

Grappenhall and Thelwall Parish Council

Climate & Ecological Working Party

Terms of Reference

(Adopted at Parish Council Meeting 19th May 2022)

Background

With the imminency of the COP 26 summit and the inevitable environmental implications of the implementation of the Local Plan here in Warrington, it is proposed that a motion is passed for the Parish Council to declare an environmental emergency and to support openly the Climate and Ecological Emergency bill presently before Parliament. This is a cross-party, non-partisan piece of proposed legislation.

Members **resolved that** in September 2021 they would fully support the motion as follows:-

1. Declare an ecological emergency
2. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill
3. Inform the local media of this decision
4. Write an open letter to Andy Carter MP (shared with residents through local and social media) urging them to sign up to support the Bill.
5. Write to the CEE Bill Alliance, the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, expressing its support (joinus@ceebill.uk)
6. Undertake to measure its environmental impact and develop a plan to reduce that impact.

The Parish Councils' Objectives

1. The Parish Council has enlisted the help of a Working Party to identify and explore initiatives that embed adaptation and resilience to climate change in the Parish Council activities.
2. Encourage and support the local community to make sustainable choices to reduce 'carbon footprint'
3. Enhance and improve bio-diversity.
4. Work in conjunction with other local parishes in surrounding areas and other local authority organisations in support of the above objectives.
5. The Working Party is to be made up of members, residents, and special interest groups and individuals by invitation.
6. The Working Party will report back to Full Council with proposals and possible initiatives for consideration.

Scope of Works

- Meetings will be noted with actions