

Bayston Hill Parish Council

Key Priority – Mark Underwood

1. Sustainability

I believe that the Parish Council have signed up to the climate change emergency which is commendable. As a PC we are in a position to potentially influence the rate of progress by considering the following:

For the activities and processes we carry out as a Parish Council

- Calculating the Carbon Footprint.
- Auditing our activities for energy, water and waste management.
- Establishing some clear targets for reduction.
- Run an awareness campaign for us and our employees
- Ensure that for all projects we action, we assess the sustainability impact.
- Ensure we publicize what we are doing to hold ourselves to account.

For the Parish as a whole

- Establish a sustainability working group involving all key stakeholders, for example
 - School
 - Churches
 - Library
 - Lyth Hill Land Management
 - Village shops/retailers
 - Scouts and cubs etc etc
- Use this group to identify key actions for the village such as
 - Car sharing scheme
 - Promoting the bike and bus
 - Running an awareness campaign on climate change, the key issues and what we can do.
 - Run information events for the village
 - Tree Planting
 - Encouraging the shops to think as green as practical.
 - Encourage and support our younger generation to make a difference
 - Electric car charging points (could we as the Parish Council support this)

There is a great deal of guidance available and having attended recently a Sustainability Forum run by Shropshire County Council I would expect that we could get support from them as well. They need us to be engaged if they set a target of zero carbon for 2030 (only 10 years to go)

There may well already be activities regarding this issue which I am not aware of.