

Appendix 3

Burgess Hill Town Council notes with concern the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on global climate change impacts and the recent Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) reports on global species and habitat loss.

Further to this, the Council:

- Declares its recognition of global climate and biodiversity emergencies;

And commits to:

- Increase biodiversity by consciously ensuring the Council promotes this as part of its working practices and in how it manages specific sites and the protection of local ecosystems, and to actively work to increase biodiversity around the town and its surrounding areas.
- Reduce Burgess Hill Town Council's carbon footprint, with a target of carbon neutrality by 2030.
- Encourage sustainable development in the town by calling for planning stipulations that require reductions in emissions from new buildings and minimum environmental standards.
- Identify Sites for New Tree Planting, and encourage community involvement
- Continue to partner with other organisations in Burgess Hill such as Green Circle, etc to encourage greater engagement with and protection of our green spaces
- Lead by example by reusing and recycling wherever possible to ensure the Council provides a role model for our community.
- Look to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides, herbicides and other harmful substances in the management of council owned/council run facilities
- Promote environmentally sound local business practices and encourage other organisations and individuals to work towards a net carbon neutral future.
- To work with Mid Sussex District Council, West Sussex County Council, and seek from the UK Government the powers and resources to help Burgess Hill achieve a sustainable, healthy and carbon neutral environment.
- To work with Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council to develop sustainable transport in Burgess Hill