

LIMPLEY STOKE ACTING ON THE CLIMATE & ECOLOGICAL CRISIS.

Motion put forward to LSPC for resolution on the 1st December 2020 Parish Council Meeting by Denise Barnes and Nicky Boulton.

We would like to put a motion forward: *'Limpley Stoke Parish Council declares a Climate and Ecological Emergency'*. Detailed wording of the motion for approval below :

MOTION:

CLIMATE

The council has joined Wiltshire, B&NES, Freshford, Winsley & the UK parliament in declaring a Climate Emergency along with 74% of UK, <https://www.climateemergency.uk/>, and will strive to be carbon neutral by 2030.

This will help to raise the profile of this vital issue.

It is now clear that the world has less than 9 years to switch away from fossil fuels to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

AIMS

Our aim is to concentrate efforts in areas where we can have significant influence, namely: in buildings, transport, waste, education, green spaces & to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Motions on climate change are important politically, even when they can't be cast-iron commitments to deliver very significant reductions.

Proves to the community that we are committed! Conversely, people who are unaware, see that action on Climate Emergency is endorsed.

We put pressure on government by supporting Wiltshire County Council.

STRATEGIES:

TRANSPORT / GREENHOUSE EMISSIONS

We aim to support B&NES & WWCC to develop Local Transport Plans. In 49% of local authority areas transport is the largest source of total emissions. Currently these plans do not need to be in-line with the Climate Change Act, nor do they have to have a carbon audit to identify the climate change impact- pressure on local government. BANES already have plans to use hydrogen or electric.

HOW? Climate Councillor writes CC on behalf of the council.

We aim to encourage **radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions**, for example opposing new road schemes unless they bring improvement.

HOW? Write to www.n-somerset.gov.uk/planning

1. Support the development of **car-sharing** – car clubs. Educate that online shopping means more delivery vans; set up a parish council-sponsored initiative e.g. using parish newsletters, FB, LS website, Parish mag, notice boards etc
2. Promote low speed in the village – smart driving uses less petrol.
3. Travel plan which encourages people to walk or cycle to school.
4. Put in place **EV charging** - at council owned locations and facilitate rapid rollout of private-charging facilities.
5. Provide cycle racks at The Galleries/The Hop Pole.
6. Improve walkways.

ENERGY

1. **GREEN ENERGY** : The Parish Council to keep abreast of green energy from renewable sources & communicate this to the parish & support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure. Suppliers include Good Energy; Octopus; Green Energy; or Ecotricity. The domestic sector contributes 23% to total emissions, and commerce & industry in 28%.
2. **SOLAR** Encourage renewable energy such as solar thermal, solar PV or heat pumps (ground source).
3. **RENEWABLES**: Aim to examine possibility of installing wind turbines.
4. Encourage local people to use low-energy light bulbs, increase their home insulation and take other actions from www.winacc.org.uk/reduce-your-footprint

5. Encourage public talks about what you can do to your home to reduce energy consumption, and about the “feed-in tariff” income you now get from renewable energy. Parish council endorsement will encourage people to come.
6. Advertise The Green Homes Grant: <https://www.trustmark.org.uk>

HOW? using parish newsletters, Facebook, Limpley Stoke website, Parish magazine, notice boards etc.

CUTTING THE PARISH COUNCIL'S OWN CARBON

Pledge to cut the parish council's carbon footprint. This costs nothing, and demonstrates and publicises the parish's commitment to action on climate change.

1. Use “Low Carbon Water” at parish meetings – from the tap, not a bottle.
2. Change to LED low energy light bulbs in the parish hall and other buildings.
3. Buy parish energy from a sustainable supplier of green electricity energy i.e. Good Energy; Green Energy; or Ecotricity 100% scheme.
4. the village hall committee –when they invest in new renovations./ heating systems- highest energy-saving standards
5. The parish mag to use recycled paper & none toxic inks.

BUILDING

1. **EXAMINING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** Even though we have a restricted remit. Put climate change on the checklist of issues to consider when asked to comment on applications for planning permission. Will the proposed change of use or development contribute to climate change? Is new housing well insulated, with low energy consumption? Have measures such as green space and green architecture (e.g. roofs, walls) been considered? **NEW BUILD** – ideally all new homes and commercial properties should be zero carbon or even better built to Passivhaus standard. Currently local authorities are unable to mandate this standard.

WASTE

1. We aim to promote community sharing, reuse, & recycling.
2. We aim to educate on recycling biodegradable waste, such as food waste and sort recyclables correctly.

3. We aim to encourage plastic-free.
4. Encourage use of leftovers.
5. Encourage composting.

HOW? PC endorsement – through local media.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION

1. Use parish communications: newsletters, notice boards, emails, posters, parish mag, website, SOPLSF to spread the message that climate change is everyone's responsibility, with tips about how we can cut our carbon emissions & get local people involved. We are about to do this with our hedgehog project.

CUTTING ENERGY USED IN PRODUCING AND TRANSPORTING FOOD

1. Promote local shopping & low CO2 locally grown food, low air miles eg The Galleries, Riverford, Beckington Farm Shop, Hartley farm
2. Encourage people to grow their own fruit and vegetables – for example, have a meal at community events with food which people grew in the parish.
3. Organise a landshare scheme – people with large gardens they can't manage share with other local people who use them for vegetables. **HOW?** LOCAL MEDIA