

Bathavon Forum – Climate and Nature Group

1. Purpose

The purpose of this note is to give an overview on the Bathavon Forum Climate and Nature Group.

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The Chew Valley Forum has set up a climate and nature emergency group to work alongside the Chew Valley Forum to undertake activities in addressing the Climate and Nature Emergencies.

This has proved to be a useful approach which has been successful in getting community engagement.

The B&NES Community Forums, such as the Bathavon Forum, meet 4 times a year. Addressing the Climate and Nature Emergency needs a much more proactive and action based approach. This will be achieved through the Bathavon Climate and Nature Group (BCNG) – the precise name is to be confirmed.

The BCNG will enable local communities across the Bathavon Forum area, including Freshford, to be part of a group providing support across parishes and create a stronger group by undertaking activities together rather than each Parish Council operating in isolation. The BCNG will be working much closer with all Parish Councils, through their representatives, as it is important that the local community are engaged with this process.

The BCNG approach has buy-in from local councillors, the B&NES Sustainability and Community Teams, members of the B&NES cabinet and also at B&NES director and leader level.

The associated Terms of Reference and Approach documents are intended to give transparency of the process, and are expected to be Approved at the next Bathavon Forum meeting as they have been confirmed to be within the overall Terms of Reference for the Bathavon Forum.