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CLIMATE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

- Climate Committee to be constituted at each Annual Statutory meeting.
- To consist of a maximum of 5 Councillors, plus the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as ex-officio members and to elect its own Chairman and its own Vice Chairman.
- To report with recommendations to full council on matters relating to climate change.
- To discuss and make recommendations on matters relating to climate change including:
 - Whether the council should declare a climate emergency
 - Create review and update the Town Councils current carbon strategy
 - Pledge to do what is within our powers, to make Polegate town Council carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions
 - Call on the government to provide any additional powers and resources necessary for Polegate Town Council to achieve the target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030, and to implement best practice methods to limit global warming to 1.5°C
 - To produce a report to full council within 6 months with an Action Plan, outlining how the council will address this situation. The carbon neutral 2030 action plan will detail the leadership role Polegate Town Council will take in promoting community, public, business and other Council partnerships to achieve this commitment throughout the town. The action plan will also outline adequate staff time and resources to undertake the actions to achieve the target.
 - To investigate all possible sources of external funding and match funding to support this commitment
 - Identify citizens across Polegate who are climate change champions for their communities and to use them to inform on ideas to implement locally.
 - Investigate what Polegate Town Council can do to minimise the emission of gases which adversely affect climate change even more than CO²

Adopted by Full Council on 25th November 2019
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