

STOWEY SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Climate Resolution

This Climate Resolution was adopted by the Council at its Meeting held on 2nd January 2020

Review

Date	Changes
2 nd January 2020	Created, Approved and adopted by the Parish Council
1 st January 2021	Review Date

Review of this policy will take place in line with the schedule detailed above or in the event of a change in legislation.

Introduction

The International Panel on Climate Change report of October 2019 concluded that there is less than 12 years to act to avoid the impacts of climate change. As well as increasing temperatures and more extreme weather, human activities are also having a significant impact on nature and wildlife.

Stowey Sutton Parish Council recognises that there is a growing awareness of the climate crisis and in considering this, the focus of this paper is for the Parish Council to provide a platform to record the activities of parishioners, homes, landowners and businesses within the Parish on what has or is being done with the aim to provide inspiration and importantly, to recognise that it is for all parishioners to take action, no matter how small, to reduce carbon emissions within our community.

The Stowey Sutton Parish Council welcomes and supports the Bath and North East Somerset Climate Emergency Declaration passed by full Council in March 2019 and subsequent recommendations made by the Committee on Climate Change in May 2019.

Evidence of Stowey Sutton Parish Council Engagement with the Climate Crisis includes the following;

- Supporting planning applications for renewable energy where this is in accordance with NP Housing Policies.
- As a paid-up member of the Parish Councils Airport Association and Stowey Sutton Parish Council has objected to the expansion of Bristol Airport on the grounds of carbon emissions including from cars travelling to and from the airport.

- The Stowey Sutton Parish Council Housing Policy which seeks to limit artificial light emission from new building or extensions and through recognising the importance of the SSSI and Green Belt and in particular the foraging routes for bats within the Parish.
- Within the Stowey Sutton Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan recognising the importance of green areas, ancient woodlands, the planting of new trees etc. to support nature and counter carbon emissions for future generations.
- On the recreation ground the erection of raised beds for vegetable growing and wildflowers to support nature.
- Avoiding use of plastic or non-reusable materials at the Community Library and other Parish Council events or activities.
- Where grants are made by the Stowey Sutton Parish Council to have a proviso that the event avoid the use of single use plastic. Where Stowey Sutton Parish Council is responsible for the upkeep of open spaces to discuss with contractors the importance of managing these in such a way as to enhance nature.
- Sorting rubbish from the recreation ground into recyclable groupings.
- Stowey Sutton Parish Council continues to explore safer walking routes and has already enabled the footpath from Summerleaze to Sutton Hill Road.

Example Activities which parishioners can take which Stowey Sutton Parish Council can showcase through the Newsletter, or Parish Noticeboards, might include;

- Avoiding use of cars within the village such as to and from school, shop etc.,
- Lift sharing
- Planting for wildlife including hedging and trees
- Reducing frequency of grass mowing

Businesses within the Parish;

Many businesses are already active in such ways as:

- Providing Milk with reusable bottles to avoid purchasing new plastic bottles
- drinking water refill points
- solar panel installation

Summary

In proposing this document to the Stowey Sutton Parish Council the aim is to encourage local people, businesses and landowners to take achievable practical action to reduce their own carbon footprint or to support nature and for the Stowey Sutton Parish Council to provide a showcase within the Newsletter, or Parish Noticeboards, to publicise such achievements as an example and learning opportunities.