

Monmouth Town Council Driven Initiatives

Following the declaration of a Climate Emergency by Monmouth Town Council in 2019, and commitment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, the following are suggestions to MTC, of ways in which they can reduce their carbon footprint and contribute positively to the climate emergency. Some will need to be undertaken in partnership with other bodies such as MCC.

CREATION OF A SUSTAINABILITY/COMMUNITY PROJECTS OFFICER ROLE

To enable the council to fulfil their objectives and work closely with their partners and community groups. Has been done successfully in Chepstow Town Council

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Commit to a deforestation free approach. • Train procurement teams in due diligence processes. • Implement due diligence processes in their procurement practice to ensure forest risk commodities are addressed

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FARMING

Work alongside the community and in partnership with farmers and MCC to create a local and sustainable food chain. To include an ethical and sustainable food supply to schools. We are an agricultural county and could lead the way in this area

FINANCE AND INVESTMENT

Ensuring investments and pensions are with ethical companies

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Regular and reliable transport. Free public transport around town

MONTHLY CAR FREE DAYS

Making the centre of Monmouth car free one Sunday a month. On this Sunday the high street will hold a farmers' market with local suppliers

MARKET CAR PARK

As part of the levelling up project at the bottom of town more trees to be planted

MTC OWNED LAND

To ensure any land is utilised in an environmentally friendly way. For example the old skate park which could be turned into a community greenspace

CARBON REDUCTION STUDY

To carry out an audit. Chepstow Town Council have done this successfully

REPLACING TRADITIONAL ENERGY WITH RENEWABLE SOURCES

Where possible

IMPROVED RECYCLING FACILITIES

To include upgrading those areas of Monmouth still using plastic recycling bags with the multiple use ones

BUSINESS INCENTIVES

Rate reduction for businesses undertaking sustainable practices

Financial incentives for business reducing or eliminating plastic

OLD MUSEUM

Space for SMEs that can't afford to rent or buy a shop front to showcase their products.

Encouraging communities to buy local and reduce their carbon footprint