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# **Strategic Plan for a Sustainable Green Bollington**

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# 1. Overview

## 1.1. Domestic

- a) Build homes better.
- b) Improve existing homes.  
Standards, Insulation, Heating, Solar etc.
- c) Food and Gardens.  
Buy local, Eat seasonal, Grow your own, Eat more veg, Plant trees and shrubs.
- d) Waste reduction.  
Reduce, re-use, re-purpose, recycle. Compost food waste, collect rainwater, avoid Single-use plastic.

## 1.2. Transport

- a) Active Travel.  
20 is plenty, Safe-crossings, Road maintenance, Bike parking.
- b) Vehicles.  
20 is plenty, Lift sharing, Public transport, EV charging-points.
- c) Lead by example.  
Council van to be electric, EV charging at Town Hall and Civic Hall.

## 1.3. Industrial, Commercial and Educational

- a) Energy and Transport.  
De-carbonisation, Energy Production and Saving, E-vehicles.
- b) Waste reduction.  
All consumables but particularly plastics, Employee/Supplier incentives.
- c) Commercial/Reputational gain.  
Green credentials, Positive publicity, Best practice sharing.

## 1.4. Land Use, Agriculture, Nature, Flood Protection

- a) Tree cover for carbon capture and flood protection.
- b) Maintaining open spaces, Bio-diversity, Wild plants and animals,  
Pesticide reduction
- c) Gully maintenance.
- d) Develop Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

## 1.5. What can Bollington Town Council do?

- a) Green champion.  
Influence others, lead council policy, educate and support.
- b) Make Green/Sustainable Bollington mainstream.  
Website update, Links to other websites, Facebook posting, Regular

- articles/updates.
- c) Lobby/work with Cheshire East.  
20 is plenty, Road maintenance, Building standards, S106 monies.
  - d) Motion to Bollington Town Council on 'blueprint for accelerating climate action and green recovery at local level'.
  - e) Neighbourhood plan.  
Land use, Standards.
  - f) Community Engagement.  
Develop and maintain constructive links with Environmental enthusiasts, Industry leaders, Local businesses and Schools to share best practice and publicise achievements. Include Environmental Impact statements in Grant Application process. Great Big Green Week.
  - g) Pursue Grant opportunities and s106 opportunities.
  - h) Lead by example.  
Use Green suppliers (eg for energy), Reduce waste, Test all decisions for Environmental Impact, put climate and nature at the heart of council decision making, check pension and investments for green credentials.
  - i) Measure and monitor.  
Set targets and timescales, align council plans and policy with goals, involve residents in decision making.
  - j) Buildings.  
Retrofit council properties, lobby to include carbon zero policies in local planning, Neighbourhood Plan, work with community to identify buildings which could support solar.
  - k) Learn from others (eg Congleton Town Council).
  - l) Support our Youth Council's Environmental proposals.

## 2. Domestic

P&TD – Planning and Town Development Committee

C&E – Community and Environment Committee

Facilities – Facilities Committee

<b>Element</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2030</b>
a) Build homes better	P&TD – Enforcement of current standards. P&TD – Ensure planned developments are energy efficient. P&TD – Incorporate improved standards in the Neighbourhood Plan.	P&TD – Investigate accreditation of build quality exceeding minimum standards.	P&TD – All new homes built to ‘passivhaus’ (carbon neutral) standards.
b) Improve existing homes	C&E – Eco tips on energy sourcing/usage.	C&E – Promotion of Green technologies	C&E – All homes to have adequate loft/wall insulation, double glazing/secondary glazing, LEDs and many with solar.
c) Food and gardens	C&E – Eco tips on vegetable growing/eating. C&E – Plant a tree in 23 and Plant some more in 24.	C&E – Buy local/seasonal campaign. Facilities – Monitor allotment use/expand if possible.	C&E – Surveys show increase in vegetable consumption.
d) Waste reduction	C&E – Campaign on composting/rainwater collection. Publicity for	C&E – Focus on single-use plastic. Develop questionnaire/survey/audit	C&E – Black bins no longer required. Waste survey

	Bollington Borrowers/Terracycle etc.	on waste and encourage household reuse.	established and reducing annually.
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### 3. Transport

P&TD – Planning and Town Development Committee

C&E – Community and Environment Committee

Facilities – Facilities Committee

Element	2023/24	2025	2030
a) Active travel	<p>P&amp;TD – Use of speed monitor to identify ‘hot spots’ for enforcement action.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – Lobby CEC for ‘20 is plenty’.</p> <p>C&amp;E – Publicise biking/walking.</p> <p>C&amp;E – Issue new walking/business map.</p> <p>C&amp;E – Publicise bike parking locations.</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – ‘20 is plenty’ established.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – SIDs in place on entry/exit roads.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – Road maintenance focussed on safe cycling/walking.</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – ‘20 is plenty’ effective in slowing traffic.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – safer roads and paths with increasing numbers of cyclists/walkers.</p>
b) Vehicles	<p>Facilities – EV charge points at Civic Hall.</p> <p>C&amp;E – campaign for bus usage.</p> <p>Facilities – Uptime/usage for all charge points reported monthly.</p>	<p>C&amp;E – Campaign for charge point sharing.</p> <p>C&amp;E – Campaign for car sharing.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – EV charge points at Bollington Health and Leisure.</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – EV uptake unconstrained by availability of charging points in Bollington.</p> <p>P&amp;TD – local bus service maintained.</p>

		P&TD – Plans for EV charge point expansion.	
c) Lead by example	<p>Facilities – EV charge points at Town Hall.</p> <p>Revitalise walk to school, walking bus scheme. Encourage schools to develop a sustainable transport plan and join the Modeshift STARS programme to reduce car usage and encourage active travel.</p>	Facilities – Convert Bollington Town Council van to e-vehicle.	Facilities - Bollington Town Council van run as an e-vehicle.

#### 4. Industrial, Commercial and Educational

C&E – Community and Environment Committee

Element	2023/24	2025	2030
a) Energy and transport	<p>C&amp;E – Establish business/education forum to share best practice and set goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Be lean (use less energy)</li> <li>ii. Be clean (energy efficient)</li> </ul>	C&E – revisit forums annually to maintain momentum.	C&E – All major business and educational establishments to have programmes delivering carbon neutrality by an agreed date.

	iii. supply e.g. green suppliers) Be green (low carbon technologies e.g. solar, combined heat and power, e-vehicles)		
b) Waste reduction	All consumables, especially plastic. Waste products. Employee/supplier incentives.		
c) Commercial/Reputational gain	Maximise benefit of Green policies enabling Bollington businesses to grow.		

## 5. Land use, agriculture, nature and flood protection

P&TD – Planning and Town Development Committee

C&E – Community and Environment Committee

Element	2023/24	2025	2030
a) Tree cover	C&E – plant a tree in 23, plant	C&E – Establish links with major landowners/farmers	C&E – 4000 more trees. C&E - no significant flooding.



	<p>some more in 24.  C&amp;E – Complete flood risk survey.  C&amp;E – update Bollington Resilience Plan.  P&amp;TD/C&amp;E – incorporate tree planting into the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>and identify larger plots for tree planting.  C&amp;E – work with Merseyside Forest etc to establish a tree planting scheme.</p>	
<p>b) Maintain open spaces</p>	<p>C&amp;E – Plant wildflower plot opposite the Co-op.  C&amp;E – Identify other open spaces for meadowing/wildflower planting pilots.  C&amp;E – eliminate glyphosate use, restrict herbicide use to necessary hard surfaces.  P&amp;TD – incorporate open spaces into the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>	<p>C&amp;E – evaluate pilots and decide on open space designations.</p>	<p>C&amp;E – open spaces maintained/managed according to agreed designation/purpose.</p>
<p>c) Gully maintenance</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – establish a prioritisation plan for gully clearing.</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – monitor gullies, culverts and waterways for blockages.</p>	<p>P&amp;TD – all gullies, culverts and waterways clear of debris.</p>
<p>d) Local Nature recovery strategy</p>	<p>C&amp;E - Identify threats to local nature (wild plants, animals and water courses)  P&amp;TD/C&amp;E - incorporate outline local nature</p>	<p>C&amp;E – get expert help to devise detailed local nature recovery strategy.  C&amp;E – engage schools in surveys.</p>	<p>C&amp;E – monitored species recovering.</p>

	recovery strategy into the Neighbourhood Plan.	C&E – annual monitoring of progress.	
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## 6. Ongoing actions for Bollington Town Council to increase Community Engagement with Green issues.

An annual revision to be conducted by the Green Champion, with recommendations to Full Council in May.

1. Annual Great Big Green Week. Invite all 'green' community groups to take part.
2. Monthly eco tips on Bollington Town Council Facebook page.
3. Links to green advisory websites established, expanded and maintained on Bollington Town Council website.
4. Green articles to appear in all Bollington Town Council newsletters.
5. Maintain Terracycle bin at the Town Hall.
6. Organise and support litter picking activities.
7. Grant applications to Bollington Town Council to include question(s) on measures taken to reduce environmental impact.
8. Issue updated walking map/local business map, as required. Add green credentials to future editions.
9. Support planning applications for renewable energy projects.
10. Develop and maintain constructive links with Environmental enthusiasts and groups.
11. Ensure Neighbourhood Plan contains defined actions to mitigate climate change and protect biodiversity.

## 7. Specific actions for Bollington Town Council to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

An annual revision to be conducted by the Green Champion, with recommendations to Full Council in May.

No	Action	Ownership
1.	Monitor and reduce energy consumption/carbon emissions in Council buildings, vehicles and equipment.	Full Council
2.	Pursue all grant opportunities to implement green strategies	Town Hall team
3.	Install green technologies wherever possible to minimise the carbon footprint of the Civic Hall	Full Council

4.	Use green suppliers for energy, equipment and consumables.	Town Hall team
5.	Reduce, recycle, repurpose and recycle. Establish targets: i. Plastic – monitor and reduce ii. Water – reduce use (water saving devices, rainwater collection) iii. Paper iv. Other consumables	Town Hall team
6.	Establish monitoring/measuring template for water. Publicise this to the community.	Community and Environment Committee.
7.	Check pension funds and investments for green credentials.	Finance and Audit
8.	Use s106 monies for environmental projects	Full Council