

StewkleyGreen

Aims (Draft 7 May 2008)

The Buckinghamshire village of Stewkley (pop. 1700 approx.) is aiming to become the first small community in the county to achieve carbon neutral status. We want our children and future generations to know that we tried to do our bit to stem global warming and encourage other communities to follow suit.

We no longer want to act as if climate change is someone else's problem. The problem is ours. We will act collectively to contribute to the solution of a [UK Sustainable Development Strategy](#) of Integrating economic, environmental and social policies to ensure a better quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations

To measure and then reduce the carbon footprint of all the Village buildings through the uptake of energy efficiency measures.

To be more self sufficient as we approach the twin threats of Climate Change & massively increasing oil/energy prices. Taking steps to tackle climate change and high energy bills by lowering Stewkley's 'carbon footprint'

Reducing our energy use within the home, by insulating, cutting wastage, installing low-energy bulbs, etc.

To take a degree of control over energy provision within the Village through the adoption of renewable energy generating technologies.

To determine the renewable energy technologies that are considered applicable to the Village and to encourage their uptake

To identify those households spending 10% or more of their income on home energy, and support them in obtaining the grants etc that they are entitled to and provide practical advice on using less energy.

To ensure that community buildings have a minimal impact on the environment and are as energy proficient as possible, for the benefit of current and future Village residents.



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To ensure that all community buildings reach 'best practice' standards regarding heating, power and water provision

To encourage the planning authorities to implement government targets for carbon emissions of new homes in Stewkley ahead of schedule.

To develop a co-ordinated programme, with external agencies, to deliver energy efficiency improvements to all the residents and building owners of the Village and to raise the average SAP rating of Stewkley homes

To encourage all small businesses within the Village to adopt a simple energy policy and to assist their implementation of 'best practice' measures.

Reducing our landfill waste to zero by reducing consumption, re-using and recycling our waste

Reducing the number of non-essential overseas flights we take. And encourage those who can afford more recreational flights to fully offset their carbon footprint.

Using cars less and walking and cycling more.

Growing more of our own food and managing woodlands for firewood.

Encouraging the purchase of, low carbon-footprint & fairly traded goods which truly benefit communities in every part of the world.

To encourage sustainable use of water and minimise its wastage.

To Support & encourage the recycling of commercial waste in the village & county.

