

**CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY**  
**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2019-2020**

1. Encourage Walking

Walking routes should be identified and highlighted, perhaps on a map or by signage. This would be helpful to tourists and children going to school. Faversham Footpaths Group had suggested signage which included walking times. It was agreed to look at SBC's Walking and Cycling Plan. This was considered to be a quick win improvement, which could be delivered across committees and the town and borough councils.

2. Biodiversity in public spaces

Grass verges should be replaced with wild flowers. It was agreed to identify areas in local authority ownership. Concerns regarding dogs were noted, but it was agreed that plants which were best for the environment and biodiversity should be sown and decide on a few trial areas. The areas taken over by community groups were noted.

3. Encourage Biodiversity

Working with Faversham residents to increase biodiversity in their back gardens. This would be encouraged through working with Open Gardens, Faversham in Bloom and other groups. The newsletter would be used to engage residents.

4. Tree Planting

Tree planting, although a long-term project this would involve the community. The Woodland Trust has free trees available for planting projects. It was agreed that schools should be a priority, it was noted that the Abbey School had plenty of land. It was agreed to engage with the Woodlands Trust and consider how to communicate with landowners effectively. If community trees were planted this would help offset some carbon. Fruit trees would provide an additional source of food.

5. Plastic Free

Single use plastic should continue to be supported and their existing initiatives with local businesses enhanced. It was noted that Plastic Free Faversham had limited resources themselves. Plastic Free Faversham should continue to be supported.

6. Recycling

Additional recycling bins at the Rec were required and other areas should be considered.

7. Work with Young People

Engage generally with young people in society, particularly with regard to the recent air quality youth strikes. Asking them what they would like to see, engage with activities which are already taking place.

8. Engage with Future Planning

Engage with the Local Plan and future developments regarding different sources of energy generation ie solar panels.

9. Identify Best Practise

Identify best practise from other councils such as Bishops Stortford and Frome.

The Action Plan will be a flexible, working document that can be added to when required.