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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Question From:	County Councillor Jackie Charlton
Subject:	Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE)
Question To:	County Councillor Iain McIntosh Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Planning & Housing

Question:

Last year the Council supported the Climate Emergency and Local Electricity Bill focusing on getting the authority to Net Zero by 2030. It was seen as a pivotal moment in the crisis situation we all face and good for future generations.

Last month the Tory/Independent group disagreed with the Liberal Democrat Motion to support the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill making its passage through Parliament right now. The reasons were based mainly on the fact that farmers are protecting the landscape and the Council didn't have to do anything. They also suggested that it was being driven by groups that have no democratic mandate which is absurd as the Parliamentary process is very clear and the Liberal Democrats are an elected group of councillors with wider community support as was demonstrated by letters of support from individuals and Radnorshire Wildlife Trust.

This weekend the UN Environmental Programmes released a report ahead of the international conference starting tomorrow in China. The report exposes the massive biodiversity crisis right here in the UK which is at the bottom of the pile and losing biodiversity at an alarming rate, in fact one of the worst performing nations in the world for protecting biodiversity. On the World Service this morning the report highlighted the main reasons for this loss, over development and intensive agriculture.

Would the portfolio holder like to share with residents and stakeholders of Powys how the Council will now move forward on taking a stand against a massive crisis heading our way with the loss of habitat, often hidden, in our uplands, rivers and valleys. We have seen how the Wye is dying, we have experienced the floods and we know peat bogs are disappearing at an alarming rate. All these habitats and many more are in our Council area.