

Name of group:	Powys Action on the Climate Emergency (PACE)
Title:	Terms of Reference
Date:	27/11/2020 reviewed 14/02/21 last amended 03/10/22
Purpose / role of the group:	<p>To ensure the Climate and Ecological Emergency is adequately addressed in Powys and to do everything in our power to facilitate this.</p> <p>As a way to bring together community level action, enable peer to peer learning, accelerate best practice and foster collaboration, this stakeholder group will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work positively and cooperatively with Powys County Council (PCC) to address the Climate and Ecological Emergency (C&amp;EE)</li> <li>• aim to understand PCC proposals and communicate them to the communities of Powys and our respective groups/organisations;</li> <li>• challenge and lobby PCC to ensure they set meaningful SMART targets and evaluate them regularly plus hold PCC accountable for those targets on behalf of Powys residents.</li> <li>• raise issues and opportunities, putting forward ideas and suggestions and highlighting sources of research and expertise that PCC may not have considered;</li> <li>• recognise that a climate emergency is also a biodiversity emergency and refer to it as the Climate &amp; Ecological Emergency (and not only focus on carbon reduction but wider ecological issues).</li> <li>• be a forum for exchange of ideas on effective C&amp;EE engagement and action between our member groups.</li> </ul> <p>Our aim is to create a pool of climate change informed citizens able to take action in support of local and Powys wide initiatives to combat the C&amp;EE.</p> <p>To organise appropriate training / workshops / conferences that would be of benefit to our members and the wider community to help them to be more effective in delivering carbon reductions.</p> <p>To be available to offer support or specific sector knowledge regarding carbon reduction measures in the community and to PCC in support of the local authority's C&amp;EE plans.</p> <p>To help disseminate information from PCC and/or report on progress in relation to the PCC climate change motion to our member groups throughout the county.</p>
Membership:	<p>Members would be organisations in Powys who would put forward a named person to represent them.</p> <p>Eligible organisations could be any of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change interest groups</li> <li>General community clubs and groups</li> <li>Town and community councils</li> <li>Business forums (farming forums, business clubs etc)</li> <li>Schools and colleges</li> </ul>

	<p>Membership organisations (tourism, trade)</p> <p>We will also accept applications from individuals who can bring valuable skills, expertise and enthusiasm to the group.</p> <p>All members will be required to complete an application form which will be considered by the group at their regular meetings.</p>
Accountability:	<p>Committee elected from the member representatives annually at an AGM.</p> <p>Committee members will be responsible for organising themselves to deliver actions from meetings, hold the PACE bank account and distributing funds as agreed by members, organise meetings and ensure dissemination of information to members through the PACE email and other forms as agreed.</p> <p>Non attendance by a committee member at more than 6 meetings in a row without suitable apologies will be subject to review of their place on the committee.</p>
Review:	<p>These terms of reference will be reviewed at the PACE AGM or by group agreement.</p>
Working methods:	<p>Regular video conference committee meetings (initially monthly, then as members see fit).</p> <p>Chair and other roles to be determined by the group and reviewed at each AGM.</p> <p>Sub groups will be formed as required and by agreement of the group. They will report back to the main group for decision making.</p>