

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP

Minutes

Thursday 9th January 2020, 1:00pm to 3:00pm

Committee Room 4

Attendees

Geoff Dowker, Alison Coward, Graham Barker, Jamie Muir, Steven Kendall, Chris Jones, Iain Taylor, Sabine Skae, Peter Buckley, Cllr Ann Thompson, Cllr Helen Wall, Mike Otto, Cllr Sam Ronson, Janice Sharp

Apologies from: Cllr Lee Roberts, Les Davies, Marie Richards, Jennifer Dickinson, Michael Barry

Previous minutes agreed

Actions from previous meeting:

GB discussed draft Cumbria Carbon Budget – will share once it's been finalised.

MR action relating to trees ongoing so moved to action plan

AC – work ongoing on website

ACTION: AC to chase up KJ for waste info for policy and action plan

Draft Climate Change Policy

Discussed main updates and had a discussion on target date – agreed that we would like to be more ambitious but settled on 2040 as achievable for now, but can be reviewed in 5 years. ESIF investment will help us immediately show progress.

Suggestion to link in the new council plan as that will be agreed before Policy released.

Agreed that the Working Group will meet quarterly once Policy is agreed.

ACTION: AC to make suggested changes, to be reviewed at next meeting so that final Policy is ready for mid February.

Draft Climate Change Action Plan

AT queried Green Procurement Policy – work ongoing by JM.

CJ confirmed that we should be able to move to a green energy tariff in March this year.

SS highlighted the carbon footprint calculator she had used to work out the footprint for the Dock Museum. AC has started on a calculation for the Councils footprint but as it includes estimates around staff transport for example, it is not something that could be used for Policy but could inform this group.

ACTION: AC to share current calculation with CJ to see where data could be improved.

Considered if there were any actions that we can take now. Suggestions that we highlight actions taken within rooms, raising public awareness based on how public spaces are heated / lit / maintained. Raise awareness with council staff about carbon reduction, competitions to engage people and highlight new policy. Use parks and open spaces to highlight message.

IT gave update on ESIF bid, property team are investigating options for council housing, Piel Island options being investigated. Draft LEP bid by end of January, money needs to be spent in 20/21 (£750,000). Full bids due in Feb. April soft start date. Summative assessment part of plan – need to monitor how you've done what you set out to achieve, so a carbon audit will be essential early on. LEP bid needs to show economic measures and business growth – if we can show that link we have more opportunity for further bids. Governance of ESIF bid fits into quarterly cycle of this group. Art Gene will be engaging the wider public.

29th March for session with Art Gene and wider stakeholders.

ACTION: AC to add IT to circulation and send invite for session.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Mike Otto confirmed date of 20th Jan 1-3pm for workshop with Energy Savings Trust

ACTION: AC to send out invite after this meeting.

Grants / funding available

SS has put in a bid for the National Lottery Heritage Fund which includes a number of upgrades to the Dock Museum, including solar panels.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 6th February 2020
Time: 1:00pm to 3:00pm
Venue: Committee Room 4