

PRESS RELEASE



SPEAK UP LOCAL CLIMATE LOBBY

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- Photo caption: 'Paul Davies, AM, with members of Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth, at Haverfordwest meeting to discuss the need to tackle climate change.'

Members of the Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth group met with Paul Davies, AM, to discuss the need to tackle climate change. This meeting was a ‘Local Climate Lobby’ event promoted by the Stop Climate Chaos Cymru Alliance.

On 4 November 2016 members of the Pembrokeshire Friends of the Earth group [1] met with Paul Davies, AM, as part of Stop Climate Chaos Cymru’s [2] [‘Speak Up - Local Climate Lobby’](#). The campaign aimed to lobby all 60 Assembly Members and Welsh Members of Parliament in their own constituencies and regions, regarding climate change.

The Friends of the Earth members discussed with Paul Davies the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions and the best way forward to do this.

Eleanor Clegg said:

“I wanted to see progress in tackling climate change because I care about our rich natural environment in Pembrokeshire and about the communities living here. Today was a great opportunity to let the politicians/decision makers know about my concerns and how I believe that they should lead the way in tackling climate change.”

Those attending the event called on their Assembly Members to ‘Speak Up’ to drive action on climate change, and ask the Welsh Government to set out a plan to meet Wales’s target of 40% cuts in carbon by 2020 [3]. Stop Climate Chaos Cymru is calling for the plan to include energy saving initiative such as a major home energy efficiency retrofitting programme as a national infrastructure priority, and a transition away from fossil fuels and towards clean and renewable energy. Wales’s Members of Parliament were also asked to deliver an ambitious low carbon investment plan for the UK as a whole [4].

Paul Davies, AM, said: “Hearing my constituents’ concerns is of importance to me. When these concerns regard a serious threat like climate change, it is essential that we all take action. I’m pleased to support their calls for greater action to increase energy efficiency in housing and to exploit the rich resources we have in Pembrokeshire to produce more renewable energy such as tidal and wave power.”

UK-wide lobby of politicians

The 'Speak Up' lobby organised by Stop Climate Chaos Cymru, a coalition of 16 organisations, coincided with a UK wide campaign, with similar events held across England and Scotland. Hundreds of MPs, AMs and MSPs have heard concerns about climate change - now it's up to them to take action.

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

[1] Friends of the Earth Pembrokeshire <http://www.foepembrokeshire.co.uk/> is a local group and part of an extensive grassroots network working for environmental justice - that means ensuring a fair share for everyone now and in the future while looking after our planet.

[2] **Stop Climate Chaos Cymru** member organisations are: National Federation of Women's Institutes Wales, National Union of Students, Unison, Christian Aid Wales, CAFOD, Oxfam Cymru, Tearfund, Coed Cadw – The Woodland Trust, Friends of the Earth Cymru, RSPB Cymru, Sustrans Cymru, WWF Cymru, Wildlife Trusts Wales, The Centre for Alternative Technology, Wales Centre for International Affairs and Size of Wales.

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[3] The Welsh Government has a legislative framework to tackle climate change, outlined in the Environment (Wales) Act and is committed to a reduction of at least 80% in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The policy target of 40% cuts in emissions by 2020 is the first step towards this.

[4] The UK Government has targets to tackle climate change, outlined in the UK Climate Change Act. Now the Government has promised us a 'low carbon investment plan' by the end of the year, which will set out the policies to drive down emissions over the next decade.