

Sustainable Towns/Cities Questionnaire

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Nearest Town/City		Abergavenny
Thinking about your nearest town or city, what would you like to see changed, improved or new initiative which would improve the following points?		
1.	Water consumption and management	Possibly rainwater retention / use for town planting scheme? In my own home I am planning to install such a system for toilet flushing. Perhaps businesses could co-ordinate with welsh water to fund such a scheme. Might stop overloading of drainage in times of heavy rainfall. Another really interesting scheme could be to link up some sort of water storage system using the canal – I know that the canal at Swansea is an important water source for the local nickel factory. Could provide a useful revenue stream for the Canal and River Trust to support the restoration and maintenance of the canal.
2.	Food production	It would be really interesting to see a local co-op start up with local authority assistance with small-scale on-site processing, maybe a small dairy? Town /local allotments with larger spaces for small market gardens as a business incubator. Perhaps limit the tenancies on the market garden sized plots to encourage businesses to grow out of them and onto their own land.
3.	Food supply	Linked with 2. Above - a shop on the high street owned maybe by town council or county council could be leased to the co-op. Perhaps see funding for a delivery van for milk veg etc. Alternatively the food hub could contract with existing milkmen and others to extend their rounds? In this way you could minimise road traffic. Ideally one publicly funded officer to co-ordinate the system.
4.	Clean Air	Much improved access to commuter and freight rail for residents and local businesses.
5.	Green Business	

		District heating initiative would be interesting or perhaps a micro hydro scheme?
6.	Green Jobs	Possibly upgrading electrical and telephone systems ?
7.	Reduced Carbon Dioxide	Increase upland tree planting – reduce road journeys and promote rail!!
8.	Reduced Consumption	I am not sure what schemes are likely to reduce general consumption on a town or county council level.
9.	Reduced Pollution	Really the only polluting industries that could be reduced in the town are car garages, farming or road travel. Probably a move to more rail passengers/freight would help – better parking at the station etc could be enacted at a local level. Reducing run off farming is difficult, maybe make funding available for better slurry stores.
10.	Zero waste	Promoting existing Homemakers scheme?
Of the 10 points which are the top five which are most important to you?		
1. Water consumption 2. Clean air 3. Reduced carbon dioxide 4. Food production 5. Green business		