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Resolution 42/187 of the United Nations General Assembly states that "The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. At a very high level, the objective of sustainable development can be summarised as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

This LDP sets development policy for the next decade and it has done so without any reference to climate emergency, to which the SBC signed up in September 2020. Councillor [REDACTED] has said that such action would be 'a hollow gesture'. If accepted, then The Borders will have no hope of meeting sustainability targets. The development plan as presented prioritizes economic development and ignores the needs of, not just the next generation, but of all our futures. In fact it actively undermines the achievement of those needs. Any development plan needs to do as a given, something relatively simple, that of sustaining and increasing biodiversity.

Key messages from item 3.1 of the minutes of the sustainability committee 4-Sep-2020, 12 report from CEO of Borders Forest Trust and Chair of Scottish Environment say that -

o "in 2019, the UN-established IPBES released a global assessment of humanity's relationship with nature. This was written by more than 500 experts from over

100 countries. It concluded that such was the rate of decline that the risks posed by biodiversity loss should be considered on the same scale as those of climate change. This alarming trend endangered economies, livelihoods, food security and the quality of life of people everywhere. It was estimated that we were losing around 135 plant, animal and insect species every day. The seven principle drivers of loss were identified as: changing use of the land and sea; over-exploitation of species; climate change; pollution; invasive non-native species; indirect effects arising from people's disconnect with nature; a lack of value and importance placed on nature."

o "SNH's the State of Nature Scotland report 2019 revealed that, since recording began, 49% of Scottish species had decreased..."

o "Between the 1940s and 1980s the area of broadleaved and mixed woodland fell by 23% and 37% respectively and native Caledonian pine forests now covered less than 90,000 hectares – just over 6% of the original area."

Planting more trees and banning the felling of existing of woodland, and especially those which edge the rivers and sustain and secure the banks, would be one simple measure to take.

The people of SBC need a strong and principled LDP2 to ensure that they represent the public good fairly when balancing powerful economic interests with the wellbeing of our society and the health of our environment.

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