



Climate Action Stokesley and Villages update May2021

Hello

Our online meeting this month, **on Tuesday 18th May, starting at 7:30pm**, will have a focus on waste with a presentation from the [North Yorkshire Rotters](#). We will hear about their work on Reduce, Reuse and Recycle including their love food hate waste and love your clothes campaigns.

Here is the link for the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86420544546?pwd=b0h4bjJhZXNQUlBeUw1Y0VqcW9Jdz09>
or phone
0131 460 1196 / 0203 481 5237 / 0203 481 5240 / 0208 080 6591 / 0330 088 5830

Meeting ID: 864 2054 4546

Passcode: 118152

An update below on a few of things that have been going on recently:

Nature



No Mow May

Stokesley Town Councillors have very kindly agreed that Stokesley will participate in the No Mow May initiative this year. Four small areas have been identified and will not be mowed during May. Mowing will resume as normal in June.

The objective of No Mow May is to help birds, plants, insects, bees and other pollinators. Pollinators are key species as their local ecology depends upon them. Indeed much of what we eat is dependent upon pollinators.

No Mow May is supported by [Plantlife](#) and the [National Trust](#). **Why don't you give it a go?**

River Leven

Judy Power, from the Tees Rivers Trust has asked us to share the following:

"We've been commissioned by the EA to install some natural features in the Leven through Stokesley. The work is to mitigate the works currently underway on the bypass channel and will speed up the flow, increase oxygen, clean the river bed and create some marginal planted areas for fish, insects and birds to inhabit. We will be starting work this week but are keeping a close eye on the Covid 19 situation and will be working to strict recommended Covid guidelines. We would welcome anybody who would like to get involved with this project and can provide guidance, tools and protective gear. And cake!



Please contact Judy Power (judy@teesriverstrust.org) for more information. Judy will be coming to our online meeting on 15th June to tell us more about their work on the River Leven.

Food and Waste

CASaV Seed Share- encouraging Grow Your Own!

Following the great success of our **free seed stall** at the Farmers' Market, we are extending the idea so that if you have spare vegetable or flower seed (either commercial* or collected from your garden) you can share them with other would-be gardeners. There is now a box at the door of the



Globe Library where you can put them during library hours. **It need not be a whole packet!*

While there, why not see if there is seed for something you have not grown before. Or if you are a would-be gardener please browse and chose something.

A box will also be available soon in Great Ayton's Discovery centre, organised by the Brighten Up Great Ayton group.

Work continues on trying to put in place a Coop Food Share scheme. When we know more we will update you.

Zero carbon

The Coop has recently announced that “we will be the first supermarket to sell fully carbon neutral own brand food and drink by 2025. This is a world-first move by a major supermarket, and is a radical part of an ambitious ten-point climate plan to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2040 - 10 years ahead of the government's own ambition.

From products and packaging to power and pension fund investments, the comprehensive plan details how we will reduce the impact of the food and drink we sell and our wider operations. Our operations across our Food, Funeralcare, Insurance and Power businesses, including our 2,600 food stores and 800 funeral homes, are now carbon neutral as of April 2021. In an industry-first move, we have also announced that we will price match our plant-based GRO range against equivalent meat or dairy-based products.

Our Ten Point Climate Plan is rooted in science and co-operation and addresses everything from our operations and products to our investments and influence.” [Find out more.](#)

Our plan is grounded by three principles:

We'll follow the science in our target setting and decision making. Above all else we must rapidly reduce the carbon we put into the air.

We'll work for a fair and just transition for people and planet. Solving the climate crisis can't come at the expense of those who can least afford it.

We'll co-operate to drive systems change because we recognise that we are stronger and more effective when we work with others.

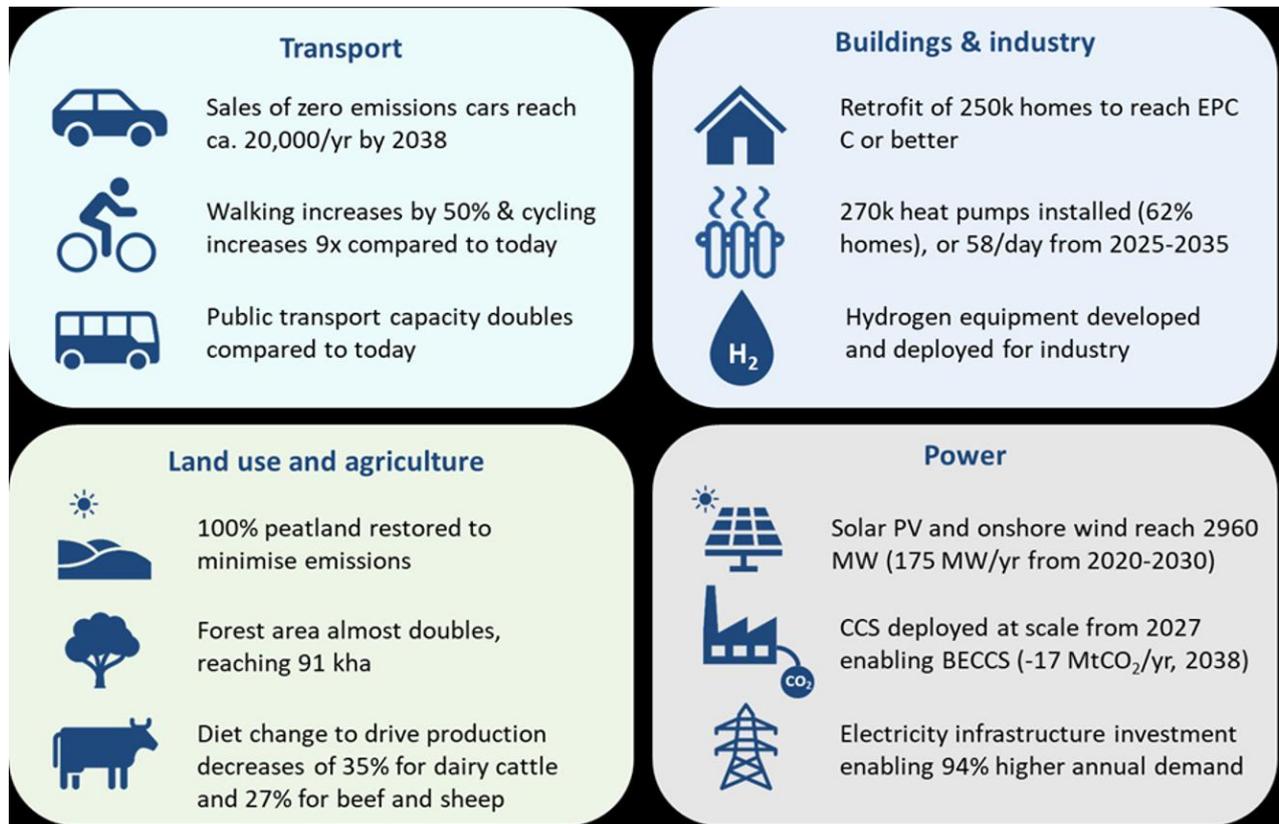
<p>1. Make long-term changes to how we do business</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will be a net zero business by 2040, for our operations and for our products.</p>	<p>2. Set clear short-term milestones</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will reduce the impact of our operations by 50% and our products by 11%, both by 2025.</p>	<p>3. Rapidly reduce carbon from our operations and products</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will take clear, practical steps to reduce carbon from the running of our business and the products we sell.</p>	<p>4. Compensate for our climate impact</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Our operations will be carbon neutral from 2021 and our own-brand products by 2025.</p>
<p>5. Make lower carbon choices easier for customers</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will support our customers and members to make lower carbon choices.</p>	<p style="font-size: 24px; font-weight: bold; color: #0070C0;">Ten-point climate plan</p> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: #0070C0;">It's what we do</p>		<p>6. Direct our finance to reducing carbon</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will align our finance, including carbon offsets and pension funds, to low carbon investments.</p>
<p>7. Help suppliers on the front line of the climate crisis</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will support our Fairtrade producers to adapt to climate change realities and to become more climate resilient.</p>	<p>8. Campaign for climate action</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will lobby and advocate with Government to press for the necessary systemic change.</p>	<p>9. Co-operate for change at scale</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">We will actively work together with others, sharing our plans and solutions, seeking to align rather than compete.</p>	<p>10. Make our climate plan a priority</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Underpinning these goals, we are linking the pay of our Food CEO to achieving our carbon reduction targets.</p>

Carbon and greenhouse gas emissions. Throughout our plans you'll see us reference 'reducing carbon' or 'carbon neutral'. In all cases we are describing our total greenhouse gas emissions expressed as their 'carbon dioxide equivalent'. We are not excluding other greenhouse gases from our targets.

We understand that nationally Coop are trialling recycling of soft plastics (bread bags etc) in some of the larger of their 2000 stores, as Stokesley Springfield is the 198th largest Coop, it is expected to be in the trial. This is due to start on 1st of June, but Springfield's inclusion has not been confirmed.

Carbon Abatement Pathways

Thinking of plans, you can now see the [plan](#) put together by our Local Enterprise Partnership to reach zero carbon in the region.



“In York and North Yorkshire, we have the ambition to be carbon-neutral by 2034 and carbon-negative by 2040. This ambition builds upon our Local Energy Strategy, Circular Economy Strategy and COVID Reshaping Plan to create a greener, fairer and stronger region. In partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority, York and North Yorkshire LEP commissioned a comprehensive study to understand the action required to achieve our ambitious carbon-reduction targets. The Carbon Abatement Pathways Study sets out technically robust pathways to carbon neutral and beyond across an integrated model of the five most carbon-intensive sectors – buildings, transport, industry, power, and land use and agriculture. These pathways were then used to identify key milestones, decision points, policies and interventions that can drive the transition toward these outcomes, including timeframes of actions and roles of stakeholders in their delivery.”

Climate Action Stokesley and Villages group

We now have our own Instagram account ([climateactionsav](#)) thanks to Sara Robinson. If you use Instagram please seek it out. We hope it will help attract more people to take action locally.

As restrictions are eased, the steering group will be looking to see what activity, in addition to working with local councils, we can undertake to help promote the work of the group. Any ideas welcome.

Caryn Loftus, on behalf of the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages Steering Group