

CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2020-2021

1. Encourage Active Transport
Encourage implementation of SBC's Walking and Cycling Plan. Review town wide electric bike and car schemes. Work with the Public Spaces Committee and other groups to ensure walking routes are identified and highlighted by better signage.
2. Biodiversity in public spaces
Facilitate the planting of wild flowers in grass verges, working with local groups. Implement green roofs on bus stops.
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, as well as a social media campaign.
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. Engage with the Woodlands Trust and Trees for Farms to communicate with landowners effectively and get advice from Friends of the Earth to enable the doubling of tree coverage. If community trees were planted this would help offset some carbon. Fruit trees would provide an additional source of food.
5. Plastic Free
Plastic Free Faversham should continue to be supported and their existing initiatives with local businesses enhanced to ensure the town retains its plastic free status.
6. Sustainable Festivals
Introduce guidelines for sustainable festivals and events working with Faversham event organisers and outside bodies.
7. Recycling
Encourage education around recycling in partnership with Swale Borough Council's outreach team.

8. Work with Young People

Engage generally with young people on environmental issues, asking what they would like to see and also to engage with activities which are already taking place.

9. Engage with Future Planning

Engage with the Local Plan, the creation of Faversham Neighbourhood Plan and future developments promoting the development of micro-generation electricity by renewable means.

10. Identify Best Practise

Identify best practise from other councils.

11. Sustainable Transport

Encourage use of sustainable public transport

12. Meat and Dairy

Encouraging the reduction of meat and dairy and for Town Council events to be 100% vegan plant based foods.

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