

	Top Level Aim	Strategies & Guiding Ideas
1	We aim to educate ourselves about the Earth's finite resources and human interaction with ecological systems. We will share knowledge and acquired skills within Carlisle and interested groups.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To inform ourselves through general media and scientific research and events. 2. Cooperate, engage and involve people, communities, schools, business and government in a spirit of global partnership to conserve, protect and restore the health and integrity of the Earth's ecosystem. We believe that a world using fewer finite resources will be more resilient and sustainable, providing a more hopeful future for our children. 3. Provide educational material that informs and inspires people to acknowledge environmental issues and seek viable solutions that will help all of us. 4. Create and implement an Action Plan, which will provide a route map for our community to respond to Peak Oil, Climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss etc. 5. Work with organisations such as the national Transition Towns Network to research and develop alternative solutions to mitigate the effects of these issues.
2	We aim to develop and support realistic examples of how to live sustainably in Carlisle.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and prioritise key areas of sustainability. Showcase examples that help people from Carlisle to be more resilient in these areas. 2. Create visible, practical and locally achievable projects that will reduce both our resource usage and the waste we generate. Empower everyone to participate. For example, by growing our food locally, we can reduce emissions and our dependency on fossil fuels. 3. We aim to record, monitor and evaluate the impact of our individual and group activities - including resource usage, greenhouse gas emissions and waste generation. 4. We will develop, share and promote positive ways to reduce our environmental footprint and improve our social wellbeing.
3	We aim to influence decision makers to implement sustainable and low carbon policies.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage with decision makers to implement sustainable policies (based on research and experience from a local perspective) at City & County level. 2. Develop a Policy on Environmental Corporate Responsibility to guide our campaigns and actions. To campaign and encourage business and corporations to be responsible not only for profit but for the environmental and human consequences of their actions. Expose the corporate and political practices that are damaging the ecosystems that we depend on. 3. We will develop an energy and carbon policy to guide us in campaigning to reduce our dependence on pollutant fuels, investigating and promoting alternatives. 4. To acknowledge that a sustainable lifestyle will not be possible without tackling the global issues. We will develop a policy on Global Issues to guide our campaigns.

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4	We aim to promote happier more fulfilled lives and an alternative to ecologically destructive and resource intensive consumer capitalism.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and support individuals and organisations within Carlisle who will be especially vulnerable to the effects of shortages and increasing prices of essential commodities as well as to climate change. 2. Encourage permaculture principles of earthcare, peoplecare and fairshare within our community to encourage a transition to a resilient, sustainable future through individual and community action. 3. Learn about and replicate successful alternatives that have worked in other transition initiatives. 4. Think of innovative and creative solutions to build a future we want for ourselves rather than allowing others to devise plans of action with consequences that we may not like. 5. We acknowledge individuals not merely as consumers or producers but as complete human beings with a vast spectrum of needs, including: emotional well being, close personal relationships and satisfaction from purposeful activity.
5	We aim to develop an inclusive approach to our planning and decision making process.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are non party political 2. We follow a consensus approach, whereby all that we decide has been the positive outcome of everyone's agreement. If full agreement is not possible, those disagreeing are recorded as standing aside from the agreement.