

Hennock Parish Council - Climate Emergency Working Group

Terms of Reference

Hennock Parish Council is committed to improving the wellbeing of its residents and the local environment and made a resolution on 11th June 2019 to declare a Climate Emergency and form a working group to feedback suggestions and actions to the Council.

Membership and Meetings

The membership is established on the basis of volunteer councillors, residents and interested individuals. There will be a lead councillor who will be responsible for the working group. Meetings need not be open to the public or have published agendas or minutes, as this is not a formal committee; but action points and recommendations to the council will be recorded.

Remit of the Working Group

Hennock Parish Council will lead the working group, which will comprise of councillors, residents and interested individuals. The working group will act as both an advisory capacity to Hennock Parish Council, and as a facilitatory group within the community. It has no powers to commit the Council to spending and does not hold decision making powers or a budget.

Consideration of recommended actions will fall into two categories;

- A) Actions which have to be referred to the Council or its Committees for decision, where expenditure is required or where consultation with other organisations is required.
- B) Actions which can be implemented by individuals or groups within the working group and the local community, with support from the Council as appropriate, in the form of communications.

Main functions of the Climate Emergency Working Group will be:

- 1) To lead on the implementation of community measures aimed at tackling the climate and ecological crises we are facing.
- 2) To propose, initiate and oversee public engagement activities, to secure maximum participation of local people in developing and delivering initiatives. Such engagement may be face-to-face, or through appropriate social media.
- 3) To enable positive changes in behaviour in relation to carbon emissions by supporting and empowering the local community .
- 4) To support Hennock Parish Council in validating and holding to account the climate and ecological commitments and aims of Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council.
- 5) To be a reliable source of climate and ecological facts for the community.
- 6) To provide guidance to Hennock Parish Council with regard to sustainable development, ecology and carbon auditing.
- 7) To suggest ecological and net carbon targets for Hennock Parish Council to commit to.
- 8) To recommend any changes to these Terms of Reference, and adopt any which are approved.
- 9) To suggest to Hennock Parish Council the best way for climate and ecological issues to be addressed after the initial 12 month period of the Climate Emergency Working Group.
- 10) The Climate Emergency Working Group will function in a fact-based, non-political manner.

The working group may liaise and/or consult with other Parish Councils, organisations, businesses or individuals and will be supported by the Council who will work with Teignbridge District Council and Devon County Council in relation to the declaration of a climate emergency.

GDPR

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<https://www.hennockpc.org.uk/privacy>

All members of the working party will be required to complete a Consent Form. This can be obtained from the Clerk of the Council.