

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Tuesday 22nd February 2022, 10:00 - 12:00

Zoom Meeting

Welcome/apologies

Attendees: Chris Jones, Jennifer Dickinson, Cllr Derek Brook, Marie Richards, Cllr Therese Assouad, Cllr Sam Ronson, Graham Harcourt, Maureen Smith, Beverley Coverdale, Helen Houston, Peter Buckley, Cllr Lee Roberts, Alison Coward, Geoff Price.

Also attended at 11:15: Lauren Newby and Lee Billingham.

Apologies from: Cllr Ann Thomson, Cllr Shaun Blezard, Sam Plum, Graham Barker, Steven Kendall, Steph Cordon.

Last meeting was Thursday 6th Jan 2022, minutes shared

Actions from last meeting:

– **Chris Jones to look at what would be required to add contactless and check budget to see if it can be included in the Low Carbon Barrow funding.**

(COMPLETE – asked contractors and found not commercially viable unless rapid chargers. Confirmed no impositions on time limits and think TRO makes it free to park.)

– **Lauren Newby from Hatch to be invited to future meeting to present report.**
(COMPLETE – attending this meeting)

– **Alison to speak to CCC to find someone to provide Cumbria Coastal Communities Forest update for Barrow area. (COMPLETE – spoke with Hannah Girven, Lead for Environment and Sustainability at CCC, currently appointing a project lead – they will attend a future meeting)**

– **Alison to request citizen jury invites for Derek Brook and Therese Assouad.**
(COMPLETE – neither could attend but Therese attended the next session)

– **Alison to agree timing for webinar with Kim and send all staff email.**
(COMPLETE – 13 staff attended, some additional staff had already received training in 2020 so were sent updated slides)

– Chris Jones to check recent procurement strategy to see if it allows for using something similar. (COMPLETE – does mention social value which includes environment)

10:10 - Citizens Jury Update

Alison Coward updated on progress (slides shared) Next step is to send out invites for recommendations launch. Agreed to invite parish and county councillors as well. Group was keen to continue using citizens jury and oversight panel in some form, could create an independent advisory group to oversee local climate action.

ACTION: Send out invite for launch event and consider ways to continue citizens jury / oversight panel once process is complete.

10:30 - Climate Scorecards

Alison Coward explained process and score. Looked at how to improve on next years score which will be based on actions. **ACTION – Alison to create mid level action plan document that would be appropriate for website.**

10:40 - Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot

Alison Coward explained (slides shared) and will keep this group updated on progress. Derek Brook also keen to stay involved.

10:50 - Low Carbon Barrow

Beverley Coverdale provided update:

- 2 live EV charge points at crem and dock museum;
- EV leases agreed for fleet vehicles, delivery expected between May and July;
- LED replacement lighting for public buildings (Dock Museum and Forum) should be complete this financial year;
- PV for Dock Museum has planning permission, should be installed after Yew Tree and Roosegate buildings complete, expected May / June;
- Bug Out not viable so requested ESIF approval to spend more on public engagement, Art Gene will now have two public engagement officers;
- Grant Scheme up and running and working with organisations to submit applications, none yet complete but expecting some through to the panel soon;
- Piel Island facilities block refurb hoping to go ahead soon, also looking at PV for Ship Inn.

11:05 - Government Consultation on Biodiversity Net Gain

Helen Houston explained and will be working on response for Barrow. Further info here: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-net-gain-consultation-team/consultation-on-biodiversity-net-gain-regulations/>

11:15 - Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus

Lauren Newby and Lee Billingham gave presentation

Date and Time of Next Meeting

ACTION: Alison to check diaries and book in next meeting.