

Report from the Climate Change Working Party

Thursday 10th November, 2021 The Mayor's Parlour, Torpoint Town Council Offices.

We as a working group believe we can fulfil the Torpoint Town Council calling for the declaration of Climate Emergency in the three broad categories:

1. Direct Council Actions and Planning:

- Construct, agree and distribute the Climate Change Emergency press release.
- Formulate a Climate Change Action Plan.
- Commit to ensure, where possible, when new purchases are made by the Council that consideration is given to their environmental impact.
- Facilitate behaviours beneficial to climate change such as investigating a repair scheme, the repairing of electrical items. (Cornwall Repair Scheme), bike stands etc.
- Work across committees to produce outcomes that will improve our environment.
- The Neighbourhood Plan and development of the lower end of town has much to commend with regard to addressing climate and ecological crisis. We need to work in this regard to continue to provide a plan that, when it comes to fruition, improves our environment and encourages our community to change behaviours to reduce the effects of climate change and support the adoption of healthier lifestyles.

2. Encouraging changes in behaviour and consumption: (We are directing our energy and focus at our own, local level.)

- Education on how to reduce personal impact:
- Educate and encourage individuals in our community to make lifestyle changes that would benefit them as individuals and the environment.

3. Grassroots organisation and Lobbying:

- Encourage public participation: open Climate Change working group to members of the public.
- Provide regular, current updates on progress and opportunities.
- Work with local stakeholders: Torpoint Environmental Action Group, Friends of Thanckes Park, Schools, Torpoint & Rame Lions, CHAT etc.
- Lobby and network with outside organisations and reputable grassroots groups on policy, ideas and problems that concern our environment or climate change: MP's and Cornwall Council.

11th November 2021