

## Lindfield Parish Council Climate Change Action Plan

### 1. What is Climate Change?

Met Office: Climate change is the long-term shift in average weather patterns across the world. Since the mid-1800s, humans have contributed to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the air. This causes global temperatures to rise, resulting in long-term changes to the climate.

### 2. Why have a Climate Change Action Plan?

Demonstrate the Council's commitment to help itself, and the Lindfield community tackle climate change on a local level.

### 3. What can be done

- 3.1 Council This Parish Council can develop and improve its own performance to reduce environmental impacts through procurement as well as the management of its own assets. Activities include but are not restricted to: energy efficiency and carbon reduction; procurement of materials, improving waste minimisation; conserving and reducing water use in the Council's buildings. The Council can seek to influence key local stakeholders including both Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council.

We will work with others at local, regional and national level as appropriate to contribute to minimising climate change.

- 3.2 Community This focuses on the environmental impacts in the village which the Parish Council can reasonably be expected to help address by raising awareness of key sustainability-related issues and working with others in the community.

### 4. What is the current situation locally?

- 4.1 Local Authorities Briefly summarise tiers of local authority.

- 4.1.1 County Waste & recycling facilities, planning consultee (limited scope), highways, education facilities.

- 4.1.2 District Waste & recycling collection, food waste trial, open spaces, planning authority, sustainability strategy 2018-23.

- 4.1.3 Parish LED lighting, open spaces, planning consultee, climate change policy & working group.

### 5. Vision and Objectives

#### 5.1 Information sharing:

Vision: For Lindfield Parish Council to work with others in the village and beyond including local groups, businesses, and councils.

Short term goals:

1. To produce an action plan

How: The climate change working group will do this in conjunction with the Parish Clerk.

When: regular meetings of the climate change sub-committee.

2. To prepare an article for Lindfield Life to promote the climate action plan.

How: Councillor Wood to prepare the article.

When: To be published in the October edition of Lindfield Life.

Cost indicated under 5.4 Climate and the Environment.

**5.2 Planning and Housing:**

Vision: LPC will engage with developers to promote developments which reflect the diverse needs of the local community while at the same time being in line with the need for net zero carbon outcomes.

**5.3 Procurement:**

Vision: LPC will encourage non-council suppliers of equipment and services to provide services and products that are net zero carbon.

**5.4 Climate and the Environment:**

Vision: LPC will use its responsibility as a trusted voice in the community to be an agent for change in order to encourage the community to make changes that will benefit the climate and the environment.

Short term goals:

1.What: To promote wildlife on the Wilderness Field. Raise community aware of the Wilderness Field and climate change projects. Undertake activity in support of the council's climate change policy.

How: Proposal Purchase bee & bird boxes to be installed in the wilderness field. Boxes will be installed by the Village Orderly. The boxes will be purchased from a responsible supplier who uses FSC certified wood.

When: Once installed an article be placed in Lindfield Life regarding Wilderness Field and the climate change action plan.

Cost 4x bird boxes (inc delivery) 5x bee boxes (inc delivery) 1x page article in Lindfield Life £300.00

**5.5 Recycling:**

Vision: LPC will work with the community and local authorities to support recycling, re-use and repair.

**5.6 Food:**

Vision: LPC will work with the community and local authorities to support re-cycling of food waste schemes.

Short term goals:

**5.7 Community engagement – Business:**

Vision: LPC will engage with local businesses to support them to adopt measures which will be environmentally sustainable. This will include working with businesses in the High Street.

**5.8 Community engagement – Residents:**

Vision: LPC will engage with residents to support them to make changes in their behaviours towards the goal to become carbon neutral.

**5.9 Work and Leisure:**

Vision: LPC will promote leisure activities for residents and visitors that encourage carbon neutral activities e.g. walking and cycling.

**6 Budget requirements:**

6.1 2020-21  
£2,000.00

4x bird boxes (inc delivery) 5x bee boxes (inc delivery) 1x page article in Lindfield Life £300.00

Balance to spend £1,700.00

6.2 2021-22

To be considered

6.3 2022-23

6.4 2023-24

6.5 2024 onwards

**7 Monitoring:**

Ongoing monitoring by the climate change working group, in conjunction with the Parish Clerk. Regular reporting to the Environment and Amenities Committee and Full Council.

**8 Document review date:**

This is a live document and is subject to ongoing review and updating. Formally reviewed by council annually.

**9 Appendices (to be added as identified specifically)**