To Full Council

Notice of Motion

Doubling Tree Cover

Trees have a crucial role to play in tackling the climate emergency as part of an ambitious local Climate Action Plan, by drawing down carbon and locking it up in their wood.

Doubling tree cover across the UK could draw down 50 million tonnes of carbon dioxide annually, which is around 10% of current UK emissions.

Trees also provide additional benefits beyond their critical importance in reaching net-zero greenhouse gas emissions: trees create more space for nature, supporting hundreds of species of insects, birds and mammals. Trees are also great for public health, helping clean the air and providing access to nature that's important for our wellbeing.

This Council therefore resolves that it should:

1. Double tree cover in Southend by 2045.
2. Double tree cover on council-owned land, by growing/planting more trees in public parks, council-owned land and green belt land within the borough.
3. Update all council strategies and local plans to incorporate this target.

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