

## **Climate and Ecology Sub-Committee (C&E S-C)**

Reporting to Finance and General Purposes Committee

### **Terms of Reference**

#### *Objective*

1. To increase awareness of the Climate Emergency: to advise and enable residents in Battle Civil Parish to reduce their personal carbon footprint and to reduce the carbon footprint of Battle Town Council.
2. To conserve and enhance biodiversity and the natural assets of Battle Civil Parish.

#### *Specific*

1. Review Council policies and cross reference Climate and Ecological issues.
2. Implement and review the Climate and Ecology Action Plan of BTC (as agreed December 2022) to achieve the above objectives.
3. To establish a baseline in relation to emissions, natural assets and biodiversity relation to the Working Group's focus area within Battle Civil Parish.

#### *Membership*

1. The membership to be a minimum of 4 members, preferably representing each of the Standing Committees, one of whom will be elected Chairman.
2. Additional Councillors and/or BTC officers can join the Sub-Committee.
3. Residents can join the Sub-Committee either on a short or long-term basis. Any additional participants to be agreed by the members of the Sub-Committee.
4. Interested residents may sit in on meetings and give input.

#### *Mode of operation*

1. To meet monthly by mutual consent either by Zoom or in person.
2. To liaise with all relevant Committees and be a resource for BTC business where guidance is required.
3. Notes and verbal reports to be presented to Finance and General Purposes Committee.
4. Public events and meetings will be advertised, as appropriate and held for both fact-finding and promoting community involvement.
5. The Sub-Committee will link with neighbouring authorities and local groups as and when it will benefit the scope of the implementation of the C & E Action Plan.

#### *Period of operation*

1. The role of the Sub-Committee will be evaluated and assessed on an annual basis.
2. A decision to continue or disband this Sub-Committee will be taken by the Full Council following the above report.

*Agreed 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023*