

PARISH COUNCIL POLICY ON SUSTAINABILITY
AND GREEN ISSUES -
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What issues do we want to address and must be considered as a priority? The 'environment' and sustainability are huge subject areas.

2. To what extent do we want to involve the local community in choosing these priorities?

3. Do we take a Deep Green or Light Green approach?

4. Do we simply agree to support the Environmental Policies of the District Council?

5. In the majority of cases there is very little that we can control or require. Most of our actions will refer to encouragement rather than require. There are some exceptions and the Parish Council could:

- Procure materials from sustainable sources.
- Require our contractors to use materials from sustainable sources.
- Limit the chemicals that our landscape maintenance contractors use.
- Plant only native tree and shrub species or require the majority (90%) of trees and shrubs to be of native species.

6. Climate change and the burning of fossil fuels must be addressed but to what extent can we limit our own emissions, particularly if we don't know what they are. The Parish Council don't own any vehicles or premises. Do we therefore, just encourage others and try and set a good example by sharing transport, taking public transport and then walking and cycling to our own meetings?

7. Do we appoint a Climate Change Champion or will our Committee Chairman have this role?

8. To be really meaningful and effective we must have measurable targets for what we aim to achieve and then at year end, what we have actually achieved.

9. We must learn from others rather than re-invent the wheel. Do we know of other Parish Council's that have developed suitable policies?