



Stonehouse Town Council's Climate Change emergency declaration
(agreed at full Town Council 4 March 2019 (minute TC2317))

Stonehouse Town Council

1) acknowledges the urgent need for global society to reduce carbon emissions, and recognises the part which we have to play and commit to taking an active role in achieving this, by:

- Pro-actively reducing our CO2 emissions as an organisation
- Seeking to encourage and enable our community to decrease their emissions and improve their resilience to climate change
- Seeking to influence the policies of other organisations to encourage them to reduce their emissions.
- Acknowledging that 'business as usual' is not an option in the face of the climate emergency, and that society in its current form is unsustainable. Therefore, to meet our obligations, we will strategically reassess and adjust the scope of our current activities.

2) agrees to set up an Environmental Working Group to investigate ways for the Town Council to become a carbon-neutral organisation by 2030 and, by the end of 2019, produce a strategy for achieving this.

The Working Group will support the Council to examine environmental implications regarding CO2 emissions alongside legal and financial implications in all the decisions it makes.

The Working Group will seek ways to facilitate our community to reduce CO2 emissions and create resilience to climate change.

The Working Group will research funding available and make recommendations for budget provision for grant schemes from 2020-2021 onwards which will enable carbon-reduction activities in Stonehouse and provide guidance on grant criteria.

The Working Group will provide reports to the Council's Business Committee to aid decision making.