

Climate Change Action
Update on current progress



Name of Local Authority
Arun District Council
Has your Authority produced a Climate Change Action Plan?
The Action Plan has been delayed due to Covid 19 and budget concerns.. Recruitment for a new Sustainability Manager is currently ongoing aiming to appoint in January 2021. The main priority will be to put together the Action Plan for the District Council Authority.
What are your Current Targets for Carbon emissions/Net-Zero?
Net zero for the Authority by 2030.
How are you currently assessing progress against these targets?
Climate Change is a strategic priority and must be considered in all actions. Targets will be set as part of the Action Plan.
How is your Authority pursuing this work:
a) Internally (reducing the Council's own footprint via Council operations, buildings, vehicles, procurement etc)
Some work has been done, eg an energy efficiency plan for council owned housing stock, solar panels on the council building, tree planting programme..
b) Externally: via policies or initiatives (such as highways/public transport/walking/cycling; energy generation; waste; housing; economic development/businesses; natural environment; and Planning)
An Active Travel Plan is being developed. A food waste collection is being trialled next spring (delayed). A motion calling for a Biodiversity Action Plan has been passed to ensure nature recovery across the district is part of climate emergency planning.
c) Through support or influence (including engaging with or supporting local communities to take Climate Change Action; Advice, Grant Schemes etc; other measures being taken to try to influence individuals or communities such as lifestyle or behaviour change initiatives)
A summit of local interest groups was planned but had to be delayed. Regular updates and tips for climate friendly action on websites and publications. Promotion of WS county council's renewable energy scheme.
What are the current priorities for your Authority?
For the Authority, economic stability. For the district, regeneration of Bognor Regis and Littlehampton. Climate change and equality and diversity are strategic objectives.

Does your Authority currently have a way of considering the 'carbon target' implications of all its decisions?

No.

What actions have your Authority taken to date that you feel are useful to share?

The Biodiversity motion which calls for a map of all green space in the district to be shown as the first step towards joining habitat areas, together with as much habitat protection, wilding, and public information/education as possible. A Tree Strategy is about to be announced.

Are there other key sector partners or organisations you are currently working with?

WSCC, Greater Brighton Economic Board.

What areas do you feel the SDNPA could work more closely with your Authority to add value to the work?

Nature recovery and green corridors.