## **Circular Economy**

# Woodside

Hopes for Action



## Economy

Community bank – Credit union

Keep cash in the community

## **Buildings & Energy**



#### Our priorities for action

Well insulated housing – all buildings to be retrofitted – all houses in a block to be retrofitted together. If very poor quality, should be knocked down and rebuilt.

All new builds must meet passivhaus standards and have green roofs.

Community energy scheme. Ground source heat pumps, batteries and links to heat network.

Solar panels on both new and existing buildings. Green roofs on existing buildings.

Train local people to install and maintain retrofit and ground source heating

### Ideas for community action

Create community hubs with sustainability at the core of all their action. Called Climate hubs or Sustainability Hubs. Specific focus on climate action.

Community cafes as places for educating people on different recycling streams – for example: Superdrug recycles blister packs; Supermarkets recycle plastic bags.

Community composting at a main hub like the café

Start a tool library, a library of everything, clothes mending and a repair café in existing multi purpose community hubs like Fersands and Hilton.

Set up an in-person clothes and toy swap shop

Set up a stable funding stream for a peson to run the community cimate hubs to make it long lasting and sustainable

Teach life skills in local community centres using intergenerational learning



#### Ideas and examples for wider action

Impossible to be zero tech so make things truly sustainable – eg modular phone



Respond to the gentrification of charity shops – second hand is now more expensive than Primark.

Political levers – if something is sold it should be possible to return it including packaging, for example blister packs

Campaign for plastic-free supermarket and shops

Scale-up recycling models such as Currys who make good business sense of recycling - they take working items and give to charity. They strip nonworking items for parts, then sell on ebay or into a bank.

Reduce the need for multiple chargers with EU standardised tech charging cables.

Extend warranty life on products up to 9 years

Some products have lifetime guarantee – often people don't know.





#### Actions for building the community

Develop Community Hubs run by the community with sustainability at their heart. The hub has a community café, library of things, repair and make facilities, learning and skill-share, community pantry, swap shops, community refill shop, food growing, composting, intergenerational learning multipurpose space.

The Community Hub will include advice, banking, council services. A face to face point of contact.

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## Nature/Outdoor Spaces

#### Our hopes for local action & facilities

Native wildflower meadows

Inviting community greenspaces

Native trees for biodiversity habitat

Survey biodiversity to get an idea of the levels in specific areas

More local allotments – for example at the back of Ferrier gardens.

More fruit and other trees planted along Gt Northern Road along central reservations where the roses uses to be. Add shrubs if not fruit trees. Green it.

Create things of interest along route to greenspaces and vital services.

Create joined up paths with access to the river and connectivity with a café - link to community gardens.

Food

### Our vision for locally grown food



Community gardens at community hubs

Locally sourced Veg box delivered by local person from the community at an affordable price

All food waste to go to community gardens for composting and/or encourage household compositing if space is available





Get Woodside and Hilton Community centre on board to bargain for green spaces, café and gardens with herbs.

Plant bulbs as a way of reducing the demand for council mowing

Reinstate tennis courts and bowling greens In Stewart Part and Grantham (beside Jacobs Ladder)

## Transport



#### Our ideas for improving local transport infrastructure

Impose a maximum 20mph speed limit everywhere

Improve public transport - Buses are too expensive! Subsidised hydrogen or electric buses - reliable, reasonably priced (or free for residents). Make them more reliable and frequent

Display better and accessible information at bus stops, including maps of the route. Show bus timings on bus stops on a screen map.

Improve cycling with designated and segregated cycle lanes on both sides of the road with better marking for junctions.

Manage on street parking to improve access for bikes.

Join up cycle paths along the Donside river walkway and cycle path – make the path totally accessible for bikes, kids and prams by resurfacing and widening and adding in nature-friendly lighting.

Improve pathway signs, which aren't visible and need updating. Create proper signposting with times to walk not just distance.

Easy, cheap car share – only pay when you use it.

Bring back the Woodside train stations - keeps traffic off the road.

Create a circular bus/tram/train line going around the city.



