

Our COP26 manifesto

The world is warming. We know that. While we can't stop it in its tracks, we can limit how much warmer it gets. And we can make sure that we can all live well in this warmer world. Hosting COP26 gives the UK an historic opportunity to spearhead a step-change in global ambition. This is both a privilege and a momentous responsibility.

2021 must be a turning point. We must seize this chance to build a greener, fairer future. A future with nature at its heart.

The nature and climate crises are two sides of the same coin. By protecting and restoring nature, transforming our system of agriculture, and rethinking the way we use our land, we can tackle these twin crises, limit warming, and create better lives for future generations.

We call on the UK Government to show global leadership before and during COP26. They must:

KEEP 1.5 ON THE TABLE

Current commitments from governments and businesses would see the world warm by more than 2 degrees. This simply isn't acceptable. The difference between 1.5 and 2 degrees of warming – for people and for wildlife – is stark.

As COP26 hosts, the UK Government must ensure the global ambition to limit warming to 1.5 degrees is maintained. Here is how:

- 1. Urgently publish a detailed action plan, showing step by step how we will decarbonise each sector of the UK, and get to work immediately.**
Delivering net zero by 2050 doesn't mean waiting until 2049 to act, or even until 2025. What we do in the next decade, starting right now, is vital. By publishing a detailed, binding Long-Term Strategy that delivers net zero by 2050 at the absolute latest, we can raise global ambition.
- 2. Make sure investments from the finance sector are flowing towards projects needed to create a greener future, and away from the dirty industries harming our planet.**
This should be done by committing to develop the world-first finance sector that aligns with the 1.5C goal of the Paris Agreement.
- 3. Make sure public money is spent on building towards the greener, cleaner future we all want.**
Introduce a 'net zero test' requiring the Treasury to measure all future recovery spending plans against the UK's climate and environment commitments.

MAKE NATURE OUR CLIMATE HERO

Nature is our greatest ally in the fight against climate breakdown. We must champion and embrace nature's vital role in helping deliver a 1.5°C world.

As COP26 hosts, the UK Government must use their leadership role to put land use, agriculture and nature-based solutions at the forefront of global plans to address emissions and tackle the climate crisis.

- 4. Get the destruction of nature out of the products on our shelves.**
Pass world-leading new laws at home and lead an international coalition that delivers deforestation and conversion-free supply chains. We must protect places like the Amazon – some of our greatest allies against climate breakdown.
- 5. Request countries to include land use, agriculture and nature-based solutions in their national climate plans.**
As countries around the world upgrade their national climate plans and increase their ambition, introduce a clear request to ensure new plans maximise the potential of nature to be a climate hero.

