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There is a lot of awareness and concern in Lymm of climate change and its issues. There is also a number of groups in the village and beyond that focus on related areas. The Parish Council's general aim is to become carbon neutral in its activities as well as encourage residents and businesses to do the same whilst providing education and opportunities for greater changes through:

1. Information

A readily available, common source of information on environmental groups and activities in Lymm through a website that is linked to but not part of the Parish Council site. The active groups in Lymm can have their details and information on there with news and updates. Social media posts will link to the website and vice versa. A new notice board will be located in the centre of the village to share new and ideas on the climate crisis.

2. Processes

The Parish Council will determine measures for every Committee and Lead Councillor to encourage a mindset of 'what will this do for climate change?' For example, all Lymm festivities will become as environmentally conscious as reasonable. Grant requests will be examined for their environmental impact and planning applications commented on with energy saving suggestions. The Parish Council is already working to make itself carbon neutral and can raise awareness through its functions.

3. Action

A single, visible, co-ordinated project will be planned and promoted that encompasses the actions and ideals of many of the current groups in Lymm. The project will be visible to village residents and contain an educational element to encourage people to find out more. The nature of the project will be a challenge to Lymm as a whole. For example, Can Lymm double the amount of its nature within 3 years? How many houses in Lymm can improve their energy efficiency in 2 years? Can we add 10 km of biodiverse hedgerow to our village? The difficulty is finding a project that involves enough groups and is something people can get involved in with little additional effort. The project will generate press and social media coverage and encourage more volunteers to come forward.

The governance of this rests with the Parish Council through the Environment Committee.