

4. ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE

NEEDS, PROBLEMS, ISSUES

- Energy costs / climate costs
- Keep food production local - higher quality, keep jobs here
- Cycle paths round Rhins: from villages to town, in town, to ferry
- Buses and trains don't link - locals need a car to enjoy outdoor/get to work
- Culture is to travel to Dumfries - 4 hours twice a week - not green, not local
- Loch Ryan not designated bathing water
- Need more bins and dog poo bins
- No rough messy space for wildlife - free land up instead of building
- Need a cycle path or light rail to Cairnryan
- Scottish Water should provide a water font in Castle Square

SOLUTIONS, IDEAS, OPPORTUNITIES

- Give locals free power
- Make the most of our wind and water energy... renewables
- Use Pier as solar panel farm
- Collaborate with Northern Ireland on hydrogen/clean energy/green tourism
- Create energy from composting to heat community greenhouses
- Be part of UNESCO Biosphere: Galloway Forest Park & Dark Skies
- Walk, wheel, cycle: reduce cars in town - paths/cycle routes harbour to town
- Coast to Coast Cycle Route; develop Rhins cycle routes
- Promote Southern Upland walking trail and Rhins walks and paths
- Create town sanctuary: walkways, rewilding, recover rivers, wildlife
- SCAMP Solway Coast marine project improve sealife; oyster processing locally
- Use Repeater Station for fisheries/marine research; water testing Oyster beds
- 'Green' the old Gas Works, Railway Yard, sow seeds in messy public spaces
- Create circular paths; 1 mile loop at hospital; Broadstone>Cockle Shore
- Every child to learn in Academy's poly tunnel; open to the community after hours
- Propagate Scotland help develop market gardens; small-producers cooperative; sustainable food production; Millennium youth cafe food
- King George V Park - 50 new allotments (at least); skill sharing; micro growers
- Be a centre for Eco Studies; have an Outdoor Education Resource on seafront
- Connect Unexpected Garden & Propagate to Forres Rural Lab on Food Futures
- Green Map: online interactive map to search for every project/place in town
- Reuse Shop teach upcycling skills

“THE WELCOME AT THE STATION IS TRAGIC”
“MY PARENTS RECYCLE, I DON'T”
“WASTELAND AT THE HEART OF THE TOWN”
“JOIN UP MOVING PARTS OF FOOD CHAIN”
“CELEBRATE OUR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE”

