

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Thursday 8th September 2022, 10:00 - 11:00

Zoom Meeting

Welcome/apologies

Last meeting was Friday 8th July 2022, minutes shared.

Apologies: Jan Sharp, Sam Plum, Jennifer Dickinson, Maureen Smith, Jamie Muir, Cllr Ann Thomson, Cllr Lee Roberts, Graham Barker, Marie Richards, Graham Harcourt

Attendees: Cllr Derek Brook, Cllr Therese Assouad, Cllr Helen Wall, Chris Jones, Beverley Coverdale, Peter Buckley, Alison Coward, Steven Kendall

Actions from previous meeting:

- 1) Meeting on 4th August with Alec, Neville and Hannah to consider engagement strategy and to consider any woodland site ideas for Barrow; **PART COMPLETE – woodland site visits took place with Marie Richards, Chris Jones, Alison Coward, Cllr Therese Assouad, Cllr Helen Wall, Angela Wakefield (CCC), Gary Waters and Angus Walsh (Cumbria Woodlands). Engagement meeting yet to take place.**
- 2) Presentation for local nature recovery partnership to be taken to SMT – Chris to take; **NOT COMPLETE – Add to next months actions**
- 3) Alison to contact Art Gene for someone to attend CJ meeting in Sep; **COMPLETE – just to agree a date for meeting**
- 4) Sustainable Warmth Scheme – add to agenda for next time; **Will cover before AOB and add to next meeting agenda**
- 5) Alison to share Going Greener Together email with minutes; **COMPLETE**
- 6) Invite Helen Wall to 4th August meeting to ensure linked up with tree working group **COMPLETE**

Climate Change working group - structure and way forward until end of April 2023

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change

Suggestion to bring focus back to action plan so leads can identify resource gaps and bring any issues with action to groups attention. **ACTION: Share current version with leads and once updated, Alison to share with working group**

W&F Climate Workstreams

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer and Climate Specialist

Presentation due in cabinet in early October which will outline current activity, how new authority can build on progress, outline a new action plan with milestones and timeline to get to net zero by 2037 and a draft budget for achieving it. Led by Cllr Giles Archibald with councillors leading up different aspects of the workstreams and Alison, Alex Downes (SLDC) and Corentin Cortiula-Phelipot (Eden) supporting. Will share with the group once available.

Low Carbon Barrow

Beverley Coverdale, Low Carbon Barrow Project Manager

- EV chargepoints almost all live;
- Grant scheme to close mid Oct to ensure all funding issued before Apr 2023;
- Public buildings – 90% of Forum now complete, waiting on some lighting. Solar PV on Dock Museum delayed, may need to retender to ensure delivery in time. Planning committee for Piel Island facilities block (with solar PV) on 18th Sep so should know then if can go ahead;
- Public housing – Solar PV - 50% of all 91 properties all generating as expected, others possibly generating but not showing on system yet. Most of Yew Tree estate done, now looking at installing batteries by end of Autumn to ensure can be used throughout winter;
- Fleet vehicles have been delayed, due in over coming months.

ACTION – Bev to share details of EV fleet vehicle costings and carbon savings with Alison

Citizens Jury / public engagement

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer and Climate Specialist

Only 4 of the jurors have shared email addresses to continue meetings, despite having biannual meetings as a recommendation, however Shared Future will forward any meeting requests to them. Propose a zoom meeting with CJ to ask them how they want engagement to take place going forward. Also show them response to recommendations and pick a few main ones from top 10 to discuss further, with presenters / people responsible present.

Cllrs Brook and Assouad volunteered to attend as well. Invite could be extended further following first meeting, depending on juror feedback.

ACTION – Alison to set up zoom meeting and send out invite

Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change

Net zero hub failed to procure a consultant who was going to carry out buildings review for PSDS to support bid to fund. Have been offered support as soon as they are able to procure consultants.

Cumbria Community Coastal Forest

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change

Shortlist of sites visited are now being looked at in more depth – some unable to proceed. Barrow Park likely to be first one for us to apply for, Marie to lead.

Suggestion that Earnse Bay may want to apply so funding can stretch further.

ACTION – Therese to share details of this fund with lead for that project.

Sustainable Warmth

Steven Kendall, Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer

Currently focus is on marketing the scheme – all staff email sent, social media posts have been going out, posters and leaflets given to lots of organisations and businesses, letters sent out to all homes in area with EPC E,F or G

Carlisle running the scheme and have said lots of applications have been coming in for Barrow but no figures / breakdowns of how many relevant, how much will be spent, etc. **ACTION – Steven to follow up with Carlisle and get specific numbers for Barrow area**

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Mid October