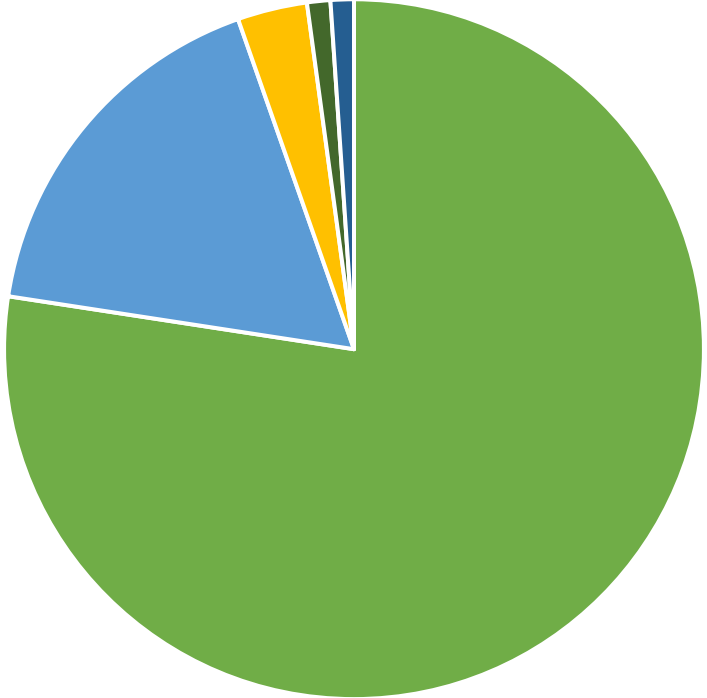


# Climate & Nature emergency

Freshford questionnaire results

# 93 % say its important we address the climate & nature emergency

95 responses



And 76% of households say it is of the utmost importance

■ Of the utmost importance   ■ Somewhat important   ■ Neutral   ■ Not very important   ■ Not at all important

# Why is it important?

*“Quite simply we are talking of the survival of the planet as we know it”*

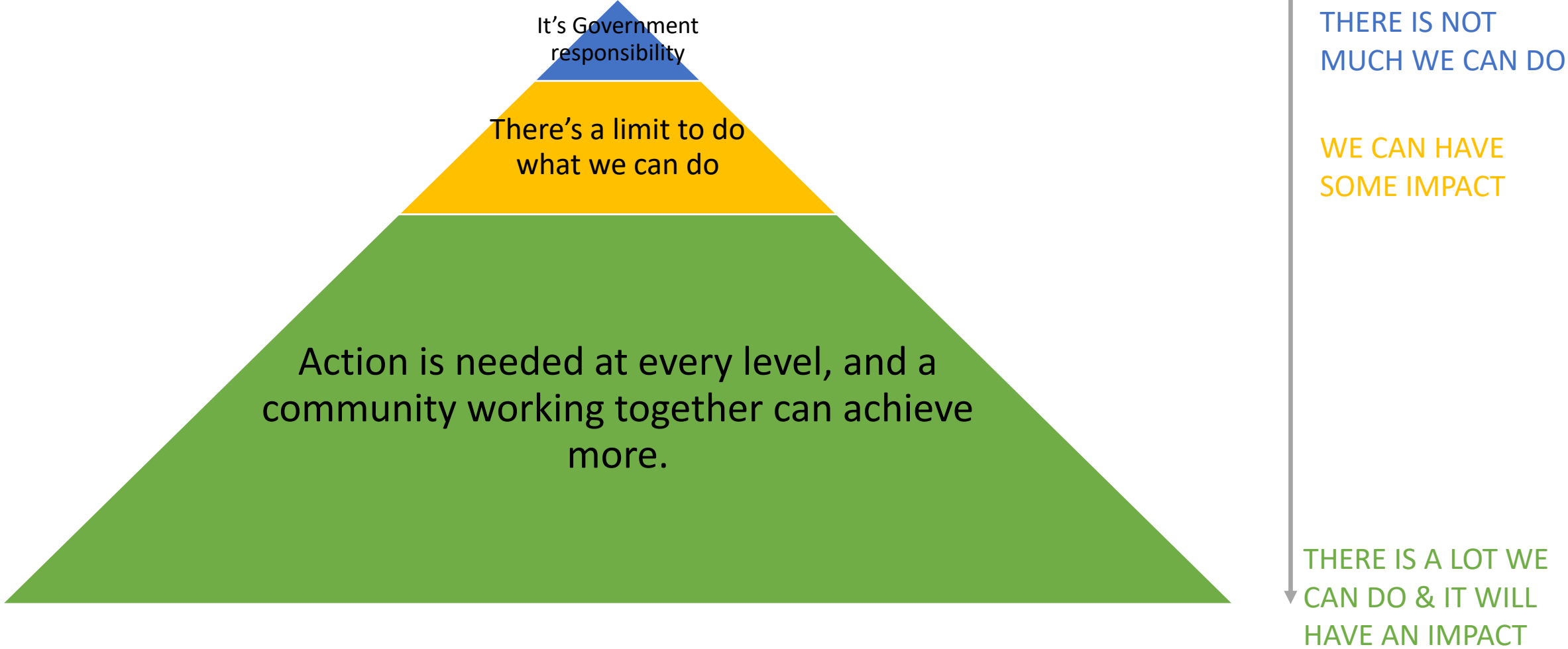
“Because I feel very passionately about doing all I can to help the environment”

“If we don’t start making changes now, we will run out of time”

*“Taking action now (or not) defines what world we pass on to our children.”*

*“In the long term it’s the biggest threat to our community and way of life.”*

The vast majority feel action is needed at the individual and community level.



The biggest issues we, as a village, should we take action on are ....

**1st**  
**CARS, ROAD**  
**SAFETY**

**2nd**  
**NATURE**

**3rd**  
**THINGS WE**  
**BUY**

**4th**  
**RENEWABLE**  
**ENERGY**

**5th**  
**HOMES**

# Action areas – ranked by priority

**1**  
Home energy &  
sustainable  
buildings

**2**  
Nature &  
Biodiversity

**3**  
Local renewable  
energy

**4**  
Zero carbon  
transport

**5**  
Reduce  
consumption

**6**  
Reduce waste  
& increase  
recycling

**7**  
Low carbon food

Building community well-being

NEXT

Break out discussions - ideas for action



# Ideas for action

## 1 Home energy & sustainable buildings

Home insulation – particularly old houses

Allow double-glazing in listed buildings

Share tips / advice on how to reduce energy in my home

What grants are available?

Wear more clothes and turn down heating

Advertise 'green' businesses who can help

Ensure all new builds are up to required standard

Use a smart reader

Visits and talks to low energy local homes

Switch to green energy providers

Help me identify what are things I can fix in my home that will have the biggest impact and how I can fix them

# Ideas for action

## 2 Nature & Biodiversity

Pesticide free, everyone to garden / farm organically.

More education and knowledge of our local species and habitats

Encourage volunteer projects, planting trees, wild flowers, habitat creation

The Friends of Freshford Tynning Proposal

Encourage tree & hedge planting

Take care of every verge, corner, church yard – mini nature reserves

Adopt Limpley Stoke's Nature Chain initiative

Reduce light pollution – outdoor lights

A community vegetable farm

Restore flood water storage capacity of meadows along the river

Give me the top 10 things I can do in my garden

Open gardens so we can see practical actions

Composting centre – possibly in the village pound?

# Ideas for action

## 3 Local renewable energy

Solar or wind for the village, owned by the village

It will be expensive but a village like Freshford could set a local and national example in generating its own energy from renewable sources.

And profits can go back into the community for funding further initiatives

Promote electrification of heating – air source and ground source heat pumps

What technology is out there for discreet solar panels that we can use in a conservation area?

Need to address planning strategy for solar panels on homes

Hydro power at Limpley Stoke?

Work with large landowners

# Ideas for action

## 4 Zero carbon transport

Pedestrian priority zones, speed humps

Reduce number of cars picking-up and dropping to school

Communal electric vehicle charging points

Encourage cycling, try out an electric bike

Low emissions zone in the village with a toll charge for through traffic (residents exempt)

Electric buses

Reward active travel (walking / biking) – a village challenge

Start a shared electric car club (also for Link drivers)

Most journeys are very short – encourage walking

Widen our footpaths so walking is safe

Cycle paths

5

Reduce  
consumption

## Ideas for action

6

Reduce waste  
& increase  
recycling

Study done for B&NES in 2016 shows the things we buy are responsible for almost 65% of our individual total emissions

Buy less, buy better and think before you buy.

Provide baseline analysis on individuals personal carbon contribution – a carbon calculator.

Promote a local sharing service for tools and other occasional use items. A library of things.

Address packaging in the village shop – refills? Loose items?

Shop locally and seasonally.

This is a hearts and minds issue

Grow your own vegetables or a village market garden

Inform residents of the impact consumption of different products have and the alternatives.

Promote REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Gentle education for all.

A village compost heap

Crisp packet recycling box in the shop

Remove 'general waste' from public bins asking people to take home their recycling

# Ideas for action

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Low carbon food

Buy only local organic meat and dairy.

Gentle education – food is a sensitive subject

Audit suppliers to the Galleries and list the products that do well.

Encourage the café, Inn, school to serve more local, organic food

The shop is doing a great job in offering vegan / palm oil free / sustainable options – more please!

Inform residents of the impact consumption of different products have and the alternatives.

Organic is the most important

Grow your own or village market garden.

Veg patch sharing? – some have big gardens but no energy / time to grow.