

BISHOPSTEIGNTON PARISH COUNCIL

For the full council meeting to be held Monday 18th January 2021

Appendix G – Devon Climate & Eco Emergency Declaration

EMAIL sent to all BPC members on Monday 14th December 2020 by the Clerk:-

As you know, to date, BPC made their own Climate Emergency Declaration in May 2019, adding Ecological Emergency in November 2020. From this a joint working party, with Sustainable Bishopsteignton Group, began to develop principals for a Parish wide plan but working in accordance with Covid this has proved to be a much bigger and more complicated task than originally imagined so the plan is yet to be drafted. Now, a group of councillors, with slightly different membership, are working with ACT on the develop a parish specific plan, phase one being carbon footprint measuring to be conducted before the original working party can reconvene. Simultaneously the Sustainable Bishop volunteers are doing a great job working towards small improvements within the Parish, such as tree planting, rewilding, developing a strategy for community fridge, etc.

It very much feels like there are many different groups working toward ultimately the same goal but in different ways. For example, attached is a guide for Town and Parish Councils produced by ACT and a workbook on Climate Action Planning produced by 361 Energy. Both useful in their own way and whilst none of the content or advice is conflicting it's surely better to follow the guidance of one organisation?

On the release of the consultation of the Interim Devon Carbon Plan I have realised BPC have not signed the associated declaration (for the declaration in detail please see <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-climate-declaration/>).

Please see the list of Principal, Town and Parish Councils who have signed up already <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/devon-climate-declaration/signatories/>

In addition, there is page for businesses and schools to sign up.

If you wish for BPC to consider signing the Devon Climate Emergency Declaration, it should be by majority vote on a motion at a full council meeting.

It was requested by Cllr. Merritt that this item be included in the January BPC agenda for the councils consideration consideration.