

## YOU ARE INVITED TO A MEETING OF THE

# CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

(Members: Councillors Zafar Ali, Chris Church, David Cockburn-Price, Sarah Cockburn-Price, Ash Sutcliffe, Y. Tennant and Tom Whipp).

## TO BE HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS ON **13<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025**

## AT 6.00 P.M.

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### AGENDA

#### 1. <u>Minutes</u>

Enc. To consider the minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### 2. <u>Climate Change Strategy</u>

To receive a presentation from ekosgen on the development of the Council's Climate Change Strategy.

#### 3. Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Funding Scheme

To receive a presentation from Lancashire County Council on the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Funding Scheme.

#### 4. <u>Climate Engagement Programme for 2025</u>

Enc. To consider the attached report from In-Situ.

#### 5. Update from the Climate Programme Manager

To receive a presentation from the Climate Programme Manager on their current work programme.

#### 6. <u>Herbicide / Pesticide Use</u>

To receive a verbal update from the Greenspaces Manager on the Council's position on herbicide / pesticide use.

#### 7. Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme

The Members of the Climate Emergency Working Group have been asked to nominate Groups(s) and/or constituted Organisation(s) to be recipients of Ofgem Energy Redress Scheme funding in order for the application process and the likely amounts of funding available to be discussed at this meeting.

#### 8. Writing to our M.P. / The Government

Topics to consider:

- The new NPPF / Local Plan
- The article from the Guardian that David Penney shared on North Sea oil drilling licences

#### 9. <u>Items for Noting</u>

• Getting Pendle Climate Ready event held at The Muni, Colne on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024. Several former and current members of the Climate Emergency Working Group attended this lively event organised by In-Situ to look at climate science and the impact of current findings on our emotions. Nelson and Colne College was represented, as well as groups from several secondary schools. The morning took the form of a Climate FRESK and the afternoon looked at climate stories in the headlines, both local and international. This sparked up some interesting discussions and highlighted the complexity of these issues where people can legitimately hold opposing views.

It is hard to evangelise green issues and we on this Group are often met with indifference, but the hope is that each of the 100 people who attended will spark up these conversations with others to inform and demonstrate the importance of this topic to us all.

Gib Hill. The management team has been working hard to move the Group forward, so it can achieve positive change quickly. There is a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January at 4 p.m. in Colne Town Hall's Council Chamber – all those interested in the development of this Local Nature Reserve are welcome to attend. At the meeting, it is hoped that Hillside Heroes, a charity formed partly to secure Gib Hill, will change its name and constitution to one focussed solely on Gib Hill. If this is passed, the bank account of Hillside Heroes will also change. Nelson Town Council has pledged to pay £5,000 to the new entity and £1,500 to Pendle Borough Council for immediate tree works. Once the new body is formally in existence, a bid for an agreed sum will be put into Colne Town Council. Councillor Sarah Cockburn-Price is the Group's schools' liaison and has been making contact with the nearby schools, so they can be part of the development of the Gib Hill Local Nature Reserve.

Name of Parish/Town Council	Currently use Peat- Based Compost	Have Policy on Use of Peat-Based Compost?	Would Consider Implementing Policy on Use of Peat-Based Compost?
Barley-with-Wheatley Booth	Yes, only small amounts	No	Yes, if offered one
Barnoldswick	Use some peat reduced products	No	Not at the moment
Barrowford	-	-	-
Blacko	-	-	-
Brierfield	Yes	No	No
Colne	No	No	Yes
Earby	Don't know – possibly yes	No	Yes
Foulridge	-	-	-
Goldshaw Booth	No	No	Don't feel one is required
Higham-with-West Close Booth	No	No	No
Kelbrook and Sough	-	-	-
Laneshaw Bridge	-	-	-

Peat Usage by Pendle's Town and Parish Councils.

Nelson	No	Not a policy as such but a Committee resolution	N/A
Old Laund Booth	No	No	Considered at last Parish meeting but no decision was made
Reedley Hallows	-	-	-
Roughlee Booth	No	No	No
Salterforth	No	-	-
Trawden Forest	No	No	Yes

#### 10. Items for a Future Agenda

- Building Stock Decarbonisation Programme
- Community Energy
- Community Heat Networks / Geothermal Energy
- Guest Speaker(s) from Environment Agency and/or Ribble Rivers Trust
- Guest Speaker from Lancashire County Council's (LCC's) new Active Travel Team
- Guest Speaker from LCC's Transport Team
- Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy Update
- Pendle Borough Council's Parking Strategy and EV Charging Points in Car Parks
- Presentation on 2030hub
- RecycleIT
- Reuse 360 HUB Burnley Visit and Guest Speaker from LCC on the potential for introducing a re-use shop or repair café at the Household Recycling Centre in Barnoldswick
- Rossendale Visit

There will also be an opportunity for further items to be put forward.

#### 11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 6.00 p.m.