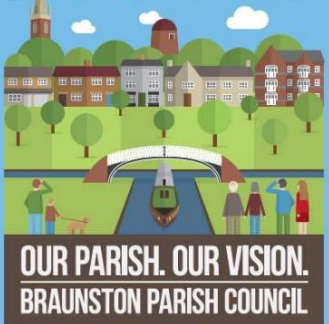




NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BRAUNSTON



Policy D – Link to Daventry

A combined cycleway and walkway between Braunston and Daventry will be supported. The route should be attractive, safe, clearly segregated from vehicular traffic and designed to have the least possible impact on areas of ecological importance.

Policy M – Sustainable Development

Proposals for development that incorporate features that address the challenges of climate change will be supported providing they are in-keeping with the Character Area with regards to scale, layout and materials. These features will include sustainable drainage and porous/permeable surfacing for drives.

Supplementary Proposals:

- e) Review and consult on ways to manage open spaces and road verges in ways that increase biodiversity and reduce carbon emissions.



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- 12 actions.
- Some about BPC's own activities, e.g. mowing
- Others promoting climate-friendly actions, e.g. air-source and ground-source heating
- Others providing opportunities for more sustainable lifestyles, e.g. EV charging points, cycling and use of public transport

ACTION	STATUS
1. Convert all streetlights to LED. Report to parishioners on the amount of energy and money saved.	Completed 2022
2. Check with existing electricity supplier re: proportion originating from renewable supplies at contract renewal time. If appropriate investigate alternative tariff.	2027
3. Check whether existing bank invests in fossil fuel companies. If appropriate investigate alternative bank.	2019 checked. Monitor every 5 years.
4. Manage public land appropriately, avoiding the use of fossil fuel wherever possible and providing carbon sinks. This will include reducing grass mowing and shredding and allowing prunings to decompose naturally in an appropriate place. Report on the amount of energy and money saved. Carbon sinks to be provided by planting trees and other flora that retains and protects biodiversity. Promote opportunities for community involvement.	2020 Promoted community involvement. Information sought from Wildlife Trust. 2021 Amended grass mowing contract put in place. The Green and verges in residential areas classified as Amenity Grass and mown very 3 weeks. Main field at Jetty Field and verge on Butlins Hill classified as Wildlife Rich Grassland, planted with some additional native flowering plants and mown twice a year. New contract reduced costs in 2021 by £3000 with carbon emissions cut by about 40-50% 2023 Trees (condemned as dangerous) felled in Jetty Field used on site for paths, allotments and garden areas and taken offsite for use in biomass heating and energy.
5. Provide opportunities for active lifestyles that promote health and thereby reduce car-dependence.	By 2019: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two children's play areas updated • Wheelpark installed • Playing field provided • Pocket park developed • Rights of way promoted • Four claims submitted to Highways authority for Definitive Map Modification Orders. All pending. • Braunston-Daventry cycleway/footpath promoted to link Braunston to the Daventry network. 2023 Work with other authorities and Sustrans to achieve final piece of cycleway to be completed.
6. Provide a guide for the use of sustainable, accessible and active transport to and from Braunston.	2022 Respond to WNC consultations and maintain links with WNC and bus operator to improve service. 2023 Bus service restored to other parts of parish by suggesting change of route. 2024 Host guide to sustainable and active travel on village website



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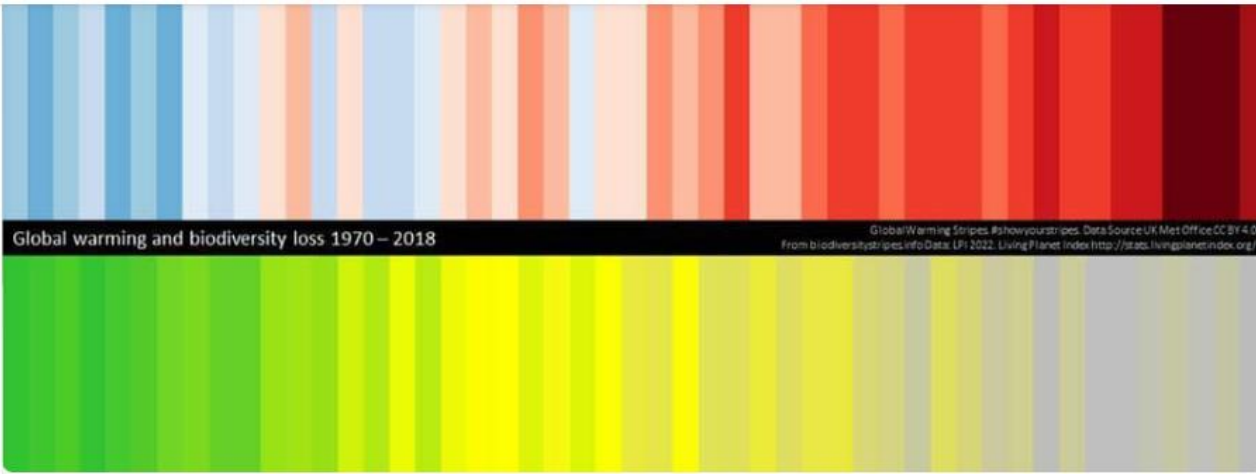
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Responding to the Threat of Climate Change in Daventry District

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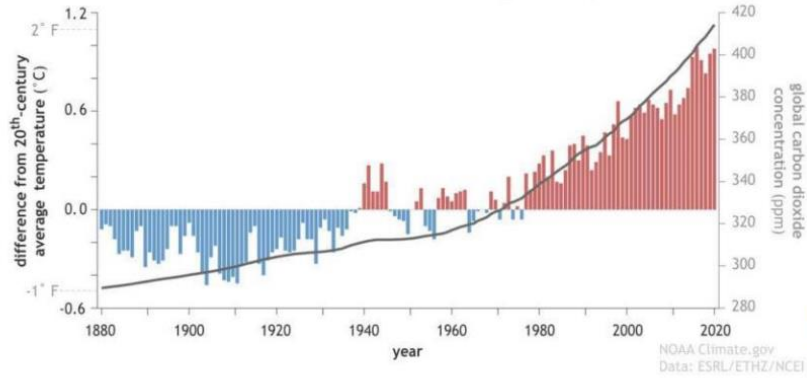
Cllr Rupert Frost

Cllr Jonathan Harris

Cllr Ken Ritchie

Braunston CAN was established in December 2019 following the initiatives of councillors at Daventry District Council to consider that the Council can reduce the environmental impact of its activities. Braunston CAN is independent of any Council or Group and the aims listed below are to encourage individuals and businesses towards a zero-carbon emission society.

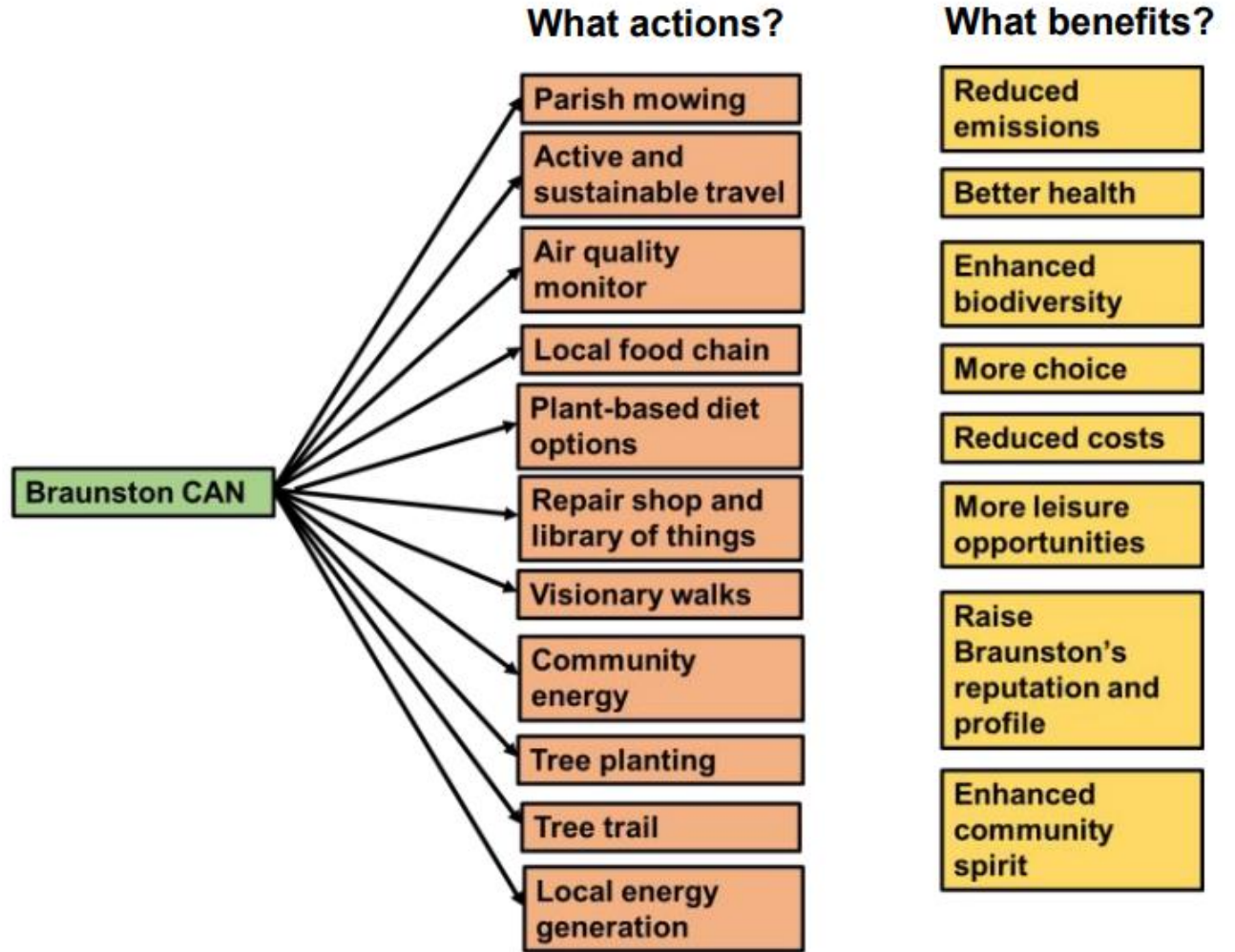
Why action?



March 2022 - 419ppm, increasing by 3.3ppm per year

Maximum 'safe' level - 350ppm

Pre-industrial level - 280ppm



What actions?

What benefits?

Braunston CAN

Parish mowing

Active and sustainable travel

Air quality monitor

Local food chain

Plant-based diet options

Repair shop and library of things

Visionary walks

Community energy

Tree planting

Tree trail

Local energy generation

Reduced emissions

Better health

Enhanced biodiversity

More choice

Reduced costs

More leisure opportunities

Raise Braunston's reputation and profile

Enhanced community spirit

B CAN projects

- a. Electric car charging points (David)
- b. Community energy - ground source heat pumps (David)
- c. Plant-based diet behaviour change (Helen)
- d. Air Quality monitor (Abigail, Frankie, Alan Ma, Alan Mo, Helen)
- e. Sustainable Transport System (Alan Ma)
- f. Solar Photovoltaic Panels (David)
- g. Energy advice - signposting of information (Abigail)
- h. Events and visioning walks/village surveys (Abigail)
- i. Repair shop and Library of Things (Abigail, Alan Mo, David)
- j. Parish mowing (Alan Ma)
- k. Tree trail (Helen)

Other communities

Harbury - Climate Working Party (PC), Harbury Energy Initiative.

Chesham - What Can You Do To Tackle Climate Change (Council)

