

A Notice of Motion put forward by Councillors Graham Timms, Mabon ap Gwynfor and Joseph Welch for consideration by Council:

“We are facing a Climate and Ecological Emergency

The global consensus is that climate change is causing a significant risk to our health, economy, and environment and is threatening the well-being of future generations.

Scientific evidence clearly tells us that we have fewer than 11 years to prevent catastrophic climate change. Furthermore, this year we have the clearest evidence ever that biodiversity loss is increasing and that this threatens the planet’s life-support systems upon which we all depend.

Nature is in serious decline, our biodiversity and soils are in decline or are being degraded. We are sustaining our own lives, whilst reducing the ability of future generations to sustain theirs. This is not an acceptable legacy to leave our children and grandchildren.

The future of humankind depends on today’s brave and enterprising leaders to make the necessary changes to secure the environment, for our own future and the future of generations yet to come.

Denbighshire County Council will

- Immediately declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency.
- Commit to making the authority net carbon zero by 2030 at the latest.
- Set up a task and finish group to draw up a clear plan within 6 months to achieve the above, including ways to enhance biodiversity in Denbighshire.
- Call on the Welsh Government and UK Government to provide assistance and resources to enable us to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance biodiversity.
- Work with partners across the public, private and third sector to help solve this climate and ecological emergency.”