

County Council – 22 February 2018

Questions from County Councillors

Question from Councillor Steven Lugg to the Cabinet Member for Natural and Built Environment in relation to a Joint Tree Planting Strategy

2017 saw the lowest level of tree planting in England since the war. Due to the longevity of trees, this statistic is a 'lag indicator' and shows that society is potentially failing our children, grandchildren and beyond.

Given the well-rehearsed research and knowledge of beneficial effects, nay of the vital role that trees play in our lives, from preventing flooding and soil erosion to improving all sorts of things from air quality to mental health, would Dorset County/East Dorset District councils consider implementing and investing in a joint long-term Strategy for tree planting? Such a Strategy should include support for the national Tree Charter, and an annual Tree Charter day.