Trefeglwys Community Council

Biodiversity Statement / Policy

Trefeglwys Community Council recognises the importance of the climate and environmental emergencies we as a nation in Wales are facing. It also recognises its duty as a public body under the Section 6 Biodiversity and ecosystem resilience duty.

This biodiversity statement forms part of our commitment to the ethos of the duty placed on us under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 which requires us to maintain and enhance biodiversity and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems throughout all of our functions. However, it needs to be noted that Trefegiwys Community Council does not own, control or manage any lands directly, therefore our ability to directly combat the climate and environmental emergencies are limited.

As a council we:

Commit to the three yearly reporting of our outputs under this legislation.

Will use our powers to promote and support community initiatives that produce a net biodiversity gain.

Will continue to review our working practices as a council, especially in regard to our environmental footprint.

Will challenge new planning applications, or variations of existing planning consent in our ward that are perceived to be detrimental to the environment. Through the planning system we will call on developers to have a strong regard for the environment in relation to applications in our ward.

We will commit to learning more about the environmental challenges we face and will commit to taking positive action where we can.

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