

Sustainable South Hams - the umbrella body for sustainability groups in the area has requested that the following motion be proposed to Harberton Parish Council.

At the last count, South Hams town and parish councils representing around 40% of the electorate were behind the Bill and the aim is to get to well over 50% representation following September's round of council meetings. As follows, with useful summary attached:

## **Motion to Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill**

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill is a private members' bill with cross-party support of 110 MPs and a growing number of local councils around the country.

It would enshrine in law a commitment to deliver policy and action in line with the latest science - and with our Government's own ambitions. It is the only proposed legislation which addresses the interconnected crises in climate and nature, with annual legally-binding targets to keep us on track.

### **This Council resolves to:**

- I. Support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill;
- II. Write to our local MP urging them to support the Bill; and
- III. Notify the [CEE Bill Alliance](#) of this motion - [joinus@ceebill.uk](mailto:joinus@ceebill.uk)

## THE CEE BILL IS A GAME CHANGER

Drafted by scientists and experts, the Bill is world-leading legislation - a key legally-binding commitment to follow the science on the climate & nature crisis.

[2 min video explainer](#)

[FAQs for Councils](#)

It's a framework to transform the climate and nature crisis into an opportunity - to create a stable healthy world, whilst providing vast numbers of new jobs.

## THE CEE BILL IS NEEDED URGENTLY

The UK is off-track according to [advisors](#) and [independent bodies](#).

Current policies are consistent with 3°C of warming - far above our 1.5°C Paris Agreement aim - and we are already seeing the effects.

The natural world is at crisis point:

- 'The UK is one of most nature-depleted countries in world' - [WWF](#)
- 1 in 7 UK species face extinction
- Up to 36,000 UK deaths a year from air pollution (govt figures)

## THE CEE BILL WILL DELIVER...

- 1 A legal commitment to follow the scientific advice to limit temperature rise to 1.5°C.
- 2 A legal commitment to restore and protect nature.
- 3 Annual legally-binding targets to keep us on track - whichever party is in government.
- 4 Ordinary citizens consulted via Climate & Nature Assembly **BUT** Parliament still has the final say.
- 5 Support from across ALL main parties.

## THE CEE BILL IS A LEADER

The CEE Bill goes beyond other plans. The Governments Ten-Point-Plan 'has yet to be backed with firm policies' (CCC) while the Environment Bill is a post-Brexit catch-up bill that contains nothing about the climate crisis and doesn't even mention CO2 emissions and decarbonisation.