

Middlesbrough Food Partnership

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- Tackling climate change and reducing the use of resources
- Promoting healthy lifestyles
- Sustainable transport
- Heritage and physical environment
- Education and awareness-raising



One Planet Living

13.5 billion hectares



8 billion people



1.69 hectares per person

**Average person in UK has a footprint of
5.6 hectares**



Ten Principles of One Planet Living

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| Zero Carbon | making buildings more energy efficient and delivering all energy with renewable technologies |
| Zero Waste | reducing waste arisings, re-using materials where possible and achieving zero waste to landfill |
| Sustainable Transport | reducing the need to travel and using low carbon modes to reduce emissions |
| Local and Sustainable Materials | using local products that have a low embodied energy |
| Local and Sustainable Food | reducing waste and eating low meat, local, seasonal and organic diets |
| Sustainable Water | reducing water usage in buildings and in the products we buy; tackling local flooding and water course pollution |
| Natural Habitats and Wildlife | protecting and expanding old habitats and creating new space for wildlife |
| Culture and Heritage | reviving local identity and wisdom; support for and participation in the arts |
| Equity and Fair Trade | inclusive, empowering workplaces with equitable pay; support for local communities and fair trade |
| Health and Happiness | encouraging active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and well being |

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- Early work on food in Middlesbrough through Dott 07 – Middlesbrough’s first Town Meal.
- DoH Healthy Town Programme around 2008, when the first Food Plan was produced.
- Revitalised through Big Lottery Fund Communities Living Sustainably Programme.
- In 2017, the Partnership achieved the Sustainable Food Cities Bronze Award.
- From the outset, the focus of the Partnership was how food could contribute to the priorities of the town.



Early Successes

- Significant investment into “Urban Farming” through both DoH Healthy Towns Programme and Big Lottery Fund Local Food Programme
- Annual Town Meal
- Healthy cooking programmes developed through both Local Food Programme and Public Health
- Middlesbrough Council’s “Food4Health” programme working with businesses and education settings.



Middlesbrough Food Partnership - Functions

- Develops and oversees implementation of the Middlesbrough Food Action Plan.
- Coordinates diverse work around food, bringing together partners and current activities.
- Role in influencing policy (eg procurement, Fairtrade).
- Some delivery is through existing resources, including influencing changes to delivery of existing activities.
- Also partners apply externally for funding for specific initiatives.
- Research is a part of the Partnership's work – with Teesside University through student projects.
- Overall focus is on meeting the needs of the town with food as a vehicle.

Middlesbrough Food Partnership - Governance

- Unconstituted group – with a Terms of Reference.
- Wide and open membership – includes Middlesbrough Council (Public Health, Procurement, OPL), Middlesbrough College, Teesside University, Askham Bryan College.
- MEC provides chair and administration for the Partnership funded by Middlesbrough Council Public Health.
- Sits within wider structures within the town – including One Planet Living Action Group, Financial Inclusion Group and Fairtrade Group.

Recent Successes

- Growing Middlesbrough and work around procurement of local food within our anchor institutions and food outlets.
- Food4Health – embedding healthy local and sustainable food and fair-trade within the criteria, and also linking into settings through extra life.
- Cross sector/ discipline approach – multiple partners working together to share best practice and work collaboratively on initiatives.
- Holistic approach to addressing food issues within the town.
- Private business working closely with the food partnership to achieve shared aims.
- The number of local businesses and schools that are working with Warrens to divert food waste to anaerobic digestion.
- Regeneration of the independent food sector within Middlesbrough and the creation of the food quarter, and working in partnership with Growing Middlesbrough to encourage local food procurement .
- Food insecurity work – Feast for Fun/ Holiday Hunger/ Food Bank/ cooking and budgeting skills training – initiatives that are delivered regularly annually.
- Large settings transforming catering offer to provide healthy options (Football Club, TU, College).
- Sugar Smart – TU sugar tax and vending machine pilot, and number of organizations signing up to and pledging support to the campaign.