



Sustainable Staveley

Staveley with Ings Parish Council

What's your role in tackling Climate Change?

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You already know....

- UK target to net zero carbon emissions by 2050
- SLDC Climate Emergency declaration and commitment to next zero by 2030
- Sustainable Staveley – well informed and networked – ready to help
- Sustainable Development advice from LDNPA Planner
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability and others are keen to train, advise and connect

Likely target areas for carbon reduction

- Transport
- Energy use and generation
- Houses
- Food production and consumption

Starter for ten (from your Jan 2020 meeting) Things you can do now:

- Sharing good information - Co-ordination and networking
- Procurement decisions
- Lobbying and using influence
- Learn from others and teach others - Be an ambassador

These may feel like small steps but they are important and they will add up.

Do something

- Challenge the decisions you make as a Parish Council to be the best they can be for tackling Climate Change
- Challenge the decisions of others - use your voice
- Look at what's happening elsewhere – be inspired
- Get the small stuff right but be ambitious

You could...

- Start with a Carbon Footprint conversation in the community to raise awareness.
- Create a Neighbourhood Plan to prioritise a whole community approach to reducing Climate Impact. (Meanwhile, put some of your ambitions into the emerging Community Plan.)
- Work with partners to produce renewable energy locally. This creates income for the community and reduces fossil fuel reliance.
- Promote active travel or Healthy Streets. Work with the community and partners to create relaxed and safe spaces for people to walk, cycle and linger in Staveley. It's good for those who live and work here, attractive to visitors and good for the local economy.
- Support a community heating project for the church and school, or the Village Hall, or a new social housing development.

Or...

- Make sure you bank and invest with companies not associated with the worst global polluters
- Support or initiate a car club or lift-share scheme
- Cut the grass verges less frequently
- Plant some trees
- Commission or fund some local walking or cycling leaflets (history, nature, fitness or family themed for instance)

Tackling the Climate Emergency isn't a job any of us will ever tick off and remove from the list of things to do.

- You are in a position to help, support and champion those who want to do more.
- You can also inspire and inform those who need local leadership, whilst planning for the future.
- You have a role to lobby for change where you see failings.

Do one or two of these things each time you meet!

Get in touch if there is anything you want information about. We will find someone to help if we don't know how to. francesrichardson@hotmail.co.uk