

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Minutes

Wednesday 19th October 2022, 13:00 - 14:00

Teams Meeting

Attendees: Cllr Therese Assouad, Cllr Derek Brook, Cllr Lee Roberts, Chris Jones, Steven Kendall, Helen Houston, Peter Buckley, Alison Coward, Maureen Smith, Jennifer Dickinson

Welcome/apologies

Last meeting was Thursday 8th September 2022, minutes shared

Actions from previous meeting:

1. Alec, Neville and Hannah to meet to consider engagement strategy for CCCF; **NOT COMPLETE - ALISON TO FOLLOW UP WITH ALEC**
2. Presentation for local nature recovery partnership to be taken to SMT – Chris to take; **NOT COMPLETE**
3. Sustainable Warmth Scheme – add to agenda for next time; **COMPLETE**
4. Alison to share current version of action plan with leads and once updated, share with working group - add to agenda for next time so leads can identify resource gaps and bring any issues with action to groups attention; **COMPLETE**
5. Bev to share details of EV fleet vehicle costings and carbon savings with Alison; **COMPLETE**
6. Alison to set up zoom Citizens Jury meeting and send out invite; **COMPLETE**
7. Therese to share details of CCCF fund with lead for Earnse Bay project; **COMPLETE**
8. Steven to follow up with Sustainable Warmth / Carlisle and get specific numbers for Barrow area **COMPLETE**

13:10 – Citizens Jury meeting

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer and Climate Specialist

Happened on evening of 26th Sep via Zoom. 6 jury members attended and presentations were heard from Chris Jones (update on waste contract), Barbara Herridge, CCC (waste reduction), Jo Reilly, Art Gene (eco fair), Hannah Girven, CCC (planting in Barrow). Discussion around all those topics and how to take jury forward through LGR – agreed to quarterly meetings with alternate meetings to have wider participation including oversight panel and other juries, etc.

13:15 – W&F Climate Workstreams

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer and Climate Specialist

Informal cabinet meeting on 10th Oct, set out the proposed way forward and estimated budget. Next steps to fine tune budget and have action plan ready for Apr 23.

HH commented that will need to link up on regen projects as discussions already taking place to ensure new projects are net zero.

LR concerned about unrealistic date for action plan at a time when resources are stretched – push back will be needed if not possible until after vesting day.

13:20 – Forest Plan

Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer and Climate Specialist

25 year plan for all England's forests in development, may take 3-4 years but as Cumbria's is new there may be need for interim planting strategy. Cumberland council will host but will still cover Barrow after LGR. Aim for this financial year to plant 60 hectares – landowners can be directed to [Cumbria Woodlands Advisory Service](#) Maisie Shaw is developing our first site application – Barrow Park – with Marie.

13:25 – Sustainable Warmth

Steven Kendall, Private Sector Housing Enforcement Officer

As of 12th Oct Barrow has 201 eligible postal applications and there are 283 unprocessed email applications across Cumbria. Following assessment they're sent to contractor – don't know how many of ours have reached that stage but will find out as concern that if not able to install by end of Mar then will have to scale back.

BEIS are having a mid term review so will find out if scheme will be extended or scaled back then.

13:30 – Climate Change Action Plan

Chris Jones, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change led discussion – Alison to share following meeting for any further updates and will also be added to next meeting.

13:55 - Any Other Business

Date and Time of Next Meeting

1st December at 1pm – in person