

Steypning Parish Council – Climate Emergency

Supporting Paper

With the climate crisis weighing heavy on the minds of residents of Steypning, it is absolutely necessary that the Council recognises the need for climate action, and fast. The first step in this process would be to declare a climate emergency.

Following on from *hopefully* a declaration of climate emergency, the following recommendations will be made:

- Councillors to act as role models for the Single-Use Plastic campaign and refrain from bringing single use plastic into the vicinity of the Steypning Centre e.g. plastic water bottles
- Councillors to endeavour to reduce the use of paper during meetings, with the intention of eventually becoming a paperless Council.
- Councillors to champion projects which enhance the environment and aim to tackle climate change - electric car charging points or wildlife gardens
- Councillors to continue to support the Steypning Greening group.
- Councillors to support the water fountain initiative which aims to position water fountains throughout the surrounding Parishes in the hopes that this will reduce single use plastic.
- Councillors to discuss the idea of introducing recycling bins into the Steypning Centre.
- Councillors to create a working party which intends to discuss green initiatives and projects.

This is a climate emergency and unless we make drastic changes within the next few years, we will feel the devastating effects of climate change. As a Council, we need to step up our game and make sure that not only are we doing our bit as Councillors, but that we also give the residents of Steypning the support that they require to do their bit.