



Kenilworth Town Council Climate Emergency Working Group

Update Report September 2025

August saw the launch of our new subject-aligned subgroups. Each subgroup comprises at least one councillor and multiple members of the public drawn from the established Climate Emergency Working Group, although the first meetings were affected by some members being on holiday. The subgroups comprise the following:

- Biodiversity
- Communications
- Connecting with Business
- Connecting with Youth
- Sustainable Transport
- Carbon Mitigation and Adaptation

In each case, the agenda for the first meeting comprised the following key tasks:

- Define the scope (what is included and exclusions)
- Agree the overarching objective for the group
- Map out a plan of aims with timings
- Agree frequency of meeting, min every month between full climate meetings
- Provide a report on proposals, needs and progress at next full Climate Meeting

The below reflects key points arising from the first subgroup meetings to date:

- Biodiversity Subgroup – 20th August
 - Nature regeneration strategy consultation
 - Review South Gloucestershire approach
 - Reach out and review what other established ‘green’ groups are doing already in the area, to expand good practices
 - Winter tree planting program planning initiated
- Sustainable Transport Subgroup – 28th August
 - Harvest baseline data from WCC / WDC and other sources
 - Identify additional research needs and consider university cooperation.
 - Ideation brainstorm of scope and incentives
 - Consider survey regarding modes of transport today and why, what would drive a modal shift to more sustainable transport methods. (maybe sub-population e.g. those living within 15 mins of town centre)
 - Raising awareness of what is available today.
- Carbon Mitigation and Adaptation Subgroup 2nd September
 - Draft an overarching objective
 - Brainstorm ideas
 - Engagement with schools
 - Look at SWLP potential impacts
 - Gather data e.g. deaths in Kenilworth area caused by heatwaves

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