

Climate Change Commitment Statement

Lilleshall Parish Council agreed at its Full Council meeting, held on 1st June 2021, to support a climate emergency. This is supported by the IPCC (The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).

The UK Climate Change Select Committee confirmed that we have seen a 0.8 degree C increase in temperatures. The IPCC have declared to limit future increases to 1.5 degree C, it will be necessary to halve global Co2 emissions by 2030 and have zero emissions by 2050.

With this evidence the Council have agreed to;

- Formalise a Working Group to focus on tackling climate change and making a positive different to our natural environment in Lilleshall Parish.
- Restructure staffing to employ someone whose role will focus on climate change, community environmental projects and events.
- Produce a climate change strategy that commits to making climate change a priority.
- Have a dedicated web page to communicate and inform residents of plans and how they can get involved.
- Have already switched to use green energy in its buildings, as from 2021.
- Will review all its own emissions, single use plastics and waste. It will set a benchmark and audit this each year.
- Will work towards the eradication of single use plastics in the Parish.
- Support and encourage the planting of trees and wildflowers.
- Work with local businesses particularly 'take away' providers, to see how they can help reduce the use of single use plastics.
- Review the provision of cycle racks in prominent and safe areas in our villages and encourage cycling.
- Work with local schools to reduce the use of cars taking children to school.
- The Council will review its strategy on tackling climate change and further actions through its Environment & Sustainability Working Group.
- Encourage Telford & Wrekin Council to review public waste bins with the view to installing dual recycling options.
- Keep residents up to date with local training/informational opportunities to learn more about how they can play their part.
- Commit to a minimum of four community events per annum to focus on litter picking, tree planting or other forms of "pollution monitoring"