

Action on Climate in Teignbridge

PROPOSAL TO TEIGNBRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR A PARTNERSHIP IN RESPONSE TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

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Section 1. Background

Action on Climate in Teignbridge (ACT) was set up in response to Teignbridge District Council's (TDC) declaration of a Climate Emergency. It was formed following a very successful public information and consultation event on the 4th July 2019, which had 200 attendees, despite being called at limited notice. Those attendees included representatives from TDC, parish councils, education, health and businesses, a wide range of community sector environment-related groups, and Teignbridge residents.

ACT, which is in the process of incorporating as community interest company, has a coordination group and several thematic working groups. It has 170 members on its mailing list and a further 150 on its very active Facebook group. Many town and parish councillors are involved, increasingly representing councils which have passed their own climate emergency resolutions, held often packed public meetings (as in Bishopsteignton, where 80 people filled the hall to capacity), and are developing parish-wide or trans-parish initiatives.. ACT membership is spread widely across the district.

ACT has met Jackie Hook, TDC climate emergency portfolio holder and David Eaton, climate emergency lead officer, on several occasions, to discuss a joint approach for delivering on the TDC declaration. We have also gathered over 150 proposals for possible action from members of the community, which has been passed to the council.

The coordination group is confident that ACT can help both TDC and everyone in Teignbridge achieve the goal of net zero carbon emissions by 2025. This proposal describes ACT's vision, mission and objectives, and proposes a partnership with the council. Finally, it provides an provisional timeline for getting the relationship established.

Section 2. ACT's vision, mission, principles and objectives

The following is in draft, pending discussion and approval by ACT's membership.

2.1 Vision

A low carbon Teignbridge where residents are actively engaged in building communities and economies which are sustainable, resilient and healthy

2.2 Mission

To assist, encourage and help facilitate Teignbridge District Council and all interested town and parish councils, community groups and Teignbridge residents to achieve carbon neutrality by 2025

2.3 Principles

ACT will follow the following principles as it undertakes its mission:

1. reducing the speed and effects of climate change should be at heart of all actions
2. community participation is essential
3. bold, innovative and far-reaching initiatives are required
4. of openness, inclusivity, respect and democracy

2.4 Objectives

We will realise our mission through achieving the following objectives:

1. To support Teignbridge District Council to ensure its Climate Emergency Declaration is reflected in all its policies, decisions and activities
2. To support town and parish councils to implement initiatives in response to their climate emergency declarations

