



Budleigh Salterton Town Council

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Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group

Terms of Reference

The purpose of the Budleigh Salterton Climate Change Group is to ensure that Budleigh Salterton Town Council responds appropriately to the climate and ecological emergency and plays its part in working towards a net-zero carbon Devon, in line with the Devon Carbon Plan of having net-zero emissions by at latest 2050 and an interim target of 50% reduction by 2030.

Membership: Budleigh Salterton Town Council
East Devon District Council
Devon County Council
St Peter's Church of England Primary School
The Lions Club of Budleigh Salterton
Budleigh Salterton & District Chamber of Commerce
Budleigh Community Workshop Trust
Clinton Devon Estates
Otter Valley Association

Quorum: Four members

Power: Climate Change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006

Delegated Authority: No

Terms:

1. The Council's Standing Orders apply to all meetings of the group.
2. Councillors shall be appointed on an annual basis at the annual meeting of the Town Council.
3. The first order of business of the first meeting after its annual appointment will be to elect a chairman.
4. The meeting will be monthly.
5. Meetings shall not be open to the public.
6. Members of the group will receive an agenda and supporting papers in accordance with the Councils Standing Orders.
7. Meeting notes will be published in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Responsibilities:

1. Recommend steps to reduce the environmental impact of Budleigh Salterton Town Council's activities and infrastructure
2. Work with existing Town Council groups and committees to ensure that recommendations are cognisant of any associated climate and environmental impact and that mitigation, reduction or removal is considered in all decisions and ongoing operations
3. Collaborate with our members to promote the reduction of carbon dioxide emissions and other environmental threats with a focus on environmental, economic and social benefits.
4. Communicate to people and organisations through Budleigh Salterton that the Town Council and community together need to respond to the climate emergency.
5. Provide supporting information to residents and businesses to enable individual and group action.
6. Work with higher tier local authorities, Devon Association of Local Councils and Devon Climate Emergency to deliver this plan through all relevant means.
7. Act as a voice for the community in discussions around setting of appropriate targets for carbon reduction both locally and nationally in policy.
8. Influence external stakeholders locally and nationally to incorporate sustainability into economic and strategic frameworks, strategies, plans and service operations.