

Llangarron Parish Council

Climate and Ecological Emergency Declaration – September 2021

Llangarron Parish Council declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency in recognition of the clear evidence that climate change represents a threat to the life opportunities and well-being of future generations and needs to be addressed at all levels of government.

It further declares that all its future actions and decisions will take account of the need to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases and reach net-zero carbon by 2030.

The Council also recognises that addressing the challenges of climate change will result in many benefits in terms of health, wellbeing, and community resilience.

The parish has a responsibility to show engagement and leadership on this issue.

In July 2021 the Parish Council joined the Herefordshire Green Network which also enabled the establishment of the Archenfield Community Environment Group. Both the PC and ACEG are asked to consider and propose measures to achieve carbon neutrality and environmental sustainability.

The PC and the ACEG should be asked to consider possible activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- work with Herefordshire Council and other local and national agencies to ensure resources are directed towards projects in the parish directed to achieving net-zero carbon by 2030
- engage with Herefordshire Climate and Nature Partnership Board and HGN's Great Collaboration to consider the actions needed to meet the climate emergency.
- communicate regularly with our community through an inclusive, process that works well in hearing all views and ideas for action from all sectors of the community. Through this process help people understand the seriousness of the challenge facing humanity, and the actions individuals, businesses, community groups, the school, local churches, farmers, and landowners can take to help address climate change and biodiversity loss.
- develop short, medium, and long term plans aimed at achieving zero carbon by 2030 as well as major enhancement to the biodiversity of the parish and measures to mitigate the impact of severe weather events.
- undertake regular reviews of progress through annual monitoring of community energy use, biodiversity, and resilience.
- support actions to reduce our community's carbon emissions by improvements to buildings' energy efficiency, improving public transport, reducing the use of private

cars, encouraging walking and cycling, and greater consumption of locally produced food.

- work with local businesses and services to enable them to play an effective part in the battle against climate change.
- encourage natural approaches to carbon capture and increase biodiversity by, for example, tree and hedge planting.
- support farmers and landowners to achieve the transition to net-zero carbon.
- encourage the use of sustainable energy whilst seeking to ensure there is no detrimental impact on the character of the area or the people who live in the Parish.