Malling.	Request to measure baseline air quality at the junction with Swan Street and the High St. also outside WM primary school. Establish baseline measurements and then request annual checks to ensure air quality improves.	Review January 2025