



Macclesfield Town Council and Macctastic Eco Network

Back in May Macclesfield Town Council and Macctastic held the first ever Macclesfield ECO Summit; a full day of discussion on various topics surrounding the environment and how the people of Macclesfield can work together to improve our impact on the climate emergency, biodiversity in the town, and going green.

A **HUGE** number of ideas were generated by the 70+ people who attended and the Town Council and Macctastic have worked together to narrow those ideas down, in the first instance to ones that are easily achievable and which will have the most impact.



GREEN SPACES

- To gather information on all volunteer green groups and share information about them under one umbrella – The Green Team.
- To plant more wild-flower meadows, starting with areas around the leisure centre.
- Macc Wild Network have held a meeting with the leisure centre manager and Cheshire East open space managers and will be coordinating the re-wilding in that area. A meeting will be taking place with social prescribing practitioners at Waters Green Medical Centre to discuss promoting nature as a form of therapy.
- To supply more litter picking equipment and encourage people to map their activity on macclitter.org
- To create a 'green trail' around the town to incorporate areas of wildlife interest, green spaces etc
- To promote '[No Mow May](#)' on an annual basis.



ACTIVE TRAVEL

- Create an integrated travel plan. To look at funding sources and match with ideas for smaller projects such as bike racks.



INFORMATION

- To use a stall at Treacle Market to showcase local sources of information and test out the idea of an 'eco hub' on the public. Potential partners for the event to include Macctastic, Scoop and Scales, Treehouse and the ranger team
- To deliver a business breakfast for green groups.
- To incorporate eco issues into the Youth Summit organised by Macclesfield Town Council and have two discussion groups dedicated to the environment.
- To hold an update event in May 2022.
- To hold another ECO Summit in autumn 2022 - bigger and better than this year, and hopefully face to face with interactive events for all ages.



COLLABORATION

- To develop a repair café for the town - this has been done and hopefully starts 11th September. See [Newsletter for details](#)
- To identify and map areas for planting in the town
- For the Environmental Recovery Group (sub-group of the Town Centre Recovery Working Group) to link up with local green groups going forwards
- Work with Cheshire CCG, Schools, Macclesfield Town Council and Cheshire East Council to set up carbon footprinting/ sustainability project.
A meeting to discuss this has already taken place and a follow up meeting has been arranged.

- Macclesfield Town Council to have a section on their new website to host links to all green groups in the town. – extending [this idea](#) from Macctastic.

These ideas do not cover everything discussed at the ECO Summit, nor all the actions currently being investigated by Macctastic. The Macctastic team are working on lots of other ideas, and if you wish to get involved or want more information please see their website/social media.

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