



## **Natural Environment Policy Working Group Remit**

The remit of this group is to review the party's policies on the natural environment, both domestic and international, and come up with updated proposals.

The proposals should help to communicate our values and attract support for our objective of building a liberal society.

The group will be expected to build on existing policy proposals as set out in the 2017 Election Manifesto, Policy Paper 93 *Our Natural Heritage* (2009), and the emerging policy paper on climate change. The group is expected to consider and address Liberal Democrat principles on diversity and equalities in developing their proposals.

This group will as a top priority:

- Develop up to three headline policies on the natural environment which the party can communicate widely to win votes.

The working group will look at:

- Biodiversity and habitats, including the marine environment.
- How to manage demands on natural capital and land.
- Water management and flooding.
- How to attain our goal of Zero Waste.
- Sustainable use of finite natural resources and the 'circular economy'.
- Making agriculture and fishing sustainable.
- Public enjoyment of and access to green spaces.
- International action on the environment relevant to the issues above

The group will also need to consider the development of more detailed proposals to implement relevant headline policies included in the climate change paper, including on low-carbon agriculture and land use and natural climate solutions to carbon dioxide removal (such as forests and peatland).

The group will also consider the need for institutional change at central and local government levels to embed these approaches firmly in policy.

The group will take evidence and consult widely from both within and outside the party. This evidence should inform the group's proposals, which will be presented alongside an analysis of costs and an Equalities Impact Assessment. A policy paper of no longer than 10,000 words should be produced for debate at Autumn Conference 2020. Prior to that a consultative session should be held at Spring Conference 2020, and a draft policy paper should be presented to the Federal Policy Committee by June 2020.