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Devon Carbon Plan Consultation

As a response to the climate emergency, Devon set up a Devon Climate Emergency Response Group made up of organisations across Devon. Together, the group are developing a Devon Carbon Plan, created by the Net-Zero Task Force. The Devon Carbon Plan is a collaborative roadmap to creating a net-zero Devon where people and nature thrive. Braunton Parish Council and many other councils have already signed the Devon Climate Declaration and in 2019 the Parish Council pledged to do everything within the Council's power to make the Parish of Braunton carbon neutral.

The draft interim Devon Carbon Plan has launched and is now available for consultation. It reflects some of the suggestions already identified and highlights issues

requiring further consideration by a Citizens Assembly to be held in 2021 before the final Devon Carbon Plan can be produced.

We would like everyone in Braunton to know about the plan so they can play an active role in its implementation and we encourage all individuals to review and respond to the consultation. To successfully address the climate emergency, it will require involvement from all individuals, not just those who are already pro-active.

The consultation is live until 15th February 2021. You can read the interim Devon Carbon Plan at <https://www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk/interimcarbonplan/> and then respond to the consultation questions.



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Liz Spear, Chair of Braunton Parish Council said "We shall be working to see how well it complements the Devon Plan and also review our own Declaration. We hope as many people as possible respond to this very important document."

To ensure greenhouse emissions decrease fast enough to prevent dangerous levels of global temperature rise, we are going to need greater and more urgent engagement with society. By engaging people in our community at a grassroots level, getting people to talk about it, encourages others to think about it and hopefully spread the message further and helps apply pressure to national government.

In 2021 the parish council will continue its work in house to reduce carbon emissions including planting more trees; making parish owned buildings more energy efficient; reviewing energy suppliers and usage; managing public open spaces more sustainably including managing verges and hedgerows for wildlife; and upgrading with more energy efficient

equipment. We planted 14 mature trees last year and have recently planted a further 420 saplings on parish land. The Parish Council has been working on an Air Quality Action Plan for Braunton with other agencies. Also, climate change will feature in many aspects of The Braunton Neighbourhood Plan currently being drafted. We will be holding our own consultations with the community and are considering how best to achieve this during the pandemic.



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Meetings 2021

Full Council Meetings are held at 7pm on the second Monday of each month and additional meetings, to primarily consider planning applications, are held on the fourth Monday of each month. Meetings are being held online at present until it is safe to hold them publicly again.

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on our website.

