



## New Mills residents generate their vision for a sustainable future



The 'New Mills 2030' book, created by residents and businesses in New Mills in response to the Climate Emergency declared by New Mills Town Council in March 2019, has been released.

Members of Transition New Mills, New Mills Town Council Staff and Councillors worked together to host a 'Community Conversation' open to all residents - held at New Mills Town Hall prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.

'New Mills 2030' addresses the aspects of New Mills life that residents value, they no longer feel served by, or they consider to be in need of repair, restoration or creation. Viewed through the lenses of Transport, Economy, Waste, Mindsets, Nature, Energy, and Food and Farming, working groups are being set up and are gathering, virtually, with a new sense of urgency due to the consequences of the pandemic.

Micro car clubs, circular economic arrangements and local producers, repair services, skill swaps, localised energy generation, a community food hub, wildlife corridors, tree planting and an e-bike scheme all feature in the New Mills 2030 vision, aimed at creating a legacy of sustainability for the town and its surroundings.

Paul Frost, vice-chair of New Mills Town Council, said “New Mills Town Council is acutely aware of the challenge our planet is facing and we are keen to play our part in meeting these challenges and improving the situation. This Conversation has generated food for thought for all concerned. The Council shall review this material and consider any future actions it deems appropriate, within scope, and cost effective. This will benefit both the current and future generations of our town.”

Penny Cristinacce of Transition New Mills said: “our vision is to reimagine and rebuild our world for a changing climate, and create a resilient, sustainable and ethical future for New Mills. We worked with councillors and staff at New Mills Town Council to give the people of New Mills the opportunity to create their own vision of our town in 2030. Alongside the Council, we will work to support individuals, groups and businesses to help make this vision a reality.”

To download the report, visit <https://transitionnewmills.org/NM2030>

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Notes to Editors:

The Transition Network is a global movement of communities coming together to reimagine and rebuild our world. It's a bottom-up community model that recognises we are living in a climate emergency. It is guided by a set of simple principles, which promote sustainability, creativity, collaboration, inclusivity and respect for the living world and each other.

Transition New Mills is part of this network, which aims:

- to help the whole community work together
- to make our town cleaner, fairer and more vibrant
- better able to withstand economic and environmental challenges.

Projects are aimed at:

- supporting sustainable local jobs and services
- looking after our shared natural and environmental resources
- reducing our energy needs and carbon emissions
- strengthening community involvement, creativity, confidence and pride in the town.

We presently have a number of projects and events:

- Cafe Transition regular programme of topical presentations and discussions
- Himalayan Balsam bashing, particularly in nature reserves
- Incredible Edible, growing community food for free in public places
- Rethink Plastic New Mills, engaging with schools and the community
- Discussion / Reading Group
- Regular Repair Cafes and Bring & Share meetings