



CANS ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Environmental Statement for Stisted Parish Council sustainability working party CANS (Climate and Nature for Stisted)

CANS, alongside the Parish Council, recognise the critical need for collective action to address the pressing environmental challenges facing our community and the planet as a whole. With a shared commitment to building and maintaining a thriving, sustainability-focused community, CANS is dedicated to implementing strategies that will result in a significantly reduced carbon footprint. Our mission encompasses various aspects, each presenting unique challenges that demand thoughtful consideration and effective solutions.

1. Transport: *Challenge:* High carbon emissions from conventional transportation methods. *Objective:* Promote sustainable transportation alternatives, such as cycling, walking, and carpooling, while exploring the feasibility of electric and hybrid vehicles for local use.
2. Heat Loss/Oil Dependency: *Challenge:* High dependence on oil for heating, leading to increased carbon emissions. *Objective:* Implement energy-efficient practices and technologies, including improved insulation and renewable energy sources, to reduce heat loss and decrease reliance on oil for heating.
3. Increase in Natural Habitats: *Challenge:* Loss of natural habitats due to urbanisation and development. *Objective:* Foster the creation and preservation of natural habitats within the community through green spaces, tree planting initiatives, and wildlife conservation projects.
4. Waste: *Challenge:* Excessive waste generation and limited recycling practices. *Objective:* Implement comprehensive waste reduction and recycling programs, including community education on waste segregation, promoting reusable products, and supporting local recycling initiatives.
5. Challenging Perceptions/Building Community & Education: *Challenge:* Limited awareness and understanding of sustainability issues. *Objective:* Engage the community through educational programs, workshops, and events to raise awareness, challenge perceptions, and build a united commitment to sustainable practices.
6. Planning & Legislation: *Challenge:* Navigating complex planning processes and legislation. *Objective:* Advocate for and implement sustainable planning practices, ensuring that future developments align with environmental best practices and comply with relevant legislation.

Through collaboration with Stisted Parish Council and the active involvement of community members, we aim to create a model of sustainable living that not only addresses the challenges listed above but also serves as an inspiration for neighbouring communities. By working together, we can create a future where Stisted is not only environmentally responsible but also a vibrant and resilient community that prioritises the well-being of both its residents and the planet.