

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:

ECOLOGY MOTION

The Council has declared an Ecological Emergency in response to the escalating threat to wildlife and ecosystems. The declaration recognises the essential role nature plays in promoting both in our wellbeing and our economy. We have a duty to protect our wildlife and habitats, enabling residents to benefit from a green, nature-rich environment.

In declaring an Ecological Emergency, the council has made a number of commitments, including:

- resisting the destruction of habitats through planning policy and development management
- identifying appropriate areas for habitat restoration
- collaborating with the community to improve ecological literacy and encourage greater biodiversity, tree-planting and management
- working with partners locally and regionally to drive coordinated leadership and collaborative action

COUNCIL ECOLOGY POLICY

Approximately 1/3 of net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can come from nature based solutions (e.g. healthy soils, tree planting and habitat restoration). We recognize that we have a care of duty to conserve biodiversity and have identified the following areas as ones we should concentrate on:

LIGHT POLLUTION

1. We aim to support Wiltshire with their installation of LED's to prevent urban sky-glare. Dimming at certain times saves energy and is less harmful for nature. We aim to examine our street lighting.

TREES, GREEN SPACES, WOODLANDS AND GARDENS

1. We aim to encourage tree planting using any land available/ offered. The Woodland Trust offer to donate trees.
2. Managing green spaces alongside roads and in urban settings can also contribute.
3. There is a **BLUE CAMPAIGN** to rewild gardens. BoA church has done this. If everyone did this it would see the return of dormice, toads, grasshoppers. See the parish council rewilding scheme in Suffolk. <https://www.eadt.co.uk/news/bbc-countryfile-to-show-to-feature-suffolk-1-6805293>
4. St George's Park: Small but important steps such as researched grass mowing regimes, establishing wild meadow, tree and bulb planting will help us support a more resilient environment. See Park Management Policy.
5. Discourage chemicals and pesticides on our verges and in our gardens

HOW?

1. LSPC will run a 20% REWILDING CLUB to encourage everyone to rewild 20% of their gardens.
2. In Limpley Stoke people have volunteered to help in the park, planting indigenous plants and erasing the invasive Lonicera Nigera.
3. Encourage building of 'wildlife hotels'.

BUILDINGS

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 which includes unnecessary felling of trees? Have measures such as green space and green architecture (e.g. roofs, walls) been considered?

COMMUNITY AMENITIES EG SPORTS GROUNDS AND CHURCHYARDS

RESIST mowing verges, retaining as much wildness as possible for wildlife habitat.