

Our Vision



Striving for sustainability incorporates every aspect of our daily lives. The way we travel, how we eat, what we consume and what we do with our old items. For example, can you cycle or take public transport instead of driving? Can you eat local, more organic and less meat? Can you find eco/sustainable clothing which uses less water and resources such as hemp, linen or second-hand clothes? Can you reduce the amount of household items you use, borrow them or buy second hand? Transition Stirling has a vision of what we want to see in 2025:

Active travel will be the main mode of transport with more people cycling, walking and using the river.

Walking and cycling will be safer and easier through increased cycle paths, pedestrianisation, community repair hubs and more parking spaces for bikes.

Fewer cars will be on the road with fewer people commuting and more of those that do travel by car using lower carbon options, such as car-sharing and using electric vehicles. This will be facilitated by further charging points and electric car hire clubs.

Public transport will be improved with electric buses and electrification of trains.

The food we eat will be grown locally.

People will be committed to and practice growing their own vegetables through allotments, community gardens, edible hedgerows, street gardens, small holdings and more.

Farming practices will change and unused land will be made available for positive community use.

Local food will be available through local supermarkets, more greengrocers and indoor markets and will be shared in the community.

Through access to sustainable food systems and increased awareness about the sustainability of food, people will be less dependent on external sources of food and have greater respect for food production.

Awareness and understanding of vegetarianism and veganism will be increased through positive alternatives, such as more vegetarian and vegan eateries available.

The community will come together through community hubs.

The community will come together to share, swap and gift skills, education, support, and resources with an emphasis on

intergenerational and intercultural learning, using our diversity for our benefit.

Giving, receiving and witnessing open acts of kindness and building relationships within the community will encourage progressive community values and a greater ethical awareness, generosity and thoughtfulness about others.

These interactions will be facilitated through community hubs in every village, spaces for community use which encompass what matters to that community, such as reuse, growing, energy, transport, arts or business.

Different hubs will come together to share learning and resources and connect communities better. This will be facilitated through media.

Another form of community hub will be found in rural locations as huts, giving people access to the countryside and crafts and skills that can be enjoyed there.

Renewable energy will be produced locally.

Benefits of locally produced energy will go to the community through local community energy projects.

The community will be aware of the importance of reducing their energy usage and the surplus will be given to other projects or traded with others to further the community benefit.

The local environment will be pleasant and home to a healthy ecosystem.

This will include wildflower meadows and verges, hedgerows, woodland, allotments, and greenspace and access to these.

There will be less air pollution and litter.

There will be no homelessness or poor housing conditions with affordable sustainable homes available through community ownership.

Eco houses will be built and existing homes upgraded with resources and support available.

Our ethos of sharing will create opportunities for people to live communally.

The community will have more ownership of their area.

The community will actively participate in and influence local democracy.

There will be more green and progressive policies.

Politicians will generally value sustainable principles over party politics.

Changes in land ownership will give the community more rights to use land in a positive way for the community's benefit.

This vision will be reached with a financially sustainable Transition Stirling bringing the community together to feel more empowered and take control of our own home. Last but not least, we'll have lots of fun in doing so.

