

Community Action Network

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We are declaring a climate emergency to reflect the urgency of the situation and encourage our friends and colleagues across the local Voluntary and Community sector (VCS) to join us in doing all we can to become carbon neutral and limit global warming.

The climate crisis is one of the most significant issues to face our society, our environment, and the planet. A global response is required - society needs to change its laws, taxation, infrastructure, etc. to make low carbon living easier and the new norm. Individuals and small organisations cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own, but there is something, no matter how small, we can all do.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C describes the enormous harm that a 2°C rise is likely to cause compared to a 1.5°C rise and told us that limiting Global Warming to 1.5°C may still be possible with ambitious action from us all. The consequences of global temperature rising above 1.5°C are so severe that preventing this from happening must be humanity's number one priority.

Bold climate action will reduce the devastating impact on the natural world, as well as delivering improved well-being for people worldwide along with economic benefits in terms of new jobs, economic savings and market opportunities.

We pledge to:

- Work in partnership with local voluntary and community groups and the Council in support of the BCP Council climate emergency declaration - to set a target date for how early the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole region can be made carbon neutral, ahead of the UK target of 2050 and help limit global warming to less than 1.5°C - Not all individuals and small organisations will be able to make this reduction on their own, but we all have a duty to do our very best, and to support each other in achieving carbon neutrality
- establish a Climate Emergency Working group to inform changes within CAN so that we work towards carbon neutrality by 2030 or earlier
- bring together leaders from across the VCS to share ideas and best practice
- share ideas, inspiration and 'how to' across the sector to support everyone making even a small change

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

