

CLIMATE ACTION FUND BID THROUGH THE BIG LOTTERY COMMUNITY FUND

Ashington Town Council Climate Action Funding Motion

Background to Proposal

- Funding for biodiversity and nature is not readily available to town and parish councils
- We have limited funds to deal with climate change, which covers all aspects of climate change through the climate change and environment committee.
- We have ambitious plans to ensure Ashington achieves net zero

To agree to:

Set up a small working group to specifically develop a bid for the Climate Action fund through the Big Lottery Community Fund.

In doing so the Council can:

Address many of the priorities on the action plan including:

- Engagement with residents, businesses, community organisations, schools, colleges, and universities
- Tackling the loss of biodiversity through protecting and establishing, wildflower meadows, wetlands, 'bee bus stops', planting trees, restoring hedgerows, community orchards and much more
- Creating new skills through different nature projects across the town
- Improving the health and wellbeing of Ashington residents by making green spaces more accessible
- Enhancing the opportunities for those people of lower socioeconomic status through new skills and volunteering opportunities