

## Climate Action Strategy - Marlesford Parish Council

	<b>Putting climate change at the heart of decision making.</b>	<b>We would like to ensure that our climate and nature restoration goals are at the forefront of any decisions made by the Parish Council with residents support.</b>
	<b>What we will do</b>	<b>How we will do it</b>
1	Require councillors to identify whether new recommendations, or proposals put to them, would help or hinder climate, air pollution and nature plans.	Councillors should refer to the Climate Action Strategy (CAS) when making decisions and minute that consideration has been given to environmental factors and recommendations given to outside organisations to comply with best practices as such.  When making purchases and issuing contracts to source from suppliers that have CAS of their own.
2	Identify a Councillor at Parish Council Level who is Lead of the Climate Change Working Group and who is required to publish reports to the public on progress in meeting climate change and nature targets.	The Parish Council will nominate a Councillor to lead the Climate Change Working group.  They will monitor and record progress. The report will be presented at the annual Parish Council meeting.
3	Share progress on initiative and provide educational material to residents on how to progress individually.	We will improve our methods of sharing information and consultation and hold climate change events and meetings
	<b>Land use.</b>	<b>We would like to ensure our goal of carbon capture and accessible shared green spaces are met.</b>
4	Encourage an increase in tree cover on land within the Parish boundary and support local planning strategies to increase tree cover. Protect existing trees to assist carbon storing.	We will identify key sites for tree planting, working with residents and local businesses and other parish organisations
5	Protect and enhance existing local green spaces and their biodiversity.	We will work with residents and local businesses and other parish organisations to identify areas for protection.
8	We will identify areas of land for potential planting that will increase biodiversity.	In conjunction with other authorities, develop road verges to increase biodiversity and drawdown carbon

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		pollution, including reduced pesticide use and increased planting of wildflowers.
	<b>Buildings.</b>	<b>We would like to ensure we do all we can as a Parish Council to help residents to engage in better insulated homes and other energy saving schemes to eradicate fuel poverty.</b>
9	Investigate community properties in the Parish in regard to insulation and energy saving measures.	We will work with the Community Centre Committee to identify any insulation and energy saving measures.
10	Help property and occupier's homes to be more energy efficient.	We will engage with organisations and share details of available schemes and initiatives.
12	To encourage good environmental practices when considering planning applications.	We will include in our response to planning applications the use of renewable energy to meet the highest currently available standards to encourage net zero builds.
	<b>Waste.</b>	<b>We would like to engage and promote waste minimisation across the Parish.</b>
13	Encourage the Parish Council to send zero waste to landfill or incineration.	We will identify ways to reuse and reduce waste through recycling avoiding printing wherever possible.
14	Use food waste according to best practices to prevent waste and make compost.	We will investigate a localised food waste scheme engage residents in producing less food waste We will give advice on the means to stop food waste.
15	Promote community sharing and reuse.	We will provide information on local sharing recycling and reuse schemes such as repair cafes.
	<b>Transport</b>	<b>We would like to reduce air pollution and promote transitioning to electric vehicles. We would like to promote usage of public transport, cycling and walking.</b>
17	Support installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points at Marlesford Community Centre.	We will work with the Marlesford Community Council to support the installation of EV charging points.
18	Lobby for transport investment into cycling, walking, and wheelchair routes.	We will work with other Parish Councils to explore opportunities to actively encourage developers to take into

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		consideration pedestrian and cycle routes around our villages. We will also use any opportunity we can to lobby our local government to the same end
19	Lobby for transport investment into public transport including electric buses	Lobby our local government and central government to install better and more energy efficient public transport especially in rural areas. Lobby for real time bus information.
20	Promote and encourage our residents to use walking and cycling as a form of transport, to reduce carbon emissions and to benefit health.	We will use educational methods such as newsletters and climate change events to promote this.
21	Reduce car use through measures such as promoting car sharing, electric bicycles and re-regulating bus services.	Explore setting up car sharing schemes. We will use educational methods and climate change events to promote the reduction of car use.
	<b>Power</b>	<b>We would like to ensure that Marlesford moves towards greener energy in as many areas as possible and minimising energy waste.</b>
22	Encourage the use of energy efficient lighting	We will use educational methods such as newsletters and climate change events to promote this and the use of solar powered lighting where possible.
23	Encourage the integration of renewable energy E.g. solar panels with battery storage and heat pumps as far as possible in private sector developments.	We will encourage private sectors to use these environmentally friendly energy sources in builds within the Parish.
	<b>Raising Money</b>	<b>We would like to utilise as many areas of funding as we can access to enable us to support our Climate Action Strategy.</b>
25	Raise money from any grants and government funding, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to implement our Climate Change Strategy.	We will investigate potential low carbon infrastructure projects and try to utilise as many grants as possible to improve our Parish Council.
	<b>Influencing others</b>	<b>We would like to share climate change knowledge. We would like to cooperate with neighbouring towns and villages to increase profile of climate action.</b>
26	To join forces with others to push for a climate action plan that is	We will share our climate strategy with Parish Councils in our district and

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	commensurate with the climate and nature emergency.	neighbouring villages. We will work together with local Parish, Town and District Councils to realise our goals together.
28	Inspire Marlesford residents to eliminate litter and waste.	We will help orchestrate litter picks in Marlesford and actively promote the Great British Spring Clean.