

Cyngor Cymuned Mostyn
Mostyn Community Council



ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2016
Section 6 BIODIVERSITY and RESILIENCE
OF ECOSYSTEMS DUTY
POLICY STATEMENT & ACTION PLAN
2022/23

The Plan recognises its responsibilities under the Environment Act (Wales) 2016 which stipulates: authorities *"must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the proper exercise of their functions and in doing so promote the resilience of ecosystems"*.

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BACKGROUND

Mostyn has a population of 1,641 within the wards of Mostyn and Rhewl.

Mostyn is a village and community in Flintshire, Wales, and electoral ward lying on the estuary of the River Dee, located near the town of Holywell. It has a privately owned port that has in the past had a colliery and ironworks and was involved in the export of commodities, and in present times services the offshore wind industry and ships the wings for the Airbus A380 which are manufactured at Broughton.

Just down the A548 road from Mostyn at Llanerch-y-Mor is the now closed Mostyn Fun Ship. The ship started life as the Duke of Lancaster, a car ferry and cruise ship. After it was permanently dry-docked in Mostyn, it earned its later name from its new operation as an arcade and bar.

The community council holds no land assets but has responsibility for over street lights. These lights are currently undergoing an LED upgrade by a local firm to ensure energy saving efficiency.

Mostyn Community Council *is* subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act in relation to public service delivery.

The community council has few powers as an authority but can implement the following:

Action carried out to:		Monitored by:
-embed biodiversity into decision making & procurement	Consider implications when purchasing lighting, selecting utility providers & monitoring waste by reducing the use of paper and not using single use plastics. Sourcing local/recycled products Responsible purchasing of cleaning equipment for office.	Council members, Clerk & by working alongside local lighting contractor and Flintshire County Council
-raise awareness of biodiversity & its importance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Continue to join local eco/environment/waste groups and share locally on social media pages & website	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community feedback

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-safeguard principal species and habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take into consideration when submitting views to planning department. • Request Streetscene (Flintshire County Council) are mindful of habitat when working in open spaces within our wards. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application responses • Meeting with Streetscene officers
-restore & create habitats and resilient ecological networks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Flintshire County Council (Highways) to select wild flower locations within the wards • Encourage pollinator friendly areas in open spaces (County Council) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting responses • Maintain working relationships with County Council
-tackle negative factors: for e.g. reduce pollution, use nature based solutions, address invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Flintshire County Council Streetscene to discourage fly tipping • Ensure office waste is responsibly disposed of. • Support Active travel • Purchase eco friendly office products • Councillors regularly organise litter picks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings & Consultation responses • Scrutinising purchase history
-use improve and share evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Biodiversity Team at County Council and use information gained to apply to council procedures where applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council minutes
-support capacity and/or other organisations	Make available funds/support to the local schools/organisations for eco projects & circulate the message within the community.	Gain feedback through school governors/community.
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