

# BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2022-2030



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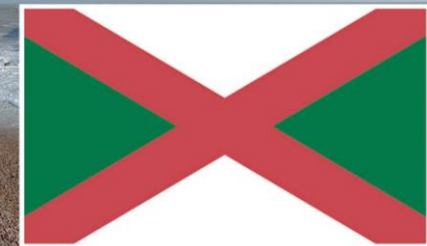
Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council was formed in May 2021. We are a passionate team of councillors who are committed to addressing the climate and nature emergency. We see our role as bringing the community together for the sake of our children, to reduce Bexhill's carbon footprint and protect our wildlife and nature.

Until recently, these ideas have seemed distant and not to affect us, but now we are all aware of increasing storms, floods, heatwaves, and rapidly rising energy bills, plus the need for self-sufficiency, clean seas and inland waters, and planning for the future. That is what this climate action plan is about.

Because we are in an emergency, we need to identify what needs to be done, and the practical action that will make a difference. We are aiming to achieve a lot by 2030. Some measures may take a few years to attain, and for some we will need to seek external funding. We do not have the powers of the big local authorities, but we can lobby and influence local matters, and be sure that every decision we make will aim to be well-informed and benefit our lovely town and its residents.

This plan is an ever-evolving document, a vision of possibilities which will guide us through the coming years, based on research and data and – most importantly – your involvement. Join us in being a force for good and share your ideas with us as we embark upon our journey to carbon neutrality. Thank you.

**“Your Town Council  
is listening”**



# INTRODUCTION

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In October 2022, report after report reminded us starkly of the urgent need to reduce carbon emissions and the greenhouse gases<sup>1</sup> they contain which are warming the world. The United Nations reported climate change happening “at catastrophic speed”; the World Meteorological Organisation records that the last eight years have been the warmest ever recorded; and the United Nations Environment Programme<sup>2</sup> says that without immediate and deep reductions “we are heading for a 2.8C temperature rise by the end of the century, and only an urgent transformation of society will avoid disaster; the world must cut emissions by 45 per cent to avoid global catastrophe”. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, set up in 1988 and involving hundreds of scientists worldwide, warned us of the urgency of cutting emissions to limit global warming to 1.5 C. In 2018, 191 countries formally approved the Paris Agreement<sup>2</sup>, targeting net zero by 2050. But progress is slow – too slow.

In June 2021, in one of the first motions to be passed by Bexhill on Sea Town Council, we recognised and declared a climate and nature emergency and pledged to support Bexhill as a town, becoming carbon neutral. This is in line with Rother District Council’s target for carbon neutrality by 2030. We resolved to work in collaboration with local people, organisations and businesses to develop evidence-based ideas and solutions. This collaboration is key to developing and implementing the Bexhill on Sea Climate and Nature Action Plan.

This Community Climate and Nature Emergency Action Plan sets out the scale of the carbon neutral 2030 challenge for Bexhill and proposes a framework of nine pillars for collective and collaborative action.

<sup>1</sup> Greenhouse gases include carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxides, and water vapour.

<sup>2</sup> (<https://www.unep.org/resources/emissions-gap-report-2022>)

# WHY WE NEED TO ACT IN BEXHILL-ON-SEA

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*We now know that the levels of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere are higher than at any point in recent history, and that this increase is directly linked to human activity, mainly the burning of fossil fuels.*

The effects of climate change are already being felt across the world, including Bexhill. Effects, including extreme heat and more frequent, intense storms, and rising sea levels are already being witnessed locally. Experts are seeing levels of local wildlife change, affecting our carefully balanced ecosystem. As global temperatures rise, areas of our town will be at increased risk of flooding, wildlife will be at risk of disappearing and the health and wellbeing of those who live and work within our town will be at risk of deteriorating.

Delivering the rapid cuts in greenhouse gases needed to avoid more severe impacts of climate change whilst maintaining and protecting our wildlife and biodiversity will be the biggest challenge of our generation.



# WHAT DOES A BETTER ENVIRONMENT MEAN TO US?

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“We could grow better quality and sustainable local produce.”

“I love swimming in Bexhill, but I want the water to be clean.”

“We just pay too much for stuff. What happened to waste not want not?”

“My friend said to me, why do anything, it might not happen. I said, either way, we’d end up with a cleaner world”

“The threat of such extreme weather means I have to stay indoors more and more.”

“The flood risk to my home is always on my mind, it’s such a worry.”

# CO-BENEFITS OF CLIMATE ACTION

In October 2022 the IMF reported that the short-term costs of climate action would be greatly outweighed by the co-benefits.

There are many associated economic, social and health benefits to reducing carbon emissions and increasing wildlife and biodiversity that strengthen the case for climate action

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council has based its set of co-benefits on those from Climate Action UK. Each action created will be identified by the appropriate co-benefit badge seen here.



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**



**EQUITY**



**JOB CREATION**



**SOCIAL**



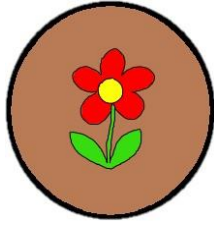
**RESILIENCE**



**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**



**ECONOMY**



**NATURE AND WILDLIFE**

# GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CONSIDERED BY THE ACTION PLAN

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*We have considered different types of emission sources for this plan. Some will be linked to our own direct activities as a town council, and some relate to the wider community.*

- There are many different sources for greenhouse gas emissions. Some will be linked to Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council's own activities, but most are related to the residents and the community.
- To get a picture of the emissions, we have used the IMPACT Tool<sup>3</sup>, a community carbon calculator which has given the Council insight into where the greenhouse emissions are highest, and informed the key action points for this Plan. It produces two different types of carbon footprints for each ward in Bexhill.
- Consumption-based carbon footprint. These are the emissions produced by what Bexhill residents consume in their daily lives. This includes gas, electricity and petrol, but also food, drink, clothes, shoes, electronics and appliances, even financial services or holidays. These emissions will often take place outside the town, or abroad, from imported goods. But we consume these goods, and they produce carbon.
- Territorial-based carbon footprint. A territorial footprint looks at all emissions that arise from activities within the town, covering for example road and rail travel, manufacturing, businesses and agriculture. It is more difficult for us to make changes in these areas, because they are decided by local or national government

For more information on the IMPACT Tool or to look at individual ward-based emissions, please visit [www.impact-tool.org.uk](http://www.impact-tool.org.uk)

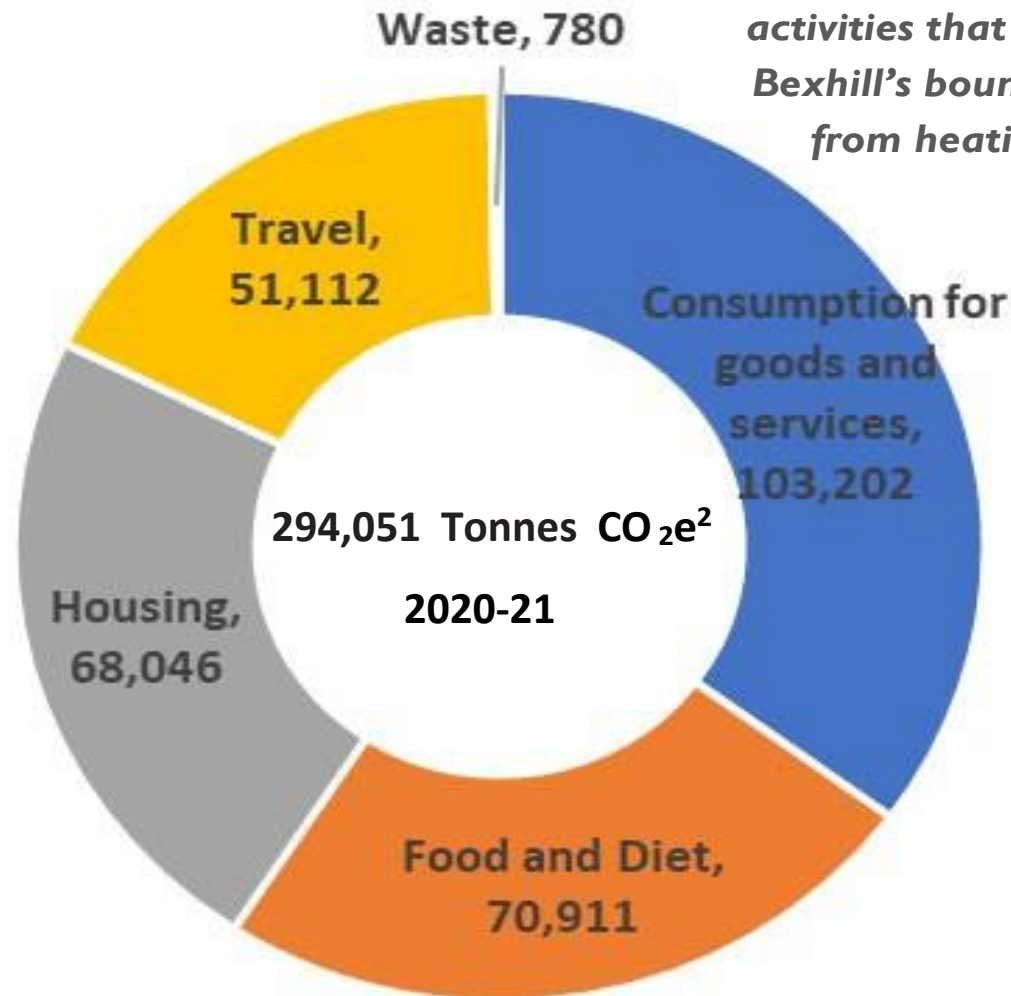
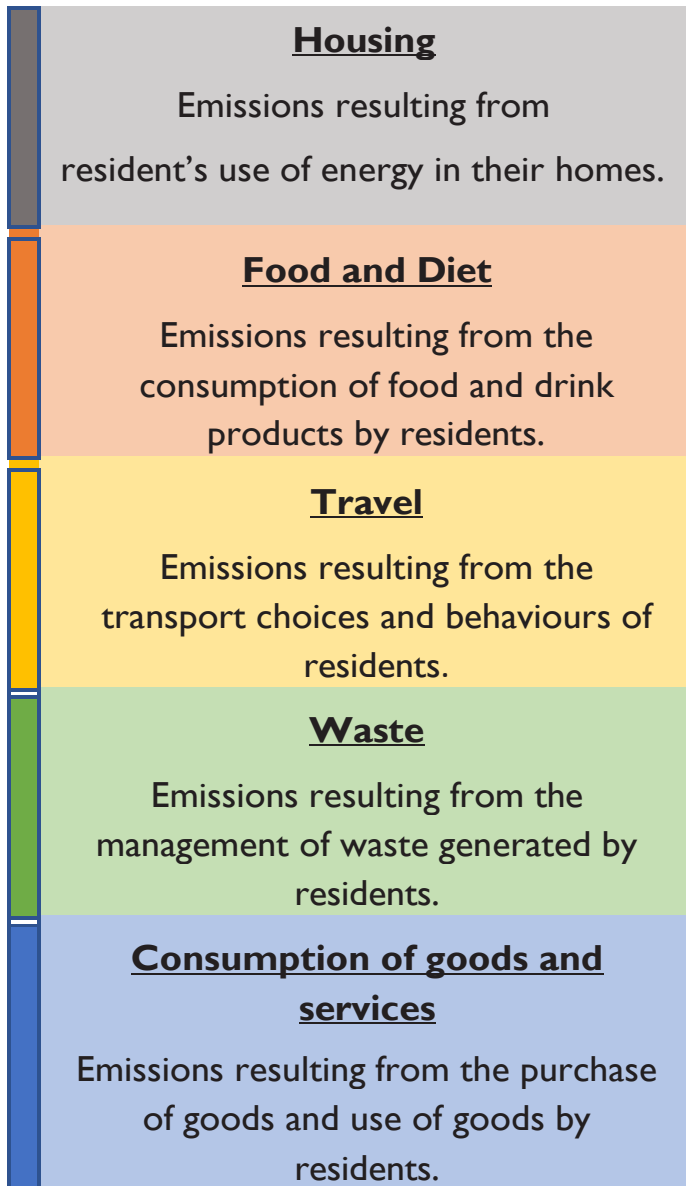
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<sup>3</sup> Emissions referenced by the IMPACT tool have been calculated using estimate and assumptions found in their methodology: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/static/doc/Impact-methodology-paper-v1.7.pdf>



# BEXHILL-ON-SEA COMMUNITY CONSUMPTION FOOTPRINT (IMPACT)

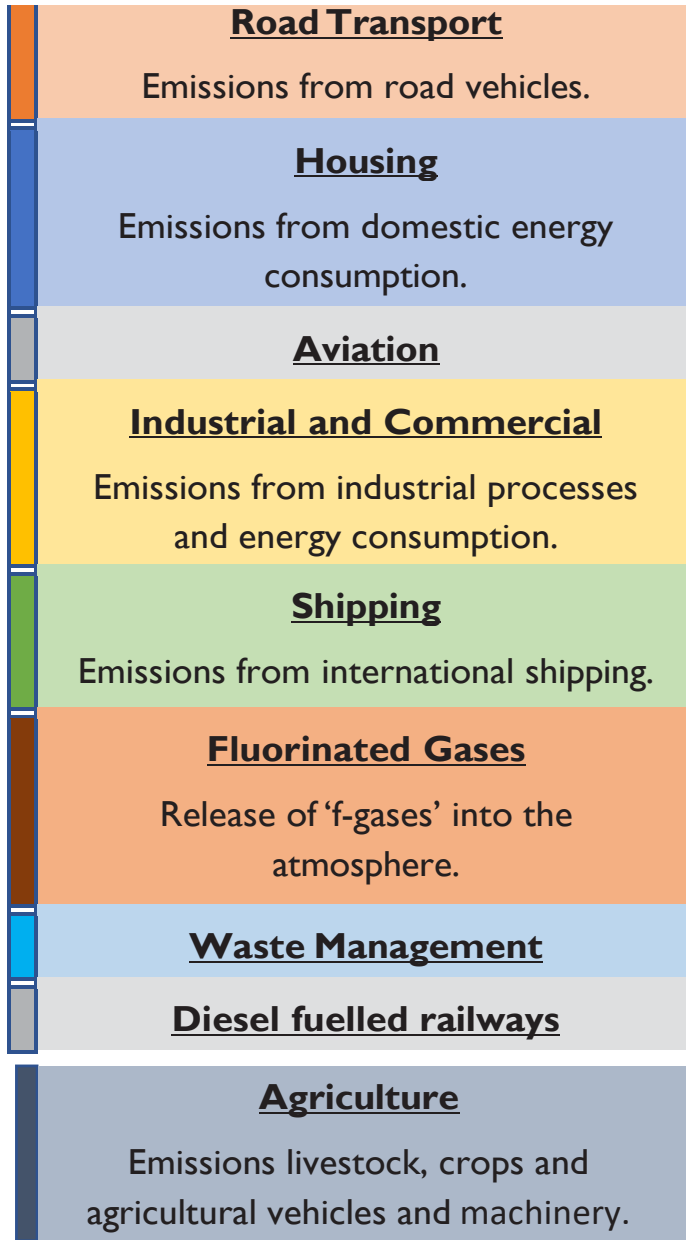
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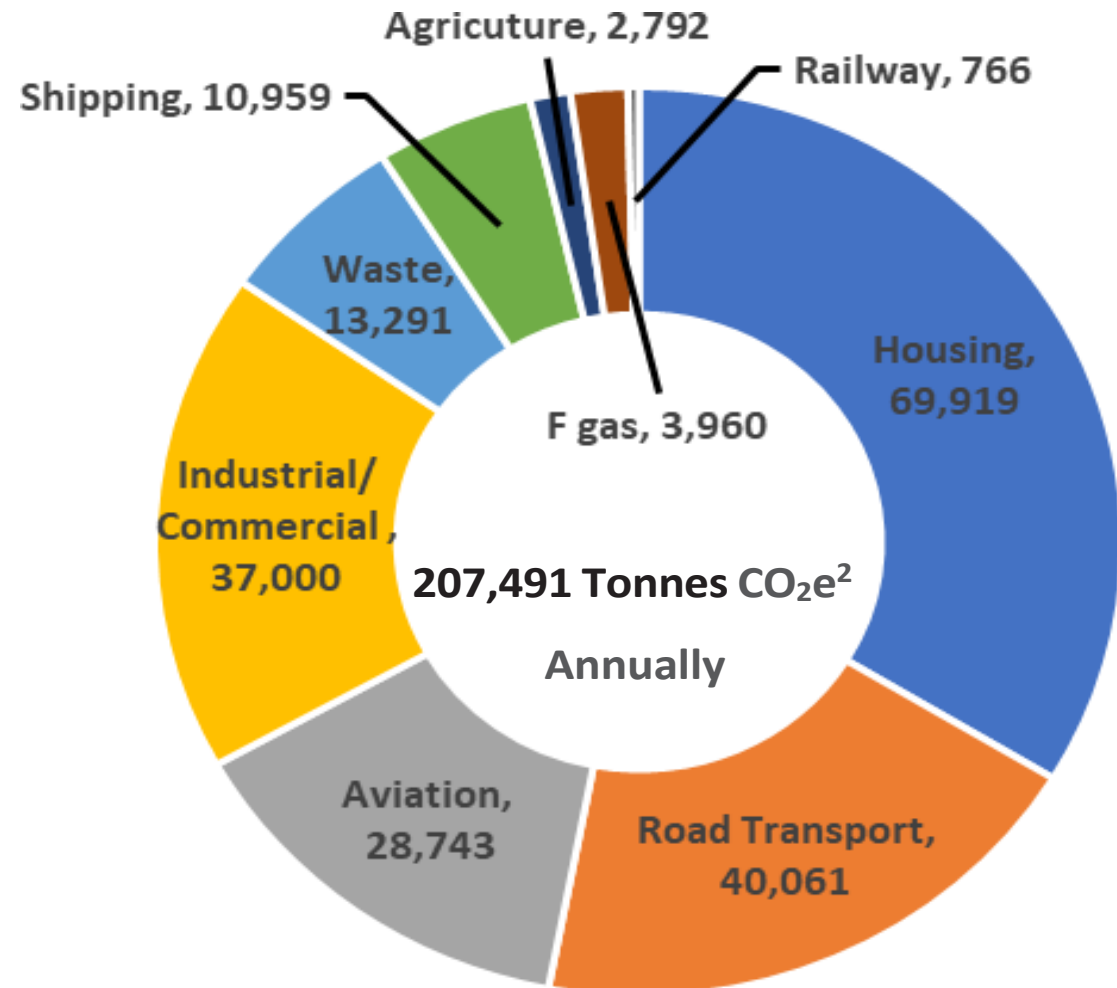
*This figure shows the annual carbon emissions measured in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>2</sup> equivalent resulting from the different activities that residents within Bexhill's boundary engage in, from heating to eating.*

# BEXHILL-ON-SEA COMMUNITY TERRITORIAL FOOTPRINT (IMPACT)

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*This figure shows the annual carbon emissions (measured in tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e<sup>2</sup>) emitted by general activities taking place within the town's boundaries.*



# ACHIEVING CARBON NEUTRALITY IN BEXHILL BY 2030

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***To support the goal of carbon neutrality in Bexhill by 2030, the town will need to reduce by at least 42,000 tonnes of carbon each year. That's roughly equivalent to the weight of 3500 double decker buses\*!***

**For the town to effectively play its part in becoming carbon neutral by 2030 the council must take a high ambition pathway working closely alongside Rother District Council, East Sussex County Council and local organisations, businesses and residents.**

**Because some of the town's emissions would be extremely challenging to reduce without further national legislation, more innovation, and support from national government, a proportion of the town's emissions may need to be offset to reach the goal of 2030.**

**This action plan has been created in collaboration with local experts, residents, businesses and organisations.**

***\*Average UK Double Decker bus weighs 12,000kg.***

# VISUALISING CARBON

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## What uses up a kilo of carbon?

- A ten minute shower, an 8 km car ride, a 48 km bike ride

## What about a tonne?

- Heating the average house for 4.4 months (Average yearly household emissions from heating 2.7 tonnes)
- 17 economy flights from London to Paris (Average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per passenger 57.8 kg per journey)
- Driving a petrol car over 5.5 months (average yearly mileage of a petrol car is 6,700 miles)

15 simple things you can do to minimize your carbon footprint

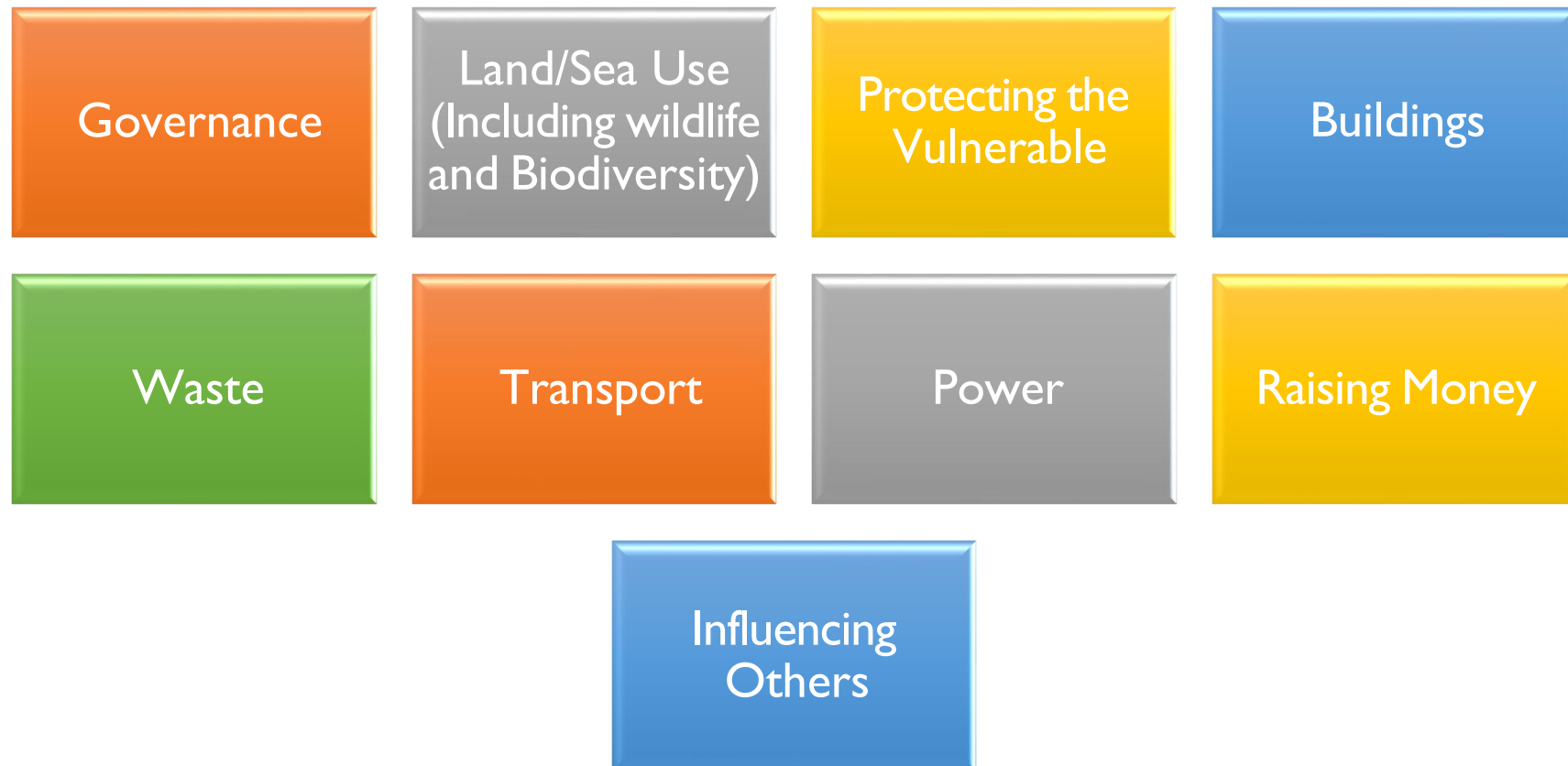
**The average person in the UK uses 12 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e a year. This can be reduced to about 2 tons by 2030 by taking the following actions, most of which will also save you money.**

1. Use cold water (30 degrees) for washing your clothes. Use a clothesline to dry them.
2. Take shorter showers: check with an egg timer
3. Turn down the central heating thermostat to 19 or 20 degrees and wear warm clothes indoors.
4. Turn off electrical appliances when not using them - radios, TV, computer, router, phone etc. Use LED lights.  
Turn off lights when rooms are empty.
5. Use a green energy provider and insulate your home.
6. Avoid flying. Try video conferencing instead, or taking trains, and if you have to fly, offset plane miles with tree planting
7. Drive less. Walk, cycle, use public transport, and car share. If affordable, make your next car an electric one.
8. Buy less stuff! Where possible use charity shops, and avoid pointless packaging.
9. Refuse to use plastic, use bars of soap or shampoo rather than plastic bottles.
10. Use a refillable water bottle and use your own mug for take away coffees
11. Buy and eat local produce and eat less meat. Bring your own cloth shopping bags
12. Plant trees and create green spaces
13. Invest your pension and savings in sustainable investments.
14. Write and talk to decision-makers about how they can make it easier for everyone to do these things, through government incentives, innovations, taxes, ending fossil fuel subsidies, information campaigns etc. Discuss these measures, and why you are trying them, with your family, friends and neighbours. <sup>4</sup>



## Climate and Nature Action Plan Priorities

We have identified 9 key pillars based on the current assessment of the town's emissions and the scope for local action which we hope will deliver the greatest opportunity as a community to deliver the greatest emission and financial savings, and the greatest positive effect on local nature.











Nationally, principal authorities (such as Rother District Council) are directly responsible for a small percentage of local emissions, but they can influence a huge percentage of emissions through their activities and their powers. The town council is best placed working directly with residents, organisations, and businesses to support the delivery of local emission reductions with Rother District Council, and to protect and increase local wildlife. This plan was created through strong collaboration with local stakeholders through a Climate Action event held by the council in May 2022. The event brought local people together to hear from a range of experts and individuals with high levels of experience in delivering achievable local results. We worked together in focus groups to discuss, debate, and put forward solutions they would like the Town Council to take forward in tackling the Climate emergency locally. These solutions have directly formed the objectives within this plan.



# THE PLAN – GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

AIM: ENSURE CLIMATE AND NATURE AT FOREFRONT OF COUNCIL DECISION-MAKING, WITH INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT AND SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES.

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Require councillors to identify whether the new recommendations put to them would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.	Councillors should refer to the Climate Action Plan when making decisions, and minute that consideration has been given. When purchasing and issuing contracts to source suppliers and products that meet the aims of the Plan.	Ongoing	+	£	 
The Climate, Nature and Environment (CNE) Committee will be required to publish an annual report to the public on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets. The Council will nominate a councillor to present at the Annual Town Council meeting.	The committee will monitor and record progress. The report will be presented at the Annual Town Council meeting and published on the website.	Yearly	+	£	 
Set interim and measurable targets for our council to achieve a carbon neutral status and meet nature restoration goals.	The CNE Committee will research and make recommendations to the Council. The interim and measurable targets will be incorporated into the annual report.	Yearly	+	£	 
	We will employ a climate officer as an employee of the town council to maintain the council's plan.	2023	++	££	 



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









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The residents of Bexhill will be consulted on over complicated or contentious options on climate and nature.	The Council will engage with the public to gauge opinion on climate and nature issues, to inform the Town Council decision making process. E.g., hosting public meetings, surveys etc.	Ongoing	+	£	
	We will promote our Plan in local schools, colleges, and youth organisations to engage young people.	2023-24	+	£	
Review and improve how we involve residents in our decision-making processes	We will analyse the success of different methods of consultation based on the quality and quantity of public involvement.	2025	+	£	 
	We will seek to be innovative in improving our methods of consultation.	Ongoing	+	£	 
Align all our Council statutory and non-statutory plans, Committee Terms of Reference, policies and guidance with respective carbon reduction pathways and nature restoration plans, including procurement.	The F&GP Committee will undertake a review of Committee Terms of Reference, council policies and make recommendations to the council and committees.	Yearly	+	£	

# THE PLAN – Land/Sea use including Wildlife and Biodiversity

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Increase tree cover, and biodiversity on council-owned land and support local planning strategies to double tree cover, and increase, hedgerows across the town, and ensure existing trees, hedgerows and wildlife are properly protected in order to store carbon, support nature, improve soils and water quality, and aid flood protection and urban design.	We will identify key sites for tree planting working with residents and community groups where possible.	2023-24	++	££	     
	We will work with other local authorities and organisations to promote and embrace their initiatives.	2023-2030	+	£	 
	We will seek to support or undertake a nature and biodiversity audit of the town, working with the Local Authority to protect, manage and increase the local wildlife and biodiversity and involving local nature connectors in each ward.	2023-24	+	£	  
	We will identify key sites to maintain and increase the level of hedgerow cover, working particularly to plant species of hedgerow that promote a healthy ecosystem for our wildlife.	2024-27	++	££	 

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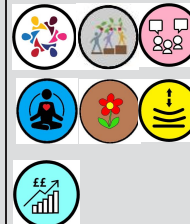
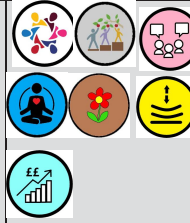

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity, green belt and locally designated nature sites.	We will seek to acquire land in the parish; review the existing survey of trees to identify the gaps and areas of potential growth; take an active stewardship role.	2024-2030	++	£££	
	We will review the quality of water sources, streams and ponds and draw up a plan to reduce pollution.	2024-2027	+	£	
	We will investigate 'green gyms' to generate electricity.	2027-2030	++	££	
Improve quality of our marine life and protect and promote the wealth and importance of our seafront including looking at mitigating the effects of rising sea levels and increasingly unpredictable weather.	We will support the creation and work alongside local organisations and the local authority to create a Marine Heritage Centre.	2030	+	££££	
	We will investigate the benefits of canvas panels along the seafront to prevent damage from moving shingle along the promenade.	2028-2030	+	££	
	We will lobby for cleaner seas, reducing pollution and plastics from entering our waterways.	2023-2030	++	£	
	We will lobby to protect the wildlife at Galley Hill by calling on the Local Authority to halt any plans to increase the number of beach huts in sensitive wildlife areas.	2023-2030	+	£	

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
	We will investigate introducing Marine life information boards along our seafront	2030	+	£	
Increase availability of land for community sustainability	We will seek to acquire more land or work with the local authority to designate more land for allotment use	2024-2030	++	£££	
	We will seek to acquire more land or work with the local authority to designate more land for Community Orchards	2024-2030	++	£££	
Increase summer water availability in the landscape	We will explore ways to increase summer water supply in streams, lakes and reservoirs	2025-2030	++	££	

# THE PLAN – Protecting the Vulnerable

AIM: TO ENSURE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ARE PROPERLY SUPPORTED AND PROTECTED.




















19:

Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Support local groups and organisations in identifying the most vulnerable people in the area most at risk of extreme weather conditions and target adaptation policies, actions and spending to these areas.	We will keep in regular contact with local groups and organisations in order to identify any needs where the Town Council can offer support. We will prepare an emergency plan to ensure we are ready to act.	2023-2024	+	£	  
Ensure that voices of the most vulnerable communities are also represented in council decision-making.	We will actively consider the needs and priorities of the most vulnerable parishioners in our decision-making.	Ongoing	+	£	  

# THE PLAN - BUILDINGS
























AIM: ENSURE ALL HOMES ARE WELL INSULATED AND TO ERADICATE FUEL POVERTY AS FAST AS POSSIBLE.

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Retrofit Town Council-owned properties with high levels of insulation and energy saving measures. Help other organisations to do the same.	We will work with the other groups and organisations to identify any deficiencies in insulation in the community centres and public buildings and seek to improve.	2023-2028	+++	£££	   
	We will ensure high levels of insulation in the new Town Council premises.	2023-2024	+	££	  
Help owner-occupied homes be more energy efficient, for example by supporting poor or vulnerable households with insulation and a light bulb replacement scheme.	We will share details of all available schemes and initiatives on our website and social media platforms and display in our offices.	Ongoing	+	£	   
To support local planning policy which promotes minimum energy efficiency standards in the private rented sector.	We will identify the policies and relevant guidance and make the information available to local tenants.	2024	+	£	   
To promote the highest possible standard for privately built new homes.	We will include in our response to planning applications the use of renewable energy and meeting the Homes for Life standard e.g., installation of air-source heat pumps in all new builds, solar panels.	Ongoing	++	£	 
To ensure that all new Town Council property is built to high environmental standards.	Develop a heating and energy efficiency strategy for the redevelopment of the assets that are transferred from Rother District Council, such as WCs.	2023	+	£	 

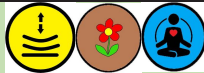

# THE PLAN - Waste

AIM: TO BE A ZERO WASTE TOWN COUNCIL WHERE ALL WASTE IS MINIMISED, RECYCLED OR REUSE.

Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work towards sending zero waste to landfill or incineration.	We will carry out an in-house waste audit and identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling, Terracycling and upcycling.	2024	+	£	
Use food waste according to the food waste hierarchy of prevent and compost.	We will create a localised Food Waste Hierarchy Strategy working with Rother District Council to improve food waste recycling.	2026	++	£	 
	We will develop an app to share excess food information from local businesses for residents to collect.	2026	++	££	  
	We will work with Bexhill Environmental Group and Community Supporters to develop community garden kitchens, promoting cooking and growing produce.	2023-2024	+	£	     
Promote community sharing and reuse.	We will incorporate a sharing and reuse scheme in the terms and conditions for the allotment sites.	2025	+	£	    
	We will work with local groups to form a repair café.	2025	++	££	     

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	We will complete an audit of recycling receptacles in the town, reviewing seagull proofing.	2025	+	£	
	We will organise a Community Fridge /Larder across the area and support those in action already	2023-2026	+	££	

























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# THE PLAN - Transport

AIM: TO REDUCE AIR POLLUTION TO MEET WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION LEVELS, MATCH EUROPEAN BEST PRACTICE IN THE USE OF BUSES, CYCLING AND WALKING AND TO PROMOTE ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES.

























23:

Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points where opportunities arise to enable the rapid shift to electric vehicles.	We will work with local organisations and councils that manage car parks at their facilities to help them install EV charging points such as community centres and incorporate EV charging points.	2026	+++	£££	   
Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and public transport, such as electric buses.	We will work with East Sussex County Council to explore opportunities for improving the pedestrian and cycling networks.	2024-2026	+++	£££	     
	We will actively encourage developers to take into consideration pedestrian and cycle routes around the town when building new homes.	Ongoing	++	£	   
	We will develop accessible walking routes from other areas in Bexhill to the town centre.	2024-2030	++	££	  
Purchase of an electric community minibus, to replace the current diesel model.	We will carry out a feasibility study and cost/benefit analysis with a view to purchasing an electric community minibus and lease to the current community bus service at no cost.	2025- 2030	++	£££	   
If the Town Council purchase vehicles they will be electric.	We will identify the need for a Town Council vehicle in the short, medium and long term.	2023	+	£££	

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Promote and encourage, through education, the health and environmental benefits of walking.	We will produce a footpath map identifying walking routes in and around the entire area of Bexhill.	2024	++	£	  
Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car-sharing, electric bikes and re-regulating bus services.	We will produce an online leaflet on sustainable means of travel and share information on other successful schemes with the aim of promoting the reduction of car usage.	2024	++	£	   
	We will lobby Rother District Council to stop producing paper parking tickets.	2023	+	£	
	We will investigate running a summer bike hire scheme.	2024	++	££	     
To reduce our carbon footprint on deliveries to the Town Council.	We will use local and environmentally aware companies wherever possible to reduce delivery miles.	Ongoing	++	££	 
Discourage car idling, particularly outside the school and shops in order to reduce air pollution.	We will monitor the air pollution outside the shops and the school and working with the school raise awareness with parents of the effects of car idling.	2026	++	£	   
Reduce the need to own and use a car through managing developments in the Neighbourhood Plan and the provision of retail infrastructure through the National Planning Policy Framework.	We will actively seek to incorporate walking and cycling routes in planning applications for new housing developments, particularly regarding access to the town centre.	Ongoing	++	£	   

# THE PLAN – Power

AIM: TO ENABLE AND SUPPORT GROWTH AND USE OF GREEN ENERGY AND ENSURE ENERGY IS NOT WASTED.

25:

Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
To change lighting in public areas to a well-designed and well-directed LED lights.	We will carry out an audit of public area lighting. We will work with East Sussex County Council to replace lighting, and work with other owners to move to LED lighting.	2025	++	£	
Reduce energy used by the council in its own assets.	We will incorporate energy saving measures in all Town Council-owned properties, undertaking an energy audit where required.	2023	+	££	 
	We will research solar farm opportunities for Bexhill.	2025-2030	+++	££££	   
We will promote and support residents in managing towards a green energy transition.	We will explore ways in supporting residents to gain expert advice and getting the best value for money on energy and insulation.	2024	++	£	
Require the integration of renewable energy such as solar thermal, PV or heat pumps in affordable housing developments and, as much as possible, within private sector developments.	We will include renewable energy, air source heat pump and solar thermal in responding to planning applications, use renewable energy in Town Council buildings, including the assets transferred from Rother District Council.	Ongoing	++	£	  
Support renewable energy and energy storage.	We will promote the use of renewable energy and energy storage using Town Council website and social media.	Ongoing	+	£	  

# THE PLAN – Raising Money

AIM: ENSURE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO INVEST IN THE CHANGES NEEDED TO RESTORE NATURE AND MEET OUR CLIMATE GOALS.











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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Raise money from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for low carbon infrastructure.	We will undertake a study of potential low carbon infrastructure projects and produce a project cost-benefit analysis.	Ongoing	+++	Project Dependent	Project Dependent
To raise grant funds to implement the outcomes of the Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Climate Action Plan.	We will use legal and planning mechanisms such as Section 106 agreements, CIL and other mechanisms to fund climate actions and nature restoration projects.	Ongoing	+++	Project Dependent	Project Dependent
	We will seek grant opportunities to meet our climate goals.	Ongoing	+++	Project Dependent	Project Dependent

# THE PLAN – Influencing Others

**AIM: ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT OTHER ENTITIES WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIGHT AGAINST THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TO MAKE OUR VOICE HEARD AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE INCREASED DEVOLUTION AND DEMOCRATIC CONTROL TO A LOCAL LEVEL.**
















**27:**

Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work with other local authorities and allies to secure more regulatory powers, fundraising powers and finance to deliver on our aspirations.	We will share our Climate Action Plan and its process with other Parish and Town Councils.	2023	+	£	 
	We will seek to maintain the eligibility for the General Power of Competence to enable the Town Council to take up opportunities outside of standard legislative powers.	Ongoing	+	£	
	We will work with the Environment Agency, Rother District Council, and other organisations to improve sea defences and quality of sea water.	Ongoing	+	£	  
	We will raise awareness of our Climate Action Plan at all levels of National and Local Government.	2023-2030	+	£	 
To join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is commensurate with the climate and nature emergency.	We will work with East Sussex Association of Local Councils and the Rother Association of Local Councils to create a forum where Parish and Town Councils can work together on climate action.	2024	+	£	 

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Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
Work with Local Enterprise Partnerships to encourage their decisions to be in-line with the climate reduction pathway and nature restoration plans.	We will work with Business East Sussex to promote climate action principles in their advice to businesses.	2024	+	£	 
	We will work with Rother Voluntary Action to incorporate climate action principles into social enterprise organisations.	2024	+	£	 
	Review Rother District Council's strategic plan and associated policies/ strategies to identify areas of good practice and areas that we can lobby for improvement.	2023-2025	+	£	 
Provide support to Small, Medium Enterprises (SME) businesses and residents to access funds and expertise for reducing carbon pollution.	We will research and share information with businesses on local, district and county-wide initiatives.	2024-2030	+	£	 
Raise awareness of the Eatwell Guide and the 'Shop Local' campaign, including the importance of high-quality produce, including meat.	We will promote local food and healthy eating to residents and businesses.	Ongoing	+	£	  
	We will promote the benefits of local markets and locally produced food through awareness-raising events and media.	Ongoing	+	£	   

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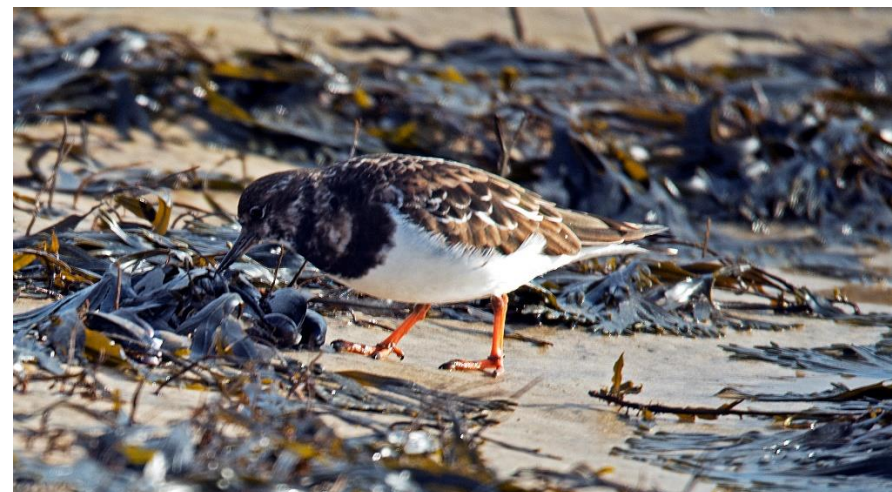
Goal	Action	Timeframe	Carbon Saving Potential	Relative Cost Impact	Co-Benefits
To inspire the people of Bexhill to eliminate litter and waste, for now and for future generations.	We will support and/or carry out regular litter picks across the town and actively promote the Keep Britain Tidy campaigns.	Ongoing	+	£	
To maintain regular engagement with the community in the development and progress of this plan.	We will hold regular public engagement sessions to check public opinion of environmental matters allowing members of the public to feed in development ideas to the plan for consideration.	2024-2030	+	£	
	We will facilitate space for public presentations about the local environment.	2024- 2030	+	£	



We will continually monitor and evaluate the progress of this action plan against the intended outcomes, review it and refine it based on lessons learnt.

Performance monitoring of this action plan will take yearly and will be presented at the Annual Town meeting to ensure transparency. The action plan will be fully reviewed every 2 years.

Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council will calculate and publicly report its own organisational emissions each year in line with the Local Government Association's Carbon Accounting Tool reporting methodology. Bexhill-on-Sea will aim to work with Rother District Council to create reporting for Town wide Emissions.



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