

Climate Action Group Stokesley and Villages



To help tackle the growing climate emergency, the Stokesley and Villages Community Partnership formed the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group (CASaV) in July 2019.

The aim of the Climate Action Group is to help the communities and residents in and around Stokesley reduce their carbon emissions and become a zero carbon area through:

- Reducing energy usage
- Improving the local environment
- Reducing the use of petrol and diesel vehicles
- Encouraging local food initiatives
- Reducing waste and improving recycling and reuse

Five sub-groups have been established to focus on each area as follows:

- **Energy**
Overall aims: To reduce the use of energy and increase in the use of renewable energy by:
 - Publicising ways for households, shops and businesses to use less energy
 - Encouraging local small-scale solar, wind and ground source energy installations
 - Promoting suppliers that use 100% renewable energy
 - Lobbying local councils for new building developments to be carbon neutral
- **Environment**
Overall aims: To protect the existing environment for future generations and plant more trees by:
 - Communicating and sharing best practice for care of verges, tree planting, tree preservation and protection of 'weeds'
 - Helping local land owners reduce the use of weed killers
 - Providing advice on tree management plans to protect existing flora and fauna from developers and other threats
 - Planting more trees
- **Transport**
Overall aim: To reduce the use of petrol and diesel vehicles by:
 - Liaising with bus and train providers to improve services
 - Identifying multi-user routes that can be improved for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and users of mobility scooters
 - Promoting car sharing
 - Encouraging the installation of electric vehicle charging points

- **Food**

Overall aims: To promote the use of local food and encourage a more plant based diet by:

- Supporting local cafes and restaurants to extend their offer of plant based options and local produce
- Working with local cafes and restaurants to improve the communication of their use of local produce
- Advertising local food related events
- Working with local growers to reduce their use of pesticides

- **Waste**

Overall aims: To reduce waste and increase reuse and recycling by:

- Identifying shops that will allow customers to take their own containers to be filled and will refill water bottles
- Identifying businesses that will repair and maintain household items
- Communicating where items can be recycled
- Encouraging local councils to use recycled products

To find out more about our activities and forthcoming events please go to <https://climateactionstokesleyandvillages.org> or find them on Facebook.