

Motion

The motion proposed is that: "Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council is to declare a climate emergency."

This emergency declaration is to be supported by a working party, to formulate an action plan with ambitious targets for Carbon reduction and ways to measure effectiveness within six months."

Beaudesert & Henley in Arden Parish Council would:

- i. - Declare a 'Climate Emergency' as a pledge in moving to carbon neutral targets;
- ii - Convene a working group with councillors, representatives of local environmental groups, residents and businesses that will report to Council within 6 months on what actions must be taken which should include how to achieve behavioural change;
- iii. - Acting within its powers and responsibilities, set targets to measure its effectiveness;
- iv. To develop a communication strategy to convey to residents the severity of the situation and the ways people and businesses can take independent action to cut greenhouse gas emissions; v. Lobby Government, County and District Council where necessary, to provide the powers and resources needed to address the issue.

Supporting Notes:

1. Declaring a Climate Emergency would enable positive action to be taken locally to support the community as it strives towards carbon neutral targets.
2. The Climate change working group would create a local action plan .
3. The climate change working group would be able to organise an action/ resources day to be held in the Autumn at the Henley Memorial Hall supported by local businesses, organisations and schools.
4. This motion demonstrates to our residents that their Joint Parish Council takes climate change seriously and is willing, however small the action, to take decisive steps in contributing to the local area's reduction in emissions.