

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 (CASA_V) 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.