

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Friday 8th July 2022, 13:00 - 14:00

Zoom Meeting

Welcome/apologies

Attendees: Chris Jones, Cllr Derek Brook, Cllr Therese Assouad, Graham Harcourt, Cllr Helen Wall, Alison Coward, Steven Kendall.

Also attended: Jo Reilly, Art Gene.

Apologies from: Cllr Ann Thomson, Sam Plum, Jennifer Dickinson, Janice Sharp, Helen Houston, Peter Buckley, Steph Cordon.

Last meeting was Wednesday 11th May 2022, minutes shared

Actions from previous meeting:

- 1) Invite Rachel (Art Gene engagement officer) to next meeting to talk through engagement plan; **COMPLETE – Jo attended to provide update**
- 2) Clarify procedure for community / schools tree planting; **IN PROGRESS – Chris and Therese to attend CCCF board meeting**
- 3) Meeting with Alec, Neville and Hannah to consider engagement strategy; **IN PROGRESS – meeting 4th August**
- 4) Any woodland site ideas to be sent on to Alison so they can be forwarded to Hannah and Neville; **IN PROGRESS – site ideas forwarded and will be looked at on 4th August**
- 5) Contact for seagrass to be forwarded to Alison; **COMPLETE**
- 6) Add meeting minutes to climate change page of website. **COMPLETE – on climate emergency page**
- 7) Updates to building regulations – Jenny to find out impact on climate change. **COMPLETE – document to be circulated with minutes.**

Additional action: Presentation for local nature recovery partnership to be taken to SMT – **CHRIS TO TAKE**

13:10 – Community Engagement

Jo Reilly, Art Gene updated on engagement so far. Target of 20 events, 13 delivered by end of June 2020 with more planned:

- Bee wild summer holiday programme
- Moth and butterfly walk

- Big green weekender
- Talk series on cutting energy costs (with CAfS)
- Silver Sunday

Also in response to citizens jury recc 9, eco festival planned for 18th & 19th Nov. Request for someone from art gene to attend CJ 6 monthly meeting. **ACTION – Alison to email Rachel to invite her.**

Request for Art Gene to email Alison any events so we can share.

13:20 – Local Government Reorganisation

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer, gave update. Cllr Giles Archibald, Portfolio Holder for Climate and Biodiversity, has established five member workstreams on climate and nature ahead of creating new council plan and budget:

1. The pathway to a carbon net zero council estate by 2030.
2. The pathway to net zero geography by 2037
3. Engagement with Town & Parish Councils
4. Define the means of working with, encouraging and supporting the farming community on their net zero aspirations. Also, as they move to Environmental Land Management Schemes, how we work together to increase biodiversity.
5. Measuring biodiversity gain, and finding ways to achieve that gain

Alison currently involved in officer group providing support, Therese and Helen both involved in member group.

ACTION: Ensure officer and members share information with each other and this group.

13:30 - Low Carbon Barrow

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change updated on progress:

- Grants - currently only 1 given out.
- Solar PV on Yew Tree estate still progressing but has slowed, should be complete by end of Sep.
- EV chargepoints all due to be connected by end of July
- Piel Island facilities block procurement complete, aiming to be complete by end of year.
- Public buildings also complete by end of year.

13:40 – Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change explained fund, currently working with Local Energy North West Hub (based at Liverpool City Council) to prepare bid.

13:50 - Any Other Business

Sustainable Warmth scheme went live yesterday (based at Carlisle CC) **ACTION – add to agenda for next time when there should be some progress to report**

Helen Houston – Going Greener Together new CVS and CAfS project to help voluntary groups lower carbon footprint. Launch event on Tuesday 19th July 3-4pm (online) **ACTION - Alison to share email with minutes.**

Helen Wall part of Tree Working Group (Treescapes project to replace trees on Abbey Road) **ACTION – Alison to invite Helen to 4th Aug meeting to ensure linked up with CCCF and planting for pollinators**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Mid August