

## Going Carbon Neutral - 10 year anniversary

Dear friends in Ashton Hayes (both old and new)

The Climate Advisory Committee in Nøtterøy, Norway, was established in 2008 inspired by your good selves. We were therefore delighted that Garry Charnock, Roy Alexander and Kate Harrison agreed to pay us a visit in October 2009. In the course of three hectic days the advisory council, the municipal administration, neighboring municipalities, residents' associations, businesses and schools had the opportunity to hear about the enormous engagement in Ashton Hayes regarding climate matters. The visit inspired, amongst other, the establishment of a climate activist group in the small village of Torød (around 1000 inhabitants) which has since held a wide range of climate-related activities.

In November 2010 it was time for a reciprocal visit. The Climate Advisory Council, represented by Janet Gullvåg, and journalists from the local newspaper spent three eventful days in Ashton Hayes where they were well received by Roy Alexander and Kate Harrison. Numerous planned visits were paid to Sustainable Blacon, Ashton Hayes Primary School, the Parish Church and the village shop, just to name a few. The ensuing newspaper article was read by many and Janet Gullvåg's report held plenty of good advice taken from your project. We especially remember "Make it fun" and "Bottom-up"!

At this point in time when the Ashton Hayes project as such is winding down, we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks for your great inspiration and the cooperation between our communities. Congratulations with everything you have achieved. At the same time I hope that we can maintain some contact regarding climate matters as a new phase is entered, both locally in Ashton Hayes and internationally following the Paris Climate Conference.

The very best of luck from Nøtterøy!

Best regards



Roar Jonstang  
Mayor