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Climate change and its impact

The Need for action

Extreme weather events are happening all over the globe and on the North Wales coast we have not been immune to it. It poses challenges to most aspects of our everyday lives including transport, agriculture and other services.

The need to act as a global community has been recognised and the Intergovernmental Climate Change report states that humanity has 12 years to deliver the major actions needed to turn this around, so we can avoid reaching tipping points where we no longer have the ability to avoid extreme weather events. Global temperatures have already increased by 1 degree Celsius from pre-industrial levels. With increased CO2 levels. Catastrophic harm will occur by a 2 degree warming compared to a 1.5 degree rise and restricting the rise to 1.5 degree is possible with ambitious action. It is clear that we must act locally and globally.

Examples of Action:

Denbighshire County Council recently declared a "Climate Emergency" following the example of a number of Councils both at town and county level. Machynlleth Town Council were the first in Wales to declare such motion and Consultation with the Town Clerk has taken place. In addition, early consultation with Denbighshire County Council has emphasised to them that Prestatyn Town Council are a keen and willing organisation to act in partnership as their policies develop.

Motion.

In consideration of declaring a motion there are a number of issues to consider and the appended action plan by Welshpool Town Council provides a flavour of actions and policies PTC could develop, many of which will have financial consequences and require diversion of finance from other services if implemented. There is the potential that an additional post would need to be created within the staffing structure or a re-organisation of existing staff duties and responsibilities

The motion proposed is:-

Take action to work towards Prestatyn Town becoming a net zero carbon producer in compliance with the targets to be set by the County Council when their action plan is developed