 

**Monitoring the Parish Climate and Environment Action Plan May 2019-April 2020**

**Henfield Parish Council joins the UK Government, and many other parish, town and county councils in declaring a Climate and Environment Emergency. This will mean we always consider the climate and environmental impact of our decisions in the Parish Council’s areas of operation and influence.**

**The Parish Council will aim to reduce Henfield’s carbon footprint through significant improvements by 2030 and to encourage the whole community to act together on this issue.**

**Putting our Climate and Natural Environment at the heart of decision making**

**Henfield Parish Council will always consider the climate and environmental impact of our decisions in the Parish Council’s areas of operation and influence.**

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| FRC | Looking at plans to monitor impact of council actions | October 2019 and monthly |
| FRC | Agreed a more thorough Review of progress on Action plan | Quarterly from January 20 |
| Full PC and also OS | WSCC councillor made aware of concern from PC at WSCC decision to reintroduce spraying with weedkillers | December 2019 & January 2020 |
| Full PC and also OS | Discussion and acknowledgement of Horsham District Council’s Wilder Horsham District initiative with Sussex Wildlife Trust to work on safeguarding the natural environment and biodiversity (PC Minutes page 3) | January 2020 |

**Raising Money**

Our goal is to have sufficient resource to invest in the changes needed to restore nature and meet climate goals, so that Henfield Parish Council can reap the dividends and deliver our fair share of greenhouse gas reductions.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| Open Spaces, VC and FRC | Directing unspent Section 106 monies to project at Tennis Club to reduce lighting emissions through replacing lights with LED | Dec 2019 |
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**Protect the most vulnerable**

Our goal is to ensure that those most vulnerable to the effects of climate change are properly supported and protected.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| FRC | Study of new Flood Risk analysis for River Adur | October 2019 |
| FRC/Vice Chair and Clerk | Review of EMERGENCY PLAN | Annual |
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**Buildings**

Our goal is to support measures which ensure all homes are well insulated to minimum EPC C level and eradicate fuel poverty as fast as possible, and make a proportional contribution to the 1 million eco-heating heat pumps that need to be fitted in the UK each year.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| VC | Refurb of public toilets will use less water /power | Autumn 2019 |
| FRC | Consideration of support for HCP’s Lottery Bid for Community Energy Project on several Public Buildings EXPRESSION of INTEREST SUBMITTED 18th DECEMBER | Dec 2019 |
| FRC | Publicity and member Support for Youth Club crowd funding for LED lighting to reduce carbon emissions | Dec 2019 |

**Transport**

Our goal is to support initiatives which ensure levels of air pollution in Henfield meet World Health Organisation levels, match European best practice in the use of buses, cycling and walking, and encourage low and zero emission vehicles

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| Village Centre | Unsuccessful Attempt to get bus stop moved in High Street – would reduce emissions | June-Oct 2019 tbc |
| VC | EV charging point in LC car park discussed | Nov 2018 |
| Open Spaces & VC | **Henfield Trails: supporting and developing new trails for residents and visitors**  support for Hidden Henfield -cycle paths and more walking opportunities for residents | May 2019 and ongoing |
| VC | New Bike shelter at Leisure Centre to encourage more cycling | Dec 2019 |
| VC, OS and FRC | To consider Places to Ride funding bid to encourage more cycling including possible cycle path to Henfield Business Park | Jan 2020 |
| OS subcommittee | Meeting with local cyclists to discuss paths and cycling access to Henfield from Small Dole | Feb 2020 |

**Power**

Our goal is to enable and support the growth and use of green energy, ensure energy is not wasted, and prevent the development of new fossil fuel extraction.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| VC | Lights in cemetery being replaced by lower LED lighting | Autumn 2019 |
| PC/OS | New toilets in Bus Shelter will have reduced lighting/energy therefore reduced carbon emissions | Dec 2019 |
| FRC | Support for Youth Club crowd funding for LED lighting to reduce carbon emissions |  |

**Waste**

Our goal is to be a zero waste area where all waste is minimised, recycled or reused as part of a circular economy approach.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| *VC? TBC* | *Support for recycling points for Terracycle*  *Did not reach committee in view of Covid 19* | *TBC* |
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**Influencing others**

Our goal is to encourage and support other entities with their contribution to the fight against the climate emergency.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| OS and Full Council | Wrote to all Youth Organisations and schools re Year of Green ACTION 2019 | July/August 2019 |
| FRC | Award of YoGA Prize for best Green Project from youth group of school submitted. Delayed by difficulties in co-ordination with clubs and schools and not followed up again due to Covid-19 | Oct 2019 idea AGREED not yet implemented |
| VC | Publication of PC Climate Emergency declaration Publicity on Facebook and PC website | July 2109 |

**Land-use**

Our goal is to restore nature to help drawdown carbon pollution from the atmosphere and to ensure everyone has access to nature in nearby green spaces.

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| OS/ JCC | Consideration of Sandpit Field wildlife project  Support for pocket park bid with HDC support | Oct 2019  Dec 2019 |
| OS | Biodiversity, Bee Corridor and pollinator action on Borrer Bank | Sept 2019 |
| OS | Consideration of Plant Life Grass Verge management programme | Nov 2019, January 2020 meeting with works officers and recommendations |
| OS | Considering options and supporting growers group involvement in new Allotment Society being set up by Barratt’s management committee | Oct 2019 and Nov 2019 |
| OS, Village Centre and Works Officers | Supporting Wildlife friendly planting in previously overgrown flower bed in Library car Park | Dec 2019 |
| OS | Support and finance for planting tree to replace lost tress kin roadside at Oakhurst | Jan and Feb 2020 |
| OS | Cycle Path consideration – land ownership checked at Stretham Manor to give possible cycling access to Downs Link from Small Dole | Feb 2020 |
| OS | Seeking permission from WSCC for planting at Manor Way on verges to increase pollinator wildlife corridor | Feb 2020 |

**Supporting Practical and Political Change on the Climate and Nature Emergencies**

Our goal is to make our voice heard by the national government and secure increased devolution to local level and increase democratic control

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| **Committee** | **Action 2019-20** | **Date** |
| OS and Full PC | Support for Defra YoGA projects | June 2019 |
| PC | Support for Plastic Free Henfield | Nov 2019 |
| PC | Climate and Nature Emergency Declaration published on PC Website | June 2019 |
| FRC | Adoption of Climate and Environment Action Plan and this will be publicized on website | Dec 2019 |
| Full PC | Support for local sustainable initiatives e.g. represented at planning for Kinder Living Henfield Show 2020 | Monthly from January 2020 |
| OS | Support for Plastic Free Henfield and Great British Spring Clean litter picks planned for on commons and footpaths in April 2020 | Feb 2020 |