

Wells City Council Climate Emergency Implementation Plan

Aims

Wells City Council has established a Climate Emergency Committee with the following aims:

1. support residents and organisations in improving our knowledge of individual and organisational carbon footprints as well as the carbon footprint of our community,
2. support residents and organisations in taking action to minimise our individual, organisational and community carbon footprints,
3. work with all tiers of local government and national government in minimising the predicted global temperature rise using guidance from the IPCC and other reputable organisations,
4. support our community in engaging with the opportunities for development which Low/Zero Carbon Living will provide.

WCC Climate Emergency Implementation Plan

WCC will work with information provided through Mendip District Council, Somerset County Council and national bodies such as government departments and the Committee for Climate Change to ensure we are doing all we can to support our community in responding to the Climate Emergency. We will seek to work closely with other Parish Councils. Our implementation plan will be reviewed every six months by the Climate Emergency Committee. It is intended to be flexible and responsive to the changing situation as well as to support WCC in providing information that enables our community to take steps for both Climate Mitigation and Adaptation.

Objectives for 2019/2020

What ?	Why ?	How ?	Progress monitored by	Estimated costs	Timeline	Outcomes to be monitored
A. Develop Climate Emergency Committee (CEC) working groups to include for example Energy, Transport, Business, Food, Waste, Housing, Ecology, Communications, Climate Networkers/Champions	Aims 1,2,3 and 4 To stimulate and support collaborative working between individuals, businesses and other organisations.	Advertise through local media and organisations and the work of Climate Networkers. Councillors willing and able to spread information and generate enthusiasm. Include information on WCC media.	Chair of CE Cttee	2019/2020 £1000 2020/2021 £2000	First groups in existence by Oct 2019	Groups operational and feeding back to CEC. Groups having identified specific goals and to report progress towards these.
B. Provide training and information to all WC Councillors and WCC Staff on Mitigation and Adaptation	Aims 1 and 2 Ensure shared understanding.	Two x 1 hr training sessions	Climate Emergency Committee	2019/2020 £50 2020/2021 No cost	Training completed by Jan 2020	All staff and Councillors trained. Feedback on further developments collated and reported.

C. Ensure the issues of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation are considered in all areas of WCC responsibility.	Aims 1,2,3 and 4 To maximise breadth of actions	Through nominated Councillors who are members of the CEC	Individual Councillors as named and Chairs of Committees	2019/2020 Costs as yet unknown 2020/2021 Costs as yet unknown	Operational from Sept 2019	Feedback from Councillors and Chairs of Cttes. Areas for training and development identified where appropriate. Mitigation and Adaptation issues acknowledged in agendas and minutes
D. Publicise simple but effective carbon reduction schemes through local media and WCC website	Aims 1 and 2 Providing reliable and relevant information to our community.	Production of WCC leaflet that can be made available through the WCC website	CEC Communications Working Group	2019/2020 £300 2020/2021 £500	Operational from Dec 2019	Evidence
E. Develop project with Somerset Climate Action Network or other similar organisation such as Project Factory to trial role of Climate Networker/Champion	Aim 1 Providing members of our community with training and support.	Using network of local organisations and self-nominated residents.	Climate Networkers Group	2019/2020 £1000 2020/2021 £1500 tbc	First cohort trained by Dec 2019	Links established, meetings scheduled and feedback from participants available
F. WCC to consider Green Charter	Aim 1, 2, 3 and 4	WCC working group to consider examples, report back and if./when agreed develop first draft of Wells Green Charter	Mayor	2019/2020 minimal 2020/2021 £100	April 2020	Analysis complete, decision taken with review date set if required
G. WCC to consider benefits/costs of employing a member of staff to support both the development and implementation of mitigation and adaptation strategies.	Aim 1, 2, 3 and 4	WCC Staffing and CE Cttes to form a working group to consider options	WCC Chair of Staffing Ctte	2019/2020 minimal	April 2020	Analysis complete, decision taken and forward plan in place.