



## Review of Kington's Energy Descent Action Plan 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Done!

Not Yet Done

IMPORTANT TO DO!

WTF!

The lists that follow are a selection of ideas from Kington's 2010 EDAP. They could do with rewriting in plain language without bullshit terminology!

The ideas are still very relevant but we have achieved quite a lot over the last 9 years and learnt a whole lot more!

Some actions are no longer relevant and yet others have already become main stream.

**Some actions are even more important than ever.**

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# COMMUNICATION & AWARENESS RAISING

## IDEAS

Apply lessons from the past encourage greater self-dependence/relocalisation

Examine how well Kington performs in local resilience

Share experiences and expertise in EDAP-related work

Engage the local community in EDAP

Broadcast EDAP-related activities to the local people

Awareness raising about community/ KLEEN objectives & activities

Change KLEEN to Transition Kington? Zero Carbon Kington

Raise awareness of EDAP

Parish Plan

Generate awareness of energy use

## ACTIONS

Develop a "Listening to Our Elders" living History programme

Develop local resilience indicators, survey current practices

Encourage greater networking with other communities/ groups

Demonstrations at events/shows

Organise innovative & creative events

Form steering group to publicise KLEEN related activities in local media

Organize more community involvement in KLEEN events

Constitute Kington Local Environment & Energy Network – Build on KLEEN's positive local reputation

Produce a KLEEN newsletter

Develop a "brand" for Kington's KLEEN

Network Kington's Leadership groups

Film shows - Make a film

Lobby local authorities for support for policies and infrastructure funds

\*See Planning Topic

Provide energy monitors on display in public buildings and shops

## EDUCATION & RESKILLING

Restore Lost Skills in rural crafts  
(tourism development, creating new  
centre for craft training)

Increase local skills base to reduce  
reliance on outside input

Local Employment in green technology

Generate greater interest in craft skills

Improve green education for local kids

Craft and green skills for local children

More gardening in primary/ secondary  
schools

Improve liaison between schools on  
green issues, travel plans etc.

Involve local children in green  
initiatives

Training courses on various crafts

Energy Saving - generate self-interest  
amongst the people

Develop training in repairing and re-  
use by means of skills courses

Offer training in crafts skills,  
particularly for young local people

Investment in innovative solutions into  
local businesses

Craft skills training in schools

Develop a group to integrate local eco-  
groups with local schools "Eco-Squads"

Develop a school allotment/orchard

Make gardening part of the curriculum  
in schools. Liaise with Soil Ass. etc.  
Make gardening "cool"

Develop a cross-schools eco-group

Form KLEEN KIDS club

Use Lady Hawkins School during  
holidays for courses

Monthly energy saving advice sessions  
at MAP Annual - H.Energy

# ENERGY

Assess energy use in the Kington area

Implement household, business and farm energy surveys - HES

Reduce energy use in Kington area

Insulate homes – subject to funding

Implement survey recommendations

Generate local sustainable power

Undertake feasibility studies into sustainable power generation

Establish local community-owned power generating cooperative

Reduce energy use in Kington area

Continuous education for residents and businesses

Extinguish redundant street lights;  
Dim necessary street lights;  
Change others to low energy lights

Implementation of whole town home energy surveys

Encourage less energy use in public buildings

*Implementation of home energy surveys and resulting recommendations using community development workers*

Education on clean energy potential

Produce a “Short History of Power Generation in Kington”

Increase energy saving

Develop an energy club

## FOOD & FARMING

More local grown produce

Develop more allotments

Develop a garden share scheme

More local grown fruit

Develop a community orchard

Achieve sales of local food

Develop a farm community food contract scheme

Measure current use, set targets, develop local producers' database  
Packaging!!

Local Producers' Market

Encourage use of more local food in Kington shops and restaurants

Develop a star rating scheme for food miles

Reduce reliance on pesticides, fertilisers & diesel, increase biodiversity

Develop a scheme to educate farmers in sustainable farming methods

Use more local food

Provide education about "wild crafting"

Produce local food recipe book

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

Better food

Develop more allotments – see Food

Self-sufficient school meals

Develop contracts for local producers with Kington schools

Tree Planting

Develop and implement a Kington-wide tree planting scheme

Walking & Cycling

Encourage more walking and cycling

Less Pollution

Encourage less car use by education

Safer Streets

Encourage improved road safety

Healthier Food

Encourage healthier eating with reference to local produce

## MONEY & WORK

Local currency, The Kington Kwid, to retain spending within the local area

Establish a group to investigate demand for and feasibility of a local currency for Kington

Local employment in green technologies

Develop an action plan for investment in green technology businesses

Develop an eco-tourism business based on rural crafts

Initiate a discussion on an education project on eco-tourism businesses, based on craft skills training  
Generate funds to facilitate and support EDAP initiatives

Reduce energy use

Social enterprise, shop and web-based sales outlet, offer services in KLEEN-sectors to residents/businesses (See Kivo-Ebiz model) to encourage recycling by sales of quality second hand goods

More local employment  
Reduce travel to outside work

Campaign to encourage reduced energy use and/or use of clean energy by local businesses

Local employment to use local materials and traditional/new techniques to reduce energy use

Campaign for local job creation in micro-businesses, including apprenticeship schemes

Retain spend locally

Develop a plan for use of local craftsmen using local materials and traditional techniques in renovation/repair of buildings

Campaign to encourage people to spend locally

More recycling  
Reduce travel & energy use

Campaign to encourage businesses to trade locally

Develop policies to support the local economy in contracts

Create more local jobs

Social enterprise shop (see earlier) to provide sustainable delivery service

Encourage self-employed people to employ local help – principle of “Enough” not maximising profit.

## TRANSPORT & PLANNING

Develop a Parish Plan

Initiate a steering group to produce a Parish Plan (Community Led Planning)

Input into the emerging Local Development Framework

Work with Herefordshire Council to develop policies and criteria for the development of low impact, land-based rural housing.

Reduce car ownership and energy use

“Kington Car Club” – purchase car/cars, powered by clean energy, the costs & use to be shared by members  
*As above but with powered bikes & Electric Vehicles*

Reduce the use of single occupant cars  
Encourage walking, cycling & bus use

Develop education on, and facilitate the production of, travel plans. Initial step is to survey travel patterns locally

Sustainable deliveries of produce to reduce emissions

Develop web-based local shopping with sustainable home deliveries by real horse power or even a “Post Bus”?

Better bus services between Kington and Leominster and Hereford

Lobby Herefordshire Council and the bus operators to provide more frequent and more direct bus services

Reduced emissions

Lobby bus operators to use vehicles which use clean energy

Reduce traffic levels

Develop a local, web-based car share/lifts & goods delivery scheme

Encourage use of clean energy

Lobby for electric vehicle charging points in conjunction with car club  
*Even a cycle/rickshaw delivery scheme*

Encourage walking & cycling

Lobby for improved pedestrian & cycle facilities – develop proposals

Encourage higher standards of design and insulation in new build & renovation projects

Develop a Design Statement as a first step in the Parish Plan process

# TRANSPORT & PLANNING

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Sustainable new developments in sustainable locations

Improved local housing and services

Improved local recreation and leisure facilities for local people

Reduce car use

Preservation of the Kington landscape and historic environment

Reduction of glare in the night skies

Protection of local shops

Encourage more facilities in Kington for young people.

Improved town centre environment

More clean energy use

Reduce energy use and emissions

Encourage more cycling

Less travel

Contribute to the LDF process

Develop a strategy to increase telecommuting/homeworking

Encourage higher landscape designations around Kington (LDF)

Develop plans for a dark skies initiative (LDF)

Encourage greater protection for the retention of shops along the High St.

Encourage more facilities in Kington for young people. Possible young persons' café?

Encourage the sustainable improvement of Kington High Street

Encourage key retailers to use low emission vehicles

Campaign for whole town 20mph speed limit

Campaign for buses to take bikes and for trains to take more bikes

Educate people to use internet-based food delivery services **Tesco!**

Develop video conferencing facilities **Skype!**

## WASTE – REDUCE & REDUCE REUSE & RECYCLING

### Reduce Waste

Packaging campaign to reduce waste

More discounted compost bins

Non-processable sewage campaign

Press suppliers to reduce packaging and/or change its form

Change from plastic to paper bags

### More Recycling

Ensure that more business waste is recycled

Bigger allotments composting facility

Campaign to encourage more recycling

More better signed recycling points

Develop a “swap shop”

### Reduce Litter

Sign up to Bill Bryson’s “Stop the Drop”

Additional coordinated litter-picks

### Adopt the Weobley Method

More and better placed litter bins

“Rubbish Week” to raise awareness

Transform Kington’s sewerage system into a wetland filtering system

Encourage Welsh Water to change sewerage disposal investment policies  
Digester Gas?

Encourage more rainwater harvesting and more efficient use of water

Campaign and education in rainwater harvesting methods and efficient use of water