

**Embargo: 00.01hrs Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

- **Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council declare a Climate Emergency**
- **Advisory group set up to explore ways to reduce carbon in Bexhill**

In June 2021, Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council joined other councils across the country in declaring a climate emergency. In doing so, we committed to supporting Bexhill to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030.

We agreed to set up a Climate Panel to hear from residents and groups of experts to develop evidence-based ideas and solutions which will support the town to meet its climate emergency targets.

The Panel, which is an advisory committee of the town council, will be developing a plan of action to present back to the council for consideration. An advisory committee is a group of councillors that meet to research a specific area that the council is interested in and report back its findings to the decision-making body.

Our first action will be to arrange a public event in the spring where residents can hear about and discuss ideas and solutions on the many aspects of climate change, and tell us about their own priorities, to feed into our carbon reduction plan.

The event will be held at St Barnabas Church, Cantelupe Road and will be an opportunity for anyone wishing to contribute to the improvement of our environment to get involved. We will be inviting specialist speakers to join the discussion, and find practical and concrete ways to address this important issue for our town. At this time of energy crisis, for example, residents will be seeking ways to minimise high energy bills.

Chairman of the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee, Cllr Stuart Wray said “Since we declared a climate emergency we’ve made some good progress working out how we can engage Bexhill on our journey to net-zero, we know there is still a long way to go but we know that we can make a difference.”

If you might be interested in taking part in the public event please contact the town clerk [town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk) for more information. Keep a check on our website and social media for more details.

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**Notes to editors:**

Minutes of the Climate, Nature and Environment Committee can be found on [www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bexhilltowncouncil.gov.uk)

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