

**CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY**  
**ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2023-2024**

1. Encourage Active Transport

Encourage implementation of Faversham's LCWIP and Parishes to Town Project. Review town wide electric bike and car schemes. Work with the Active Travel Committee and other groups to ensure walking routes are identified and highlighted by better signage.

2. Biodiversity in Public Spaces

Facilitate the planting of wildflowers in grass verges, working with local groups, SBC, and KCC. Continue to promote KCC's Project Bee.

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 Woodland 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 whilst identifying best practice from other local authorities.

7. Recycling  
Encourage education around recycling in partnership with Swale Borough Council.
  
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 Practice  
Identify best practice from other local authorities.
  
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.
  
13. Water Pollution  
Work with local groups to monitor water pollution.

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

Last Review Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023.