



CLIMATE CHANGE VISION and STRATEGY FOR TETBURY

INTRODUCTION

In July 2019, Tetbury Town Council set up a Working Group to develop a strategy for mitigating the impacts of climate change. The following document was accepted by the Town Council in December 2020.

The Working Group was made up of Town Councillors: Nikki Ind, Stephen Hirst, Sue Brown and Judith Taylor, along with members of the Greening Tetbury Group: Ben Jackson and John Turton and local residents Peter Martin and Trevor Marsh.

VISION

- *To take a leadership role on tackling climate change by working with, influencing and inspiring partners and residents throughout Tetbury;*
- *To achieve this by working in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council and members of Greening Tetbury to ensure the Town Council is at the forefront of this initiative;*
- *To take note of and react to national government policy where applicable;*
- *To facilitate the transition to a carbon neutral economy;*
- *To ensure the Town and surrounding areas are prepared for the impact of climate change.*

AIMS

- *To significantly reduce harmful carbon emissions and reduce the carbon footprint of the town;*
- *To prioritise environmental improvements to enable us to make a real contribution to tackling climate change and improving biodiversity.*

ACTION

- *Declare a climate and ecological emergency*

The Group will work with all partners and stakeholders to identify and implement specific actions to:

- *Reduce carbon emissions*
- *Promote carbon alternatives*
- *Improve carbon capture*
- *Reduce energy consumption*
- *Reduce overall consumption*
- *Promote biodiversity and support ecosystems*

- *Reduce waste and increase the opportunities for reusing unwanted goods.*

OUTCOMES

- *To make Tetbury carbon neutral as soon as possible¹*
- *To reduce energy demand from buildings*
- *Improve air quality*
- *Improve biodiversity and the natural environment as well as ensuring carbon friendly land management*
- *To make Tetbury and the surrounding area resilient to the impact of climate change.*

This project will be on-going and reactive to changes in policy at higher tier government level, as well as to new developments in technique and technology, as they arise through practical application and/or new knowledge. This group will remain active throughout the time period to monitor and measure success, and to maintain biodiversity and innovation over time.

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¹ In line with CDC's aim of an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 and a 100% reduction by 2045.