

Newquay's Climate Strategy

Climate strategy Working Party, February 2020



message from the mayor



Newquay Town Council has been working on a Climate Strategy over the past 8 months and is now in the final stages of drafting and finalising the strategy.

The ultimate aim of the Town Council's Climate Strategy is to encourage the rest of the town to follow its example and start thinking of ways in which we can all reduce the effects of climate change.

Some of the initiatives that will be included in the Town Council's strategy consist of:

- Electric charging vehicles for the Facilities Service team. Starting with two in 2020, the Town Council are hoping to have the other vehicles phased across to electric when they are up for renewal next year.
- Moving to a new electronic system which will replace the paper packs used in Council meetings. Packs were previously averaging around 5000 pages per meeting and using countless amounts of ink and toner. The aim is to save paper and stop contributing to deforestation. The paper that the Town Council does use is now all recyclable.
- Adopting single use plastic free at all Town Council events, and it is a requirement to adhere to this for anyone booking Town Council event sights such as the Killacourt.
- The Town Council are investing to save in its buildings, by replacing lights with energy saving light bulbs, not using plastic pens, using compostable cups, and staff are using reusable water bottles.
- Looking to roll out a Cycle to Work scheme for staff.

Newquay Town Council is still exploring different initiatives and any new ideas are highly welcomed. If you would like to come and speak with Newquay Town Council regarding the Climate Strategy please contact them via email at: climate@newquaycouncil.co.uk

Councillor Rachel Craze
Newquay Town Mayor
February 2020

introduction

In January 2019, Cornwall Council declared a Climate Emergency recognising the need for urgent action to address the Climate crisis.

Newquay Town Council resolved to create a Climate Strategy to underpin the Unitary Authority focused on Newquay and the surrounding area.

Newquay Town Council are currently working with many partner organisations which include Plastic Free Newquay, Newquay BID, Newquay Schools, Newquay in Bloom, Cornwall Council's Waste & Recycling, Steve Double, RAF St Mawgan, Cornwall Airport, Aerohub and Naked Solar.

We do not consider this plan to be the final word on climate change in Newquay by any means, but the first step in a long journey. As you are reading through this document, it is the first step into our vision for the Newquay Community. The projects detailed within this document are the starting point and we are committed to understand the climate impact and undertake and consider climatic implications when reaching future decisions by the Council.

Who is writing this plan?

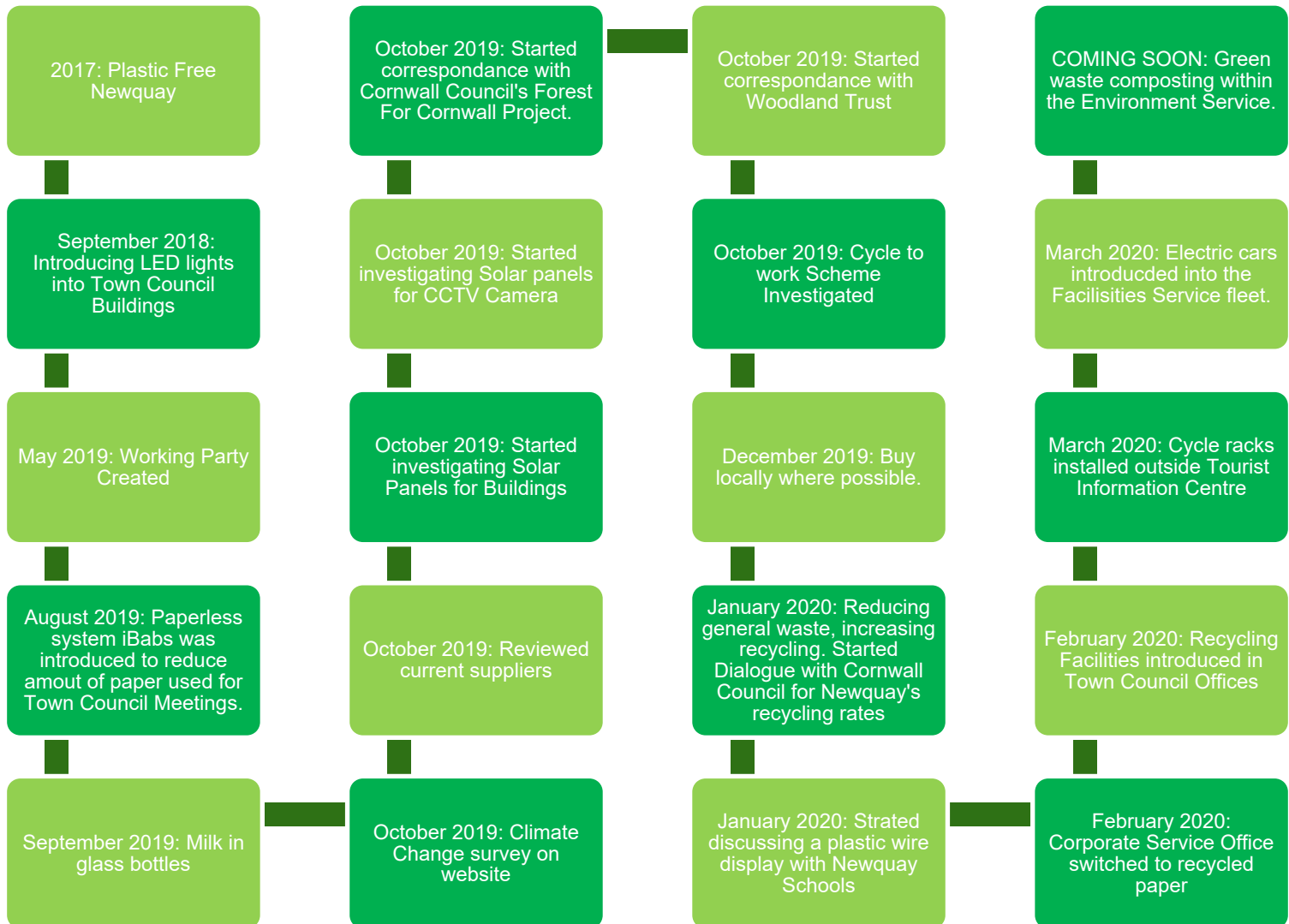
This plan has been written by the Climate Strategy Working Party (CSWP), established in May 2019 when Newquay Town Council agreed a strategy should be developed to underpin Cornwall Council's emergency on a localised level.

CSWP comprises of Newquay Town Councillors (including the Mayor) and Officers. As we have worked to collect ideas from across the community, we have had input from many groups and organisations, and concerned individuals.

The Working Party are not experts in climate science but are all committed to make a meaningful contribution to reducing carbon emissions, support nature restoration and build resilience in our town and the surrounding area.

To contact us please email us at climate@newquaycouncil.co.uk or via our Facebook page

where are we now



Transforming Our Green Space

The Climate Strategy Working Party have been looking at where and how spaces in Newquay and the surrounding district show potential for nature recovery. In particular, we would like to increase wild plant and animal habitat. We have plenty of ideas, and we have already received many suggestions from the residents and visitors of Newquay.

Reducing Consumption and Waste

On an individual level, consumption accounts for a significant proportion of our carbon emissions. Along with growing public awareness of the need to reduce waste and plastic packaging – work that is being led by Plastic Free Newquay - it is important that we also work within our communities to reduce the amount we consume in the first place.

Reducing Energy Demand and Producing Our Own Clean Energy

The Town Council are looking into Green energy when each contract comes up for renewal, we have purchased EV's and as each contract comes up this will be a priority. Looking at Solar panels across all Town Council buildings

Changing the Way We Move Around

Transport has a considerable impact on energy demand in Newquay, much like all over the UK. Newquay needs to reduce that aspect of our energy demand in numerous ways. This will include:

- Promoting the use of public transport instead of private cars
- Switching private transport away from fossil fuels, to electric cars, electric bikes and pedal cycles
- Promote Walking
- Installing Cycle Racks
- Open dialogue with bus companies to see how their services can be integrated with Schools and Services i.e Doctors Surgeries
- Introduce a car share scheme

Supporting Our Local Businesses

We have started dialogue with Newquay BID and looking to develop Climate-centric initiatives which will assist local businesses to reduce their carbon footprint.

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www.coastproject.co.uk
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3 Stay Local, Eat Local, Buy Local, See Local
Buy local - and you'll see what Cornwall can offer, and benefit the communities of Cornwall. Visit farmers' markets, farm shops, village stores, pubs and cafes. Our distinctive culture shines through the hundreds of community events that happen throughout the year - and the food and drink are simply fantastic...
www.cornwalltasteofthewest.co.uk

4 Chill out - Switch Off!
You can see the stars at night in Cornwall! Help us reduce light pollution, energy use and CO₂ emissions by switching off lights and all those standby buttons when you don't need them. Help us reduce water consumption by using just the water you need; and then sit back and enjoy that view... www.cep.org.uk

1 Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
In Cornwall we recycle! You can help us by refusing packaging and bags you don't need, and using the recycling banks you'll find in many places across the county. And if you can recycle where you're staying - please do. Even better!
www.recycleforcornwall.org.uk

5 When in Rome...
To enjoy Cornwall at its best, we can help you get to know all the nooks and crannies in the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It's one protected area, split into 12 diverse and distinct parts - all chosen for their special qualities. They represent Cornwall's finest landscape and we want you to experience and love it as we do...
www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk

2 Get out of the car!
Walking, cycling and riding are great ways to see the area without adding to traffic. Use public transport if you need to travel to your start point, but try exploring near to where you are staying - there are some fantastic places to see right on your doorstep ...just ask! www.sustrans.org.uk

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