

Community Action Group Project

Terms of Reference

As a network of groups working on issues of social and environmental justice, the Community Action Group (CAG) Project represents a very wide and diverse set of members. In order to best act on behalf of the network as a whole, the following common aims are considered the root of our collective actions.

As members and supporters of the CAG Project, we have an overarching commitment to reducing Oxfordshire carbon emissions at a bare minimum to those levels required in the Climate Change Act. Specifically, we support:

WASTE



- The promotion of the waste hierarchy (refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle and recover) and actively working to minimise resource use.
- The development of a circular economy resource network where 'waste' is designed out, recognising the value of all resources.
- The share economy where fewer resources can be used by more people.



ENERGY

- Reducing the energy consumption of residents and businesses, whilst addressing the needs of those living in fuel poverty.
- Generation of clean, safe and renewable energy including the most appropriate and efficient infrastructure for distribution.

TRANSPORT



- The development and promotion of a sustainable transport infrastructure, including accessible and affordable public transport, vehicle sharing, provision of safe cycle routes and the environmentally efficient movement of goods.
- The significant reduction of private car use and personal flights.

FOOD



- Access for all to nutritious, healthy and tasty food, regardless of income.
- Food production that preserves and enhances ecosystems, and promotes the highest possible animal welfare standards.
- The provision of publicly available growing spaces that can provide food at both a local and regional level.



BIODIVERSITY

- The protection and enhancement of our biodiversity through the active conservation, management and appropriate use of our landscapes and habitats.
- That nature has an intrinsic value that shouldn't only be monetised as a definition of its worth, whilst recognising that treating it as a 'natural asset' can describe its value in economic terms.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT



- New development that demonstrates that consideration has been given to the impact on the local environment and economy, affordability, location including proximity to flood plains, areas of natural value and access to infrastructure.
- Future proofing to mitigate against contribution to climate change and the economy, including building to the highest possible standards for sustainability where resource use is minimised, both by the builder and the resident.
- Maximising utilisation of current housing stock and other appropriate buildings to create affordable housing whilst minimising the need for new development.



POLLUTION

- The rights of all to clean air, water and a natural environment free of pollution.
- The limitation of private vehicle use within the boundaries of towns and cities.
- The commitment to ensuring WHO/EU air pollution reduction targets are met in all parts of the county.



HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Communities where people feel safe, supported and included, without fear of prejudice or persecution.
- Equal access to services and opportunities wherever people live in the county.

