

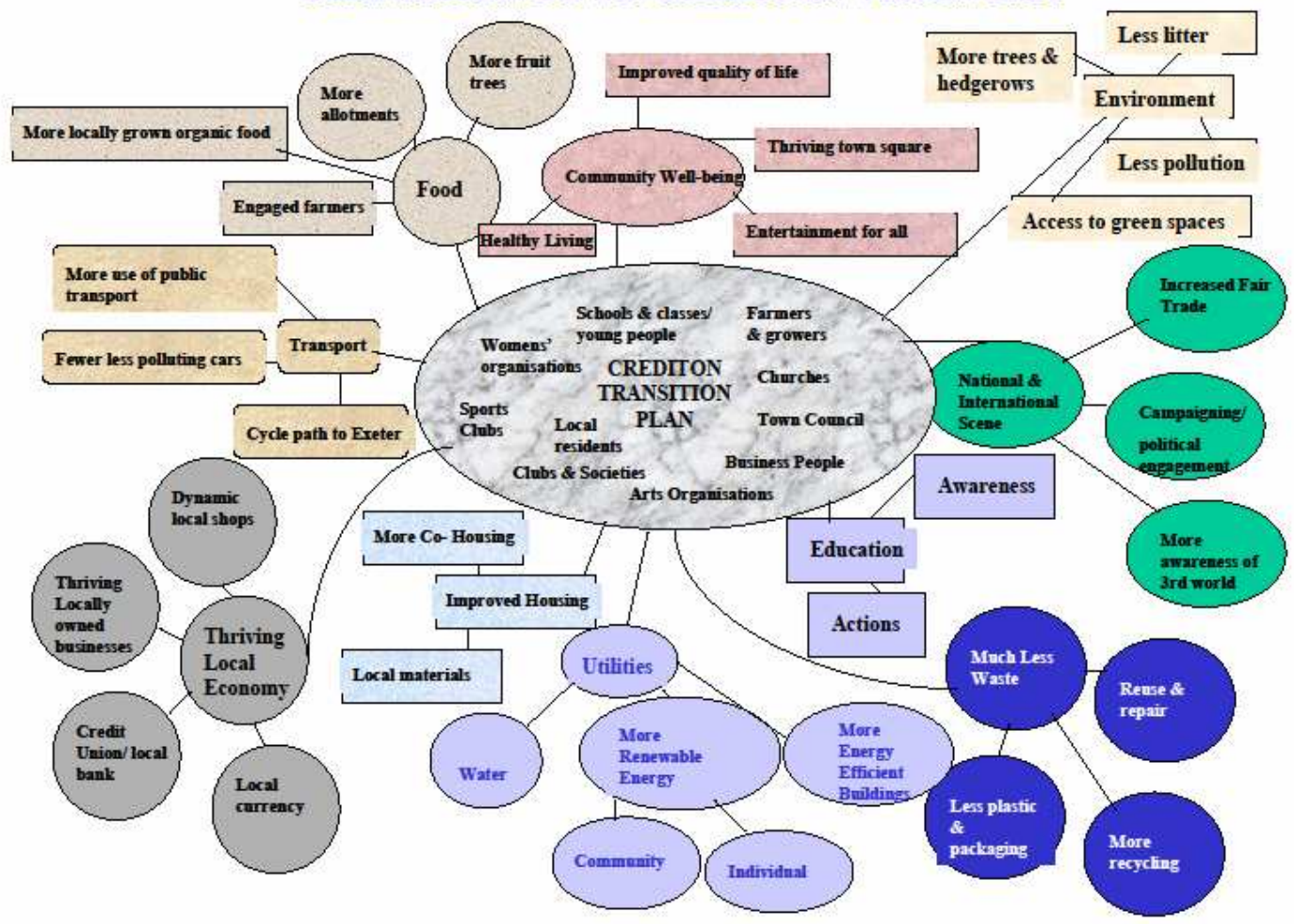
Crediton Climate Action Strategy 2009 to 2014

Introduction

This paper outlines CCA's interim strategy for 2009 to 2014. It starts with our vision for 2014 in the form of a mind map, followed by our key objectives. Then follow individual targets and plans from some of our subgroups. Other subgroups have not yet completed their targets and these will be added to the strategy paper in due course.

We see this as a very flexible report which will be changed and added to as CCA grows and develops.

TRANSITION TOWN CREDITON VISION 2014



Vision for Crediton

We seek to create a more sustainable community in Crediton and the surrounding area, and to help people make the transition to a low carbon future.

Our Objectives are as follows:

- To educate and raise awareness about climate change and peak oil.
- To take practical actions that will reduce Crediton's carbon emissions and dependence on fossil fuels
- To build local resilience, and strengthen Crediton's ability to withstand shocks from the outside, through being more self-reliant in areas that include food, transport, utilities and the local economy.
- To support campaigns locally, nationally and internationally that will lead to a more resilient future for everyone.
- To promote community well-being such that Crediton's people are healthy, enjoy a good quality of life and have fun.

Transport Group

- To investigate cycling proficiency and recommended standards in local schools. To lobby so that these standards are reached by 2010
- To work with campaigners in Tiverton to achieve the Exeter – Cowley stretch of cycle path as priority. To maintain pressure to achieve completion of cycle path by 2014 at the latest.
- To conduct a survey within 6 months to suggest suitable sites for high visibility cycle racks within Crediton. To have them fitted within 5 years.
- To suggest that two way traffic for cyclists along Belle Parade and Church Street be achieved within 2 years.
- To influence town council to allow cycling in Newcombes Meadow
- To become informed and to influence Town Council's Transport strategy.
- To prepare an action campaign within 3 months in case bus fares rise beyond inflation.
- To gauge interest re Co Cars in Copplestone and Westwood, Crediton within 6 months.

Energy Group

General Objectives

- To reduce the amount of water we use by raising awareness of and encouraging water conservation
- To reduce the amount of energy we use by raising awareness of peak oil and the link between the use of fossil fuels and climate change. Encourage people, businesses, and organisations to engage with reducing the energy use in their lives, and do what they can now.
- To generate as much as possible of our energy locally using renewable technology.

Specific Plans

Raising Awareness

- We will give talks on subjects such as peak oil, climate change, water conservation to interested organisations in Crediton. Our target is to give 6 talks on a relevant subject per annum, reaching an audience of 200 people.
- We will provide a central information point for reducing energy and water use, emphasising the money saving nature of energy efficiency. This will as a minimum be on the CCA website, but we will also provide a face to face service in the event CCA is successful in starting up a Community Café.

Energy Reduction

- Support and hold MDDC to account with respect to their corporate pledge 8, “Improve the Energy Efficiency of Public and Private Sector Housing”.
- Continue to be a partner in the Crediton Devon Warm Zones initiative
- Provide a carbon footprint measuring service on our website and in person at events or in the CCA Community Café.
- During 2009 hold an energy efficiency open day event for local businesses.
- Campaign locally/nationally for a more flexible planning policy to enable radical renovation schemes.
- Contact local authorities about street lighting effectiveness and efficiencies during 2009

Local Renewable Energy Generation

- Provide information on micro renewable technologies and grant availability.
- Continue to recommend Ecotricity to the general public as a renewable energy provider.
- Organise a micro generation open house event in and around Crediton in 2009.
- Initiate a feasibility study for a community renewable energy plant.
- Within the time scale of this plan, embark on a community renewable energy initiative.

Food and Farming Group

General Objectives

- resilience of the food supply for the Crediton area
- access to healthy local food for all

Specific Plans

Enable and encourage people to 'grow their own'

- garden links – matching people with under-used gardens to those without gardens – set up and functioning by end of 2009
- talk to groups – eg allotments, WI, young people, mental health to find out ideas and needs re. Grow your own
- more land available for allotments/community growing space – negotiate with councils
- beginner gardeners' club with talks, tips and discussion groups – set up by end of 2009
- 'apprentices' to allotment holders and time challenged gardeners
- seed and plant exchange

Other access to fresh, healthy, local food

- demonstrations and 'cook ins' with local produce – begin when we have premises
- encourage retailers to sell more local produce – buy local campaign – work with Chamber of Commerce and local papers
- make easy, economical recipes available
- provide outlet for surplus garden produce
- work with farmers and growers to provide more food locally

Farmers and commercial producers

- talk to farmers, landowners, young farmers clubs, local food processors
- set up community supported agriculture project/ community farm[s]
- campaign for greater government support for farming for local consumption