

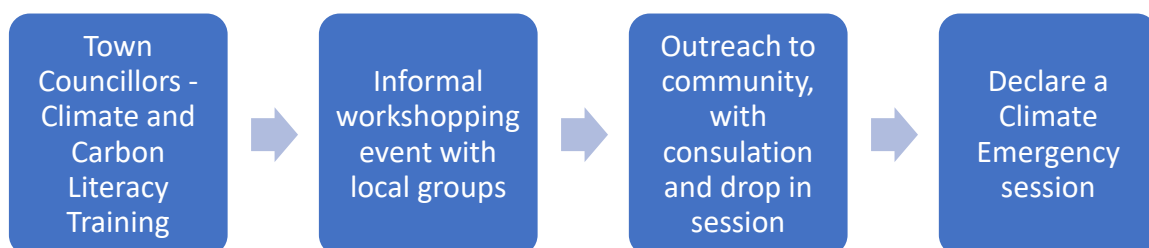
Environmental Sustainability Strategy Plan Proposal

Summary:

Climate change is causing irrevocable disasters, displacing people from their homes, causing food shortages and health concerns. It will only get worse. As people in a position of some power, as town councillors, I believe it is our responsibility to do everything we can to improve the environmental sustainability of our town – the land we maintain, the buildings we own, the events we help fund, etc.

I would like to put forward a multistep proposal on how we introduce environmental sustainability to the town council and how we include the residents of Kirkby Lonsdale on that journey. Firstly, I think the town council needs to be up to date and educated on what climate change is, the effects it is causing and what we can do to tackle that. I understand that the councillors will have their own knowledge on the topic, but bringing everyone up to the same level of knowledge and how it impacts the decisions we make as councillors, I think is of utmost importance. Cumbria's Action for Sustainability (CAfS, more info below) provides a Climate and Carbon Literacy Training that can be tailored to both teaching and working towards putting an environmental sustainability plan together. With that plan, I propose we put together an informal workshopping event with representatives of interested groups around town to discuss how we can work together as the whole community to improve upon the plan and put it into action. From there, I suggest we then take it out to the community to get their opinion and their suggestions, as well as hopefully identify key players who would be willing to take community action of the plan forward. This would be, for example, through putting together a stall at the market to gather interest, as well as holding a consultation and drop in session to garner interest from those who might not see us at the market.

The aim of these actions is to create an Environmental Sustainability Plan that was formed through the entire council, local groups around town, and our parish residents. With a plan in place, we can declare a Climate Emergency.



Cumbria Action for Sustainability

CAfS is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee.

“We are Cumbria’s climate change organisation and we’ve been helping Cumbrians to reduce their carbon footprint and live more sustainably for more than 20 years. Thousands of households and organisations have benefited from our training, practical support and projects, helping everyone to be part of the journey towards a zero-carbon Cumbria – from local councils and schools to community groups and businesses.

We established and co-chair the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership, bringing together more than 80 organisations to create a sustainable future for the county, using our extensive knowledge of emission reduction. Our staff have a huge range of specialisms that feed into our course materials, and our significant networks mean that we can signpost you to other similar organisations, share best practices and make connections.

You will be learning from people who are actively involved in reducing carbon emissions throughout the county in different capacities. By choosing CAfS, you’ll also be supporting a non-profit organisation that’s driving change towards a zero-carbon Cumbria.”

Climate and Carbon Literacy Training

“Do you want to play a role in creating a sustainable future? Do you feel a lack of knowledge or uncertainty about what to do is preventing you from doing more to help save our planet?

Our informative and interactive Climate and Carbon Literacy training will give you a clear idea of what you can do to build a better future. You’ll leave the training with an understanding of what’s causing climate change, including here in Cumbria. You’ll learn about climate science, where emissions come from and their impact on everyday life. You will also find out about the actions being taken to reduce them and the part you can play.

We want to help you build an intuitive understanding of the climate crisis, your carbon footprint and the carbon impact of decisions you make. Attending our training sessions will ensure you have the ability and motivation to reduce emissions at home, in your community, and in your workplace. We want to inspire you to work towards a net-zero Cumbria.

We offer a range of courses that are taught by professionals who have years of experience in the field of reducing carbon emissions.”

Costing Quote:

Quote: To deliver face-to-face, full day accredited Climate and Carbon Literacy training for Kirkby Lonsdale Parish Council

*Face-to-face delivery - 1 x full day session, for a cohort of up to 15 delegates, (each full day course can be delivered in a single day or split over 2 x half days)- **£1,720**, (average cost if fully booked - £114/person)*

Reduced rate unit cost for additional repeat face-to-face sessions for the same organisation after delivery of above - £1,640 (£109/person) for each of the next two sessions, then £1,560 (£104/person) for any subsequent sessions.

All prices include certification and accreditation costs and cost of travel within Cumbria. All delegates who complete the certification process will receive an email signature badge saying 'Carbon Literate, trained by CAFS'.

The amounts above are exclusive of VAT.