



HADDENHAM Parish Council

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Land Use Working Group of the Climate Emergency Committee

Terms of Reference

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Purpose of the Working Group

The Land Use Working Group is a working group of the Climate Emergency Committee. The working group will agree measurable objectives, which adhere to the principles of the Parish Council Climate Report which assist in the reduction of CO₂e emissions in Haddenham parish.

Membership

At the first meeting of the Climate Emergency Committee after the Annual Council Meeting members will be appointed to the Land Use Working Group and one member will be appointed to serve as Chair until the next Annual Council Meeting. The working group must have a minimum of three members, one of whom must be a Parish Councillor, to form a quorum and can include co-opted volunteers from the community who have an interest in this area. Each member has equal voting rights on the working group.

The Chair of the Climate Emergency Committee has ex-officio status on all working groups and full voting rights. Any change of membership on the working group must be reported at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

All co-opted Members will be expected to adhere to the Council's Code of Conduct.

Meetings

The working group must meet a minimum of four times a year, ideally with at least one meeting scheduled between each meeting of the Climate Emergency Committee. The working group meetings are informal and can be held at a time and place agreed by the group, and can be held virtually. A written record of each meeting should be kept by an appointed Member of the group.

Reporting

The working group must produce a report to the Climate Emergency Committee of their activities since the last meeting. This would include progress on projects agreed, future objectives, recommendations and any assistance needed. This will be noted by the Standing Committee and actioned accordingly.

Budget

The working group does not have a budget. Any requests for financial assistance must be considered by the Climate Emergency Committee. Any requests which are outside the agreed budget for the Climate Committee will need to be resolved at Full Council.

Delegated responsibilities

To provide achievable and measurable objectives where land use is changed effectively to reduce CO₂e emissions

- Establish a business case for farmers to move away from cattle and sheep farming which has a large methane foot print and consequently a very high short-term impact on global warming
- Co-ordinate the planting of the village wood by the Airfield
- Woodland offset – ambitious planting of woodland on flood plain surrounding the village.
- Liaison with other parishes to adopt a woodland planting scheme which delivers significant reduction in CO₂e emissions and maximises CO₂ sequestration.
- Ensure reforestation is done at industrial scale but not in an industrial manner – woodland planting should be done to rewilding principles with a view to a native and diverse ecosystem (flora & fauna) that is then best left for nature, not humans to manage.