

Friends of the Earth – 20 Actions for Parish Councils on the climate and nature emergency

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1. Be a force for good

Encourage the formation of Climate Action groups.

Bures Transition Group is a Climate Action Group. It was formed as part of the Action plan linked to an interim Parish Plan in 2011.

Promote practical action by local people.

BTG does this. A local leaflet giving advice is needed. BTG may produce a leaflet.

Bring together groups of people for bulk purchases.

Solar PV and heat pumps purchasing group needed

Develop and promote lift-sharing scheme

Through Beautiful Bures?

2. Demonstrate leadership through your own practical actions

Save energy.

Street lights are already on an LED scheme

Produce green energy.

The Community Centre has 40 Solar PV cells for electricity and 3 Air to air heat pumps for heating.
Heat pump event?

Reduce pesticide use and other harmful activities

Look at alternatives – hotfoam?

Manage land for nature

Community Woodland does this – more needed

Increase tree cover

Community woodland. Glebe land allotments tree planting scheme; Brook Field Grove proposal; identifying places for single trees or smaller groups of trees.

Buy green

The Community Centre are looking to change to Bulb or Octopus – green energy providers.

Use green transport

Councillors to be encouraged to walk to meetings if possible?

Minimise waste going to landfill or incineration

Recycling areas in the village. Community centre is introducing recycling bins in the kitchens.

China cups are used in CC and at the Common.

3. Use your powers wisely

Ensure you know the climate change or nature implications of decisions before you make them.

Respond to planning applications saying PV cells should be built in and air to air heat pumps for heating?

Designate sites within the Neighbourhood Plan for trees, renewable energy and nature restoration.

See Increase Tree Cover, also PV cells at CC and Ferriers Barn.
Neighbourhood Plan needed.

Use the Neighbourhood Plan to require new homes to be energy efficient, nature friendly, and located close to public transport and amenities.

NP needed. See response to decision making.

Designate safe walking and cycle routes in the Neighbourhood Plan.

NP needed. Millennium Plan included bridge and safe path across the rec.

Use differential car-parking charges to support low-carbon vehicles.

Parking is free in Bures