

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Wednesday 22nd September 2021, 15:00 - 16:00

Zoom Meeting

Welcome/apologies

Attendees: Cllr Ann Thomson, Cllr Lee Roberts, Graham Barker, Graham Harcourt, Cllr Derek Brook, Mike Otto, Beverley Coverdale, Steven Kendall, Marie Richards, Jamie Muir, Maureen Smith, Cllr Sam Ronson, Sarah Mortimer, Peter Buckley, Alison Coward

Apologies: Sam Plum, Cllr Shaun Blezard, Steph Cordon, Cllr Helen Wall, Jenny Dickinson, Helen Houston, Chris Jones, Cathy Hornby, Geoff Dowker

Last meeting was 9th June 2021, minutes shared.

Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership

Update from Graham Barker, Public Protection Manager

ZCCP newsletter shared

Query if we could promote the Youth Action Summit with schools, using air quality project contacts. **Alison Coward to follow up**

Citizens Jury

Update from Alison Coward, Senior Environmental Protection Officer

Oversight Panel, chaired by Ann, met and agreed recruitment criteria, jury will be a representative mini population of Barrow with additional youth and ethnically diverse attendees.

4000 letters being printed, will do press release when posted to random addresses. Closing date for applicants is 25th Oct. 8 sessions, starting mid Nov – early Feb, with a break over Christmas.

Low Carbon Barrow

Update from Beverley Coverdale, Low Carbon Barrow Project Manager

Public housing – going through procurement process for solar PV at flats in Roosegate and Yew Tree, hope to start work in Nov 21.

Public Buildings – same procurement process asked for tenders for Solar PV for Ship Inn and Dock Museum. **Bev Coverdale to follow up with Maureen Smith around planning requirements for the above.**

LED lighting for stage at Forum completed and going out for tender in 2-3 weeks for rest of LED lights.

EV chargepoints – currently scoring tender submissions for 18 22kw chargepoints, to be installed by end of Mar 22. **Mike Otto to consider feedback from Graham Harcourt that contactless chargers are the easiest option from a users perspective.**

EV council vehicles – procurement to start next week, should be a short process so could have them by Nov 21, depending on vehicle lead time.

Low Carbon Grants – lead appointed, to be hosted at Art Gene but with BBC as accountable body. £225,000 to be awarded to a minimum of 25 businesses, each having to contribute approx. 25% of the costs themselves.

Art Gene Bug Out – unsuccessful tender first time, to go out for tender again.

Low Carbon Piel – asking for expressions of interest.

Green Homes Grant LAD2 Scheme

Update from Steven Kendall, Housing Enforcement Assistant

£700,000 to be targeted at 100 properties in the town centre area for energy efficiency measures including external wall insulation, air source heat pumps, solar PV. Eden are leading for Cumbria and EON have been contracted for works. Delivery until the end of March.

County-wide expressions of interest also in for Sustainable warmth (on gas homes) and Home Update Grants (off gas homes) with approx. £2 million for homes in Barrow. Will find out within the next month.

Climate Change Action Plan

Any additional updates to action plan since June.

Amended Action Plan circulated, changes in red.

Any Other Business

Barrow & Furness Local Climate Summit being organised by Simon Fell, date moved to Thurs 14th Oct 3-6:30pm. **Alison Coward to forward info to Ann Thomson.**

St Pauls School have arranged for tree planting at Clovelly Terrace.

Treescaping Grant has been awarded to replace and maintain trees for 3 years along Barrow streets including Abbey Road, Hartington St and additional grant for creating a covid remembrance garden to create a quiet place to remember those lost due to covid.

Methane an important greenhouse gas to work towards reducing. Will become more important as LGR takes shape. Could implement meat free school days, etc. when unitary. Highlighted VistaVeg project (funding through ZCCP) – see link:
<https://cafs.org.uk/2021/08/25/new-scheme-boosts-fruit-and-vegetable-growing-in-cumbria/>

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Early Jan 2022