

**Delegates of the 'Tackling Climate Change Together' event were asked the following question:**

***'What does Derbyshire County Council need to do to help your organisation meet its emissions commitment?'***

**Here is a selection of the responses received:**

- Support in procuring zero carbon goods and services, e.g. vehicles
- Co-ordination between the various public bodies in Derbyshire
- Support and be open to new forms of community energy and more democratically engaged forms of planning for it, with low carbon at the centre of and running through all aspects of local plans
- To help staff to get electric vehicles we need many more on-street charging options, e.g. chargers in lamp posts or on kerbside, not just in public car parks
- Develop a 'green' section of the Trusted Trader scheme to help small businesses and consumers identify providers of more environmentally friendly products and services
- Continued support for Moors for the Future and The Peak District National Park
- Promote active transport solutions
- Support for visitor hubs approach to sustainable transport
- Assistance to complete the White Peak Loop
- Change starts at home. What more can be done to encourage everyone to do their bit on a domestic level?
- How do we (internally in DCC and externally with others) encourage a culture of Kaizen?  
*"Kaizen means improvement. Moreover, it means continuing improvement in personal life, home life, social life, and working life. When applied to the workplace Kaizen means continuing improvement involving everyone – managers and workers alike."*  
*Masaaki Imai, Founder of Kaizen Institute*
- The small incremental improvements from everyone's suggestions are vital. It will result in speedier action
- However, there has to be listening and enacting of the Kaizen ideas without getting bogged down in procedure and 'business as usual' approach
- Our current timetables for any 'change' and action are not currently fit for purpose to respond to the climate emergency

- Support and fund Derbyshire County Council and partners to provide young people with a voice and a route to be able to take action and influence the decisions being taken
- Support for identifying funding models and support expertise in financing
- Give more opportunities for local Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) to undertake construction work in the county, rather than use companies from further afield. This will help to reduce the carbon footprint by reducing travel in and out of the county
- Help to regenerate local communities because local SMEs will employ local people both directly and through their supply chain. Local people spend locally so this will help communities, economically, socially and environmentally
- If the local supply chain has more certainty of work they will feel more confident to invest in carbon reduction initiatives, helping the county to reach their target
- Consider new technologies for assessing the current and new housing and council building stock, using thermal and energy modelling software from Holland that models health and well-being of occupants/staff. The software also creates a heat map based on energy efficiency of such stock to show the council where to act as a priority once modelled. Energiesprong retrofit can be modelled with this technology and very quickly. Check out [www.vabi.nl](http://www.vabi.nl) [(Dutch website) or [Energiesprong website](#) for information in English]
- Support our voluntary effort by talking to us occasionally and, if possible, support us to improve our generator to be more efficient by small grant funding. £5,000 would allow us to generate more electricity
- Talk to Derbyshire farmers about Netzero 2040  
*"The National Farmers Union has set the ambitious goal of reaching net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the whole of agriculture in England and Wales by 2040" NFU*  
 Derbyshire farming is largely grass based livestock farming. This needs supporting not denigrating, agriculture is part of the solution not the problem. Grassland is a very good carbon store.
- Awareness raising for behaviour change - public information campaign
- Help districts to raise planning standards of developments
- Look for ways to support local bus routes and car clubs so that people have alternatives to single car journeys

- Work with local community groups to identify where the [transport] need is
- To review smart communities infrastructure, as this could help with the issues talked about by Cllr Lewis
- I think we need an inter-generational climate assembly for Derbyshire and its launch should include a series of conversations between it and all of our Derbyshire MPs as well as leaders of our councils and major employers. Only then will any controversial decisions achieve wider acceptance and authority
- We need to analyse infallible truths in an unprecedented crisis. It will inevitably involve judgements not certainties!
- We need a stronger and more committed focus on the fragility of our planet