

## Climate Emergency Recommendations

Southwold Town Council is in good company in declaring a climate emergency. In 25 countries, 1,195,000 jurisdictions, representing 454 million people, have done the same.

Parish and town councils may not be as powerful as local authorities but they can do their bit in addressing the climate and nature emergency and being a force for good and demonstrating leadership through practical actions.

Here are some of the types of actions that Committees and Working Groups could progress, develop and/or implement.

- Use Ecosia search engine: <https://www.ecosia.org/?c=en>



- Support a community-focused environment services company to collect domestic and commercial food waste locally to convert to compost.
- Encourage take-up of National Design Guide in all new development, starting with the Police Station. The NDG strongly supports environmental sustainability.
- Support planning applications for new, renewable energy infrastructure for local use.
- Promote local and green suppliers.
- Promote car-sharing by people commuting to the town for work. An analysis by Liftshare suggested that 92% of people commuting to work in over 200 locations lived close enough to be able to share a car to work.
- Encourage visitors to park at periphery car parks and walk/cycle/minibus/mobility scooter through the town.
- Make our buildings as energy efficient as possible. Consider double glazing, heat pumps, solar PV, cavity wall insulation.
- Use differential car parking charges - low cost or free car parking for electric vehicles and dedicated space with electric charging points.
- Manage land for nature through re-wilding of open spaces and tree planting.
- Ensure we know the climate change and nature consequences of decisions that we make.
- No need to reinvent the wheel – learn what others are doing.  
<https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency>.