

# **Godshill Parish Council**

## **Mission to Zero, Donut Economy, and Community Wealth Building Principles**

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The integration of v can offer substantial benefits to Godshill Parish, aligning economic, social, and environmental sustainability to create a thriving and resilient community. Here's why these approaches could be advantageous:

- **Mission to Zero:** Pursuing a mission to achieve net-zero carbon emissions not only addresses the urgent need to combat climate change but also brings multiple advantages:
  - **Environmental Resilience:** By reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Godshill Parish becomes more resilient to climate-related challenges like extreme weather events and sea-level rise.
  - **Economic Opportunities:** Investments in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable transportation stimulate economic growth, create jobs, and attract green businesses.
  - **Improved Health:** Reducing air pollution from fewer emissions leads to improved air quality and better public health outcomes for residents.
  - **Sustainable Tourism:** Godshill's transition to sustainability can attract eco-conscious tourists, benefiting the local economy.
  - **Enhanced Quality of Life:** Initiatives such as green spaces, improved public transportation, and energy-efficient homes enhance residents' overall quality of life.
- **Donut Economy:** Embracing the principles of the Donut Economy encourages balanced development that aligns with planetary boundaries and social well-being:
  - **Sustainability:** The Donut Economy promotes responsible resource management, reduced carbon emissions, and protection of local ecosystems.
  - **Social Equity:** Prioritising basic needs and social inclusion fosters a more equitable and inclusive community.
  - **Resilience:** The model's balance between social and environmental considerations enhances resilience to global challenges like climate change and economic shocks.
  - **Local Economy:** The Donut Economy encourages local production and consumption, strengthening the local economy and supporting businesses.
  - **Quality of Life:** Focusing on essential needs improves the quality of life for all residents.
- **Community Wealth Building:** The principles of community wealth building complement the other approaches by empowering the community to take control of its economic future:
  - **Economic Self-Reliance:** Community wealth building reduces dependence on external forces and promotes local economic self-reliance.
  - **Local Business Growth:** Supporting local businesses and cooperatives can lead to increased economic stability and growth within the parish.

- **Inclusive Prosperity:** These principles ensure that economic benefits are distributed more equitably, reducing wealth disparities within the community.
- **Resilient Economy:** By diversifying the local economy and encouraging entrepreneurship, the parish becomes more resilient to economic challenges.

#### **Questions for Godshill Parish:**

- What are the current carbon emissions and sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Godshill Parish?
- How can the parish leverage local resources, such as available land for renewable energy projects or potential for sustainable agriculture, to advance Mission to Zero goals?
- What are the specific challenges and opportunities related to transportation emissions within the parish?
- How can the parish engage local businesses and residents in sustainability efforts and encourage them to adopt eco-friendly practices?
- Are there opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring parishes or local government agencies to achieve Mission to Zero objectives more effectively?
- What funding sources and grants are available to support sustainability projects in the parish?
- How can Godshill Parish balance its economic goals with its commitment to achieving Mission to Zero and promoting a more sustainable future?
- How can we encourage safe and low carbon transport?

Implementing Mission to Zero principles in Godshill Parish requires a coordinated and community-driven approach that addresses local challenges while capitalising on available resources and opportunities for a sustainable, resilient future.

#### **The main areas we can look at**

Green Spaces  
Transport  
Food  
Homes  
Business  
Funding  
Community

#### **How can we ensure that the community is actively involved in decision-making processes?**

Ensuring active community involvement in decision-making processes is crucial for fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment within Godshill Parish. Here are steps we can take to achieve this:

- **Transparent Communication:**  
  
Maintain open and transparent communication channels with the community. Regularly share information about upcoming decisions, projects, and opportunities for input.
- **Community Meetings:**  
  
Organise regular community meetings or town halls where residents can voice their opinions, concerns, and suggestions. These meetings should be accessible and inclusive, considering diverse needs and schedules.

- Online Platforms:  
  
Create an online platform or website where residents can access information, participate in surveys, and provide feedback on various issues. Ensure that the platform is user-friendly and regularly updated. We already have a facebook page and have started a free cycle chat.
- Community Surveys:  
  
Conduct surveys to gauge community preferences and priorities on specific matters. Use the feedback received to inform decision-making processes.
- Focus Groups:  
  
Establish focus groups or advisory committees composed of community members with expertise or interest in specific areas, such as sustainability, education, or infrastructure. These groups can provide valuable insights and recommendations.
- Public Workshops and Forums:  
  
Host public workshops, forums, or brainstorming sessions on important topics or projects. Encourage residents to actively participate in discussions and offer solutions.
- Community Consultations:  
  
When making significant decisions or developing projects, seek formal input from the community through consultations. Ensure that the consultation process is well-publicised and accessible to all.
- Youth and School Involvement:  
  
Engage local schools and youth organisations in decision-making processes. Young people often have unique perspectives and ideas that can contribute to the community's future.
- Diverse Representation:  
  
Ensure that decision-making bodies, such as the parish council or committees, reflect the diversity of the community in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status.
- Accessible Information:  
  
Provide clear and concise information about decision-making processes, including timelines, objectives, and potential impacts, so residents can make informed contributions.
- Feedback Loops:  
  
Establish feedback loops to inform residents about how their input influenced decisions. Show that their contributions have a tangible impact on the community.
- Cultural Competence:  
  
Respect cultural and linguistic diversity within the community. Provide information and engagement opportunities in multiple languages if needed.
- Conflict Resolution:

Develop mechanisms for addressing conflicts or disagreements that may arise during decision-making processes. Ensure that disputes are resolved fairly and transparently.

- Recognition and Appreciation:

Acknowledge and appreciate community members who actively participate in decision-making processes. Recognise their contributions through public acknowledgments or awards.

- Capacity Building:

Offer training or workshops to build the capacity of community members to engage effectively in decision-making. This includes providing resources and tools for meaningful participation.

- Consistent Feedback Channels:

Maintain consistent channels for residents to provide ongoing feedback, not just during specific projects. Encourage continuous dialogue and engagement.

- Evaluate and Adjust:

Periodically evaluate the effectiveness of your community involvement efforts. Adjust your strategies based on feedback and changing community needs.

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Talk to local groups and business to gauge interest and needs

## **Green spaces**

To determine the best ways to use the land cared for by the Parish of Godshill, it's essential to consider the specific characteristics, needs, and priorities of the community. Land use decisions should align with the overarching goal of achieving zero carbon and promoting community well-being. Here are some potential land uses and initiatives for the Parish of Godshill:

- Community Gardens and Allotments:
  - Designate portions of the land for community gardens and allotments where residents can grow their own produce. This not only encourages interaction with nature but also promotes sustainable food practices and food security.
- Wildflower Meadows:
  - Convert certain areas into wildflower meadows. These habitats attract pollinators, support biodiversity, and enhance the visual appeal of the parish.

- Tapestry planting reduces the need to cut and encourages bees and other wildlife.
- Orchards:
  - Plant fruit trees in designated areas to provide fresh produce, attract wildlife, and contribute to the village's green aesthetic.
- Pocket Parks:
  - Identify small pockets of unused land and transform them into small parks or green spaces for relaxation and recreation.
- Green Roofs:
  - Encourage the installation of green roofs on buildings. These not only provide green space but also contribute to carbon capture and energy efficiency.
- Habitat Niches:
  - Create different habitats like ponds, rock gardens, and birdhouses to support various species and foster biodiversity.
- Tree Planting:
  - Plant native trees around the village to provide shade, absorb carbon dioxide, and support local wildlife.
- Nature Trails:
  - Develop nature trails or walking paths that wind through green areas, allowing residents to explore and appreciate the natural environment.
- Outdoor Seating Areas:
  - Incorporate benches, picnic tables, and seating areas in green spaces, encouraging people to spend time outdoors.
- Educational Signage:
  - Install signage explaining the importance of biodiversity, carbon capture, and the local flora and fauna. This can help raise awareness and educate residents.
- Bird and Bat Boxes:
  - Install bird and bat boxes to encourage these beneficial creatures to inhabit the area and control pests.
- Rain Gardens:
  - Design rain gardens that capture and filter rainwater runoff, providing habitat for wetland plants and helping to prevent flooding.
- Permeable Surfaces:
  - Use permeable paving and surfaces that allow rainwater to infiltrate the ground, supporting soil health and groundwater recharge.
- Native Plants:
  - Choose native plants for landscaping, as they are adapted to the local environment and support local wildlife.
- Nature Play Areas:
  - Create play areas for children that incorporate natural elements like logs, boulders, and sand, fostering a connection with nature.
- Public Art:
  - Integrate art installations that reflect nature and biodiversity, enhancing the visual appeal of green spaces.
- Annual Events:
  - Organise events like nature walks, plant fairs, or wildlife talks in the green spaces to engage residents and promote community involvement.

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## Transport

- Promote Sustainable Transportation:
  - **Active Transportation:** Develop pedestrian-friendly pathways, cycling lanes, bike parking and pedestrian zones to encourage walking and cycling as eco-friendly commuting options.
  - **Public Transport:** Enhance and expand public transportation services, such as buses or community shuttles, to reduce the reliance on private vehicles.
  - **Electric Vehicles (EVs):** Install EV charging stations to support the transition to electric vehicles and incentives residents to adopt green transportation.
- Energy Efficiency:
  - **Efficient Vehicles:** Encourage residents to use fuel-efficient or electric vehicles and provide incentives for adopting energy-efficient transportation methods.
  - **Fleet Transition:** If applicable, transition local government and commercial vehicle fleets to electric or hybrid options, reducing emissions.
- Active Engagement:
  - **Community Programs:** Educate residents on the benefits of sustainable transportation through workshops, campaigns, and events.
  - **Ride sharing:** Promote carpooling and ride sharing initiatives to reduce the number of vehicles on the road.

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## Food

Community serving agriculture

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA): Nurturing Sustainable Agriculture and Communities

Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a farming model that fosters a direct and mutually beneficial relationship between farmers and the communities they serve. This innovative approach to agriculture places a strong emphasis on sustainability, local food production, and community engagement. CSA has gained popularity worldwide as a way to reconnect people with the sources of their food, support local farmers, and promote environmentally responsible farming practices.

Key Principles of CSA:

- **Shared Risk and Reward:** CSA members, often referred to as shareholders or subscribers, invest in a local farm at the beginning of a growing season. They share both the rewards of a bountiful harvest and the risks associated with farming, such as crop failures due to weather or pests.
- **Local and Seasonal Produce:** CSA farms prioritize growing fresh, seasonal produce. Members receive a regular supply of fruits, vegetables, herbs,

and sometimes other products like eggs, dairy, or meat, depending on the farm's offerings.

- **Direct Relationship:** CSA creates a direct connection between consumers and farmers. Shareholders typically interact with the farmers, visit the farm, and learn about the farming process. This transparency fosters trust and a deeper understanding of where their food comes from.
- **Sustainability:** CSA farms often employ sustainable and environmentally friendly farming practices. They may use organic or regenerative farming methods, reduce synthetic chemical use, and prioritize soil health and biodiversity.

How CSA Works:

- **Membership:** Individuals or families purchase a CSA membership or subscription from a local farm. The membership fee provides crucial financial support to the farm at the beginning of the growing season.
- **Harvest Shares:** Throughout the growing season, members receive regular shares of the farm's produce. The contents of each share vary with the season, reflecting the farm's current offerings.
- **Community Engagement:** CSA farms encourage members to engage with the farm through visits, volunteer opportunities, or educational events. This involvement helps build a sense of community around food production.
- **Variety and Seasonality:** CSA shares offer a diverse range of fruits and vegetables that change with the seasons. Members may discover new and heirloom varieties of produce.
- **Supporting Local Agriculture:** By participating in CSA, members support local agriculture, reduce food miles, and contribute to the sustainability of their community.

Benefits of CSA:

- **Fresh and Nutrient-Rich Produce:** CSA members enjoy access to the freshest, most nutrient-rich produce, often harvested just hours before delivery.
- **Support for Local Farmers:** CSA provides farmers with stable income and a reliable customer base, helping them thrive and sustain their operations.
- **Reduced Environmental Impact:** By reducing the need for long-distance transportation, CSA reduces carbon emissions associated with food distribution.
- **Community Building:** CSA fosters connections between farmers and consumers, as well as among members, creating a sense of belonging and shared responsibility.
- **Educational Opportunities:** Members often have the chance to learn about sustainable farming practices, food preservation, and cooking with seasonal ingredients.
- **Food Security:** CSA contributes to local food security by promoting diversified local food production.

### Possible Actions

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## Homes

### **What specific programs will be used to provide advice and assistance to households on their climate action journey?**

To provide advice and assistance to households on their climate action journey in Godshill Parish, we can implement specific programs and initiatives tailored to the community's needs and goals.

Here are some program ideas:

- Home Energy Audits:
  - Offer free or subsidised home energy audits conducted by trained professionals. These audits can identify areas where energy efficiency improvements can be made, such as insulation, heating, and lighting.
- Energy Efficiency Workshops:
  - Organise workshops that educate residents on energy-saving practices, such as using programmable thermostats, sealing drafts, and upgrading to energy-efficient appliances.
- Renewable Energy Consultations:
  - Provide consultations with experts in renewable energy technologies, such as solar panels or heat pumps. Residents can learn about the feasibility and benefits of adopting renewable energy solutions in their homes.
- Financial Incentives:
  - Establish incentive programs that offer financial incentives or rebates to households that undertake energy-efficient upgrades or invest in renewable energy systems.
- Green Home Certification:
  - Promote green home certification programs that encourage residents to make eco-friendly improvements to their homes. Offer resources and guidance on achieving certification.
- Carbon Footprint Calculators:
  - Develop and promote online tools or apps that allow residents to calculate their carbon footprint and track their progress in reducing emissions. Offer tips and suggestions for improvement.
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Workshops:
  - Offer workshops on waste reduction, recycling best practices, and composting. Provide information on local recycling programs and facilities.
- Rainwater Harvesting and Sustainable Gardening Workshops:
  - Teach residents how to harvest rainwater for irrigation, reduce water consumption, and create sustainable gardens that support local biodiversity.
- Transportation Options Assistance:
  - Provide information on sustainable transportation options, such as public transit, carpooling, and cycling. Promote electric vehicle adoption and install EV charging infrastructure where feasible.
- Home Composting Programs:
  - Offer programs that encourage and support household composting. Provide composting bins and educational materials on composting techniques.
- Community Sharing Platforms:
  - Establish a community sharing platform where residents can lend or borrow tools, equipment, or resources for sustainable home

improvement projects.

- Green Building Workshops:
  - Organise workshops on sustainable building and renovation practices, including green materials, passive solar design, and eco-friendly landscaping.
- Local Food Initiatives:
  - Support initiatives that promote local food production and consumption, such as community gardens, farmers' markets, and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) programs. Perhaps a food sharing space.
- Eco-Friendly Purchasing Programs:
  - Educate residents about eco-friendly purchasing choices, such as buying locally made products, reducing single-use plastics, and selecting sustainable goods.
- Community Repair Cafés:
  - Host repair cafés where residents can bring broken items for repair rather than discarding them, promoting a culture of repair and reuse.
- Green Home Tours:
  - Arrange tours of energy-efficient and sustainable homes in the community, allowing residents to see real-world examples of eco-friendly practices.
- Community Climate Pledges:
  - Encourage households to make climate pledges and commit to specific actions for reducing their environmental impact. Celebrate and recognise their achievements.
- One-on-One Consultations:
  - Offer personalised consultations with sustainability experts who can assess a household's specific needs and provide tailored advice for climate action.
- Community Climate Action Hubs:
  - Establish physical or virtual hubs where residents can access resources, attend workshops, and connect with like-minded individuals for mutual support and inspiration.
- Encouraging supporting businesses that have made a mission to zero pledge.
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We can also look at Public Estate Retrofit:

- How will we prioritise which public buildings to retrofit first?
- What incentives can be offered to stimulate private sector involvement in retrofitting commercial properties?
- How will we ensure the retrofitted buildings are energy-efficient and sustainable?

## **Action**

I would like to suggest that we work with Future Isle of Wight, who are a cic that organise retrofitting home and the grants to do it. Alison and I have had a quick meeting but I would like to ask permission to look into this further. This would

give us access to verified professionals and the possibility of setting up a Godshill pop up hub to form fill so that our residents can access the funding and navigate the opportunities.

### **Recycle more**

Increasing recycling rates in Godshill Parish involves engaging the entire community, from individuals to local businesses and hosting recycling-themed events. Here are ways to promote recycling at various levels:

For Individuals:

- Education and Awareness:
  - Host workshops or information sessions to educate residents about the importance of recycling, what can be recycled, and how to properly prepare materials for recycling.
- Recycling Stations:
  - Install convenient recycling stations in public areas, parks, and community centres to make recycling accessible to residents on the go.
- Recycling Challenges:
  - Organise friendly recycling competitions or challenges within the community to encourage residents to recycle more. Offer prizes or incentives for participation.
- Community Recycling Drives:
  - Host periodic recycling drives where residents can drop off specific recyclable materials like electronics, old appliances, or hazardous waste.
- Recycling Ambassadors:
  - Recruit and train recycling ambassadors who can visit households to provide recycling guidance and help residents set up effective recycling systems at home.
- Incentivised Recycling Programs:
  - Partner with local businesses to offer discounts or special offers to customers who bring in recyclables, such as empty plastic bottles or aluminium cans.
- Clothes Swap events
  - In a community space invite residents to bring and swap clothes.
- Car boot sale
  - Hold regular car boot sale to encourage recycling
- Business Recycling Partnerships:
  - Collaborate with local businesses to establish recycling programs for their employees and customers. Provide recycling bins and information on proper disposal.
- Recycling Drop-Off Points:
  - Encourage businesses to serve as drop-off points for specific recyclables, such as e-waste, printer cartridges, or used batteries.
- Sustainable Packaging:
  - Promote the use of sustainable packaging materials among local businesses, reducing the amount of non-recyclable waste generated.
- Waste Audits:
  - Conduct waste audits for businesses to help them identify areas where they can reduce waste and increase recycling.
- Recycling Events:
  - Partner with local businesses to organise recycling-themed events, such as electronics recycling days or paper shredding events.

### **Businesses**

- **Promote Sustainable Practices:**
  - Encourage local businesses to adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as reducing energy consumption, minimising waste, and using eco-friendly materials.
- **Provide Information and Resources:**
  - Create and maintain a resource centre or webpage with information on sustainable business practices, available incentives, and local environmental regulations.
- **Financial Incentives:**
  - Highlight grants, tax incentives, or subsidies to businesses that invest in sustainable technologies or implement eco-friendly practices.
- **Collaboration:**
  - Facilitate collaboration between local businesses to share best practices and collectively work towards sustainability goals.
- **Education and Training:**
  - Organise workshops, seminars, or training sessions to educate business owners and employees about sustainable practices and technologies.
- **Green Certification:**
  - Develop a local green certification program that recognises businesses for their efforts in reducing their carbon footprint and adopting sustainable practices.
- **Waste Management:**
  - Implement effective waste management programs that encourage recycling, composting, and reduction of single-use plastics.
- **Transportation and Mobility:**
  - Promote alternative transportation options, such as biking or carpooling, and encourage the use of electric vehicles for business purposes.
- **Energy Efficiency:**
  - Provide information on energy-saving measures, such as LED lighting, efficient HVAC systems, and renewable energy sources like solar panels.
- **Public Awareness:**
  - Create public awareness campaigns to highlight businesses that are leading in sustainability efforts. Encourage consumers to support eco-conscious businesses.
- **Networking Opportunities:**
  - Organise networking events where local businesses can connect with sustainable suppliers, partners, and customers.
- **Regulatory Support:**
  - Review local regulations to ensure they align with sustainability goals and make necessary changes to support eco-friendly initiatives.

### **Action**

A meeting with local business to see how we can support them, establish goals, encourage to engage in the benefits of carbon reduction. Working with mission to zero business hub to provide support.

### **Community wealth building**

Residents of Godshill can play an active role in encouraging community wealth building through practical actions and engagement. Here are some steps they can take:

- **Support Local Businesses:** Choose to shop at locally-owned businesses rather than large chain stores. This helps keep money circulating within the community.
- **Explore Cooperatives:** Investigate the possibility of creating or supporting worker cooperatives or consumer cooperatives in the community. Cooperatives often prioritise local interests. This could include the making sure

the shop fulfils the needs of the community.

- **Participate in Local Initiatives:** Get involved in community organisations and initiatives that focus on economic development and wealth building. Attend meetings and share ideas.
- **Advocate for Progressive Procurement:** Encourage local government and institutions to prioritise local businesses in their procurement practices. Attend town hall meetings or write letters to express your support.
- **Promote Sustainability:** Support businesses and practices that prioritise sustainability and environmental responsibility. This aligns with the principles of community wealth building.
- **Volunteer:** Offer your time and expertise to local organisations and projects working towards economic development and community wealth building.
- **Educate and Raise Awareness:** Host workshops, seminars, or discussions within the community to raise awareness about community wealth building principles and their benefits.
- **Collaborate:** Seek opportunities for collaboration with neighbours and community members to collectively address economic challenges and opportunities.
- **Support Affordable Housing:** Advocate for the creation of community land trusts or other initiatives that provide affordable housing options within the parish.
- **Stay Informed:** Stay informed about local economic development initiatives, funding opportunities, and policies that can impact community wealth building efforts.
- **Engage Local Institutions:** Encourage local anchor institutions, such as schools, hospitals, and government entities, to invest in and support local businesses and community development projects.
- **Participate in Local Decision-Making:** Attend parish council meetings and provide input on economic development strategies and policies that align with community wealth building goals.
- **Collaborative Purchasing:** Explore opportunities for collaborative purchasing within the community, where residents collectively buy products or services from local businesses at reduced costs.
- **Promote Inclusivity:** Advocate for inclusivity and ensure that community wealth building efforts benefit all residents, including those from marginalised backgrounds.
- **Support Entrepreneurship:** Encourage and mentor local entrepreneurs and startups to help them succeed in the community.
- **Celebrate Local Culture:** Participate in and support cultural events, fairs, and markets that promote local artisans and producers.
- **Network and Connect:** Build networks and connections within the community to share ideas and resources related to community wealth building.
- **Engage with Local Authorities:** Communicate with local government officials and representatives to express your support for community wealth building initiatives and request their involvement.
- **Share Success Stories:** Highlight successful examples of community wealth building and local economic development to inspire and motivate others in the community.

Residents can collectively make a significant impact by actively participating in community wealth building efforts, fostering a more sustainable and resilient local economy in Godshill parish.

### **Funding Constraints**

## Solution: Funding Strategies

- **Grant Applications:** Continuously seek funding opportunities from regional, national, and to support projects.
- **Public-Private Partnerships:** Explore partnerships with private companies for investment in transport infrastructure, with a focus on sustainability.
- **Crowdfunding:** Engage the community in crowdfunding campaigns for specific transport projects.
- **Investments** - Find projects that support the environment that can raise money that can be invested in the community.

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Possible Talks

Organising a series of talks and workshops by local experts is an excellent way to educate the people of Godshill about the Mission to Zero and the Donut Economy principles while offering practical steps for implementation. Here's a suggested series of talks:

1. Introduction to Biosphere, Mission to Zero and Donut Economy Principles:

- Invite an expert or environmentalist to provide an overview of the Mission to Zero and Donut Economy concepts. Explain how these frameworks relate to Godshill and why they are essential for a sustainable future.

Suggestion Ian Boyed and Donut Economy group

2. Sustainable Living: Practical Steps for Reducing Your Carbon Footprint:

- Have a sustainability expert discuss actionable ways residents can reduce their carbon footprint in daily life. This could include tips on energy conservation, waste reduction, and sustainable transportation.

Footprint trust, Eat street

3. Local Food and Sustainable Eating:

- Invite a local farmer or food sustainability advocate to talk about the importance of local food systems, sustainable agriculture, and how residents can support local food producers.

Chevron farm, Nunwell farm, Organic veg box

4. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency:

- Bring in an energy specialist to explain renewable energy options available in Godshill, such as solar panels or wind turbines. Provide information on energy efficiency upgrades for homes and businesses.

Community solar energy

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5. Biodiversity and Nature Conservation:

- Engage a local naturalist or conservationist to discuss the unique biodiversity of Godshill Parish, emphasising the importance of protecting local ecosystems and offering practical tips for backyard conservation.

Wildlife trust, Green gardener

6. Circular Economy and Waste Reduction:

- Have a waste reduction expert discuss the principles of a circular economy, recycling best practices, and how to reduce single-use plastics and waste in the community.

Ellen Mccarthy trust, TeeMill

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7. Sustainable Transportation:

- Invite a transportation expert to talk about alternatives to car travel, such as cycling, walking, carpooling, and public transportation. Share information about local bike paths and public transport options.

Electric car guy and Cycling group

#### 8. Green Building and Eco-Friendly Home Upgrades:

- Bring in a green building specialist to discuss eco-friendly construction and renovation practices, including insulation, energy-efficient appliances, and sustainable building materials.

#### 9. Community Gardens and Local Agriculture:

- Collaborate with a local farmer or community gardening expert to explain how to establish community gardens, grow your own produce, and support local agriculture.

#### 10. Climate Adaptation and Resilience:

- Host an expert to discuss climate change adaptation strategies, including how the community can prepare for climate-related challenges, such as extreme weather events.

#### 11. Financial Sustainability and Donut Economics:

- Explore the economic aspect of sustainability with a financial expert. Discuss the principles of the Donut Economy and how local economic systems can align with sustainability goals.

#### 12. Green Initiatives and Partnerships in Godshill:

- Showcase local green initiatives and partnerships within Godshill Parish. Invite representatives from local organisations, businesses, or nonprofits to discuss their sustainability efforts and how residents can get involved.

#### 13. Q&A and Action Planning Session:

- Organise a session where residents can ask questions and engage in discussion with the experts. Encourage participants to brainstorm and plan concrete actions they can take individually or collectively to implement the Mission to Zero and Donut Economy principles in Godshill.

#### 14. Follow-Up Workshops and Action Groups:

- Offer follow-up workshops and establish action groups to help residents implement the principles discussed during the series of talks. These workshops can provide hands-on guidance and support for sustainable initiatives.

#### VERSION CONTROL

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