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The town, in its industrial heyday regarded as “the largest coal mining village in the world”. At its height the industry locally employed tens of thousands of people and sustained the community and local economy. It is perhaps fitting therefore that Ashington Town Council should lead the way in looking to play its part in addressing climate change.

Cllr. Liam Lavery in proposing the motion to the council said “The fight against climate change, as well as being an enormous global challenge, at a local level also brings an opportunity to look to build and focus on a future Ashington with well paid jobs and investment. The full motion proposed by Cllr.Lavery and unanimously agreed sets out the Town Council intent to:

- Recognise the global climate emergency and publicise this to the people of Ashington in order to raise awareness and build support in taking action,
- Work with local Colleges and Universities to measure and understand the town’s carbon footprint and subsequently prepare a series of achievable actions
- Embrace the Green Industrial Revolution and work with local, regional and national bodies to ensure Ashington can benefit from the jobs created,
- Call on Northumberland County Council and central government to look to provide the powers directives to make Ashington carbon neutral,
- Commit to reviewing all spending in the next financial year
- Positively work towards carbon neutrality by balancing carbon emissions with carbon removal
- Initiate a yearly competition of Ashington Schools to develop ideas to make the town carbon neutral, and look at the establishment of a forum including businesses, local organisations and residents to develop ideas to make the town carbon neutral.

Has your council done something similar? If so, please contact NALC through the email address: Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk

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