

Delivering the Warwickshire Climate Change StrategySteering Group Meeting

Friday September 4th 2009 09:30 for 10:00 till 13:00  
Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

**Minutes****1. Welcome, Present, Introductions, Apologies****Present**

Nick Hillard (University of Warwick)	Roger Matthews (Transition stratford)	Dave Passingham (Climate Action Network - Stratford, Sustainable Action Stratford, Transition Stratford, transition Shipston)	Liane Auliffe (Environment Agency)
Richard Berry (Climate Change Solution)	Brent Davis (NBBC)	David Jullien (Act on Energy – formerly known as WEEAC)	Dr. Jacky Lawrence (WCC)
Professor Tony Marmont (Beacon Energy)	Andrew Wolstenholme (Sterling Associates, Chair Burton Dasset Parish Council)	Mike Woolacott (GreenWatt – a division of ATI Projects Ltd.)	Emma Clarke (WCC)
Roger Poole (WCC, Highways Policy)	Siobahn Smith (Wolseley Sustainable Building Centre)	David Baxendale (NWBC)	Chris Begg (Hill Close Gardens)
John Shattock (GOWM)	John Stott (Make Henley Greener)	Linda Ridgley, (Warwickshire Rural Community Council)	Stephen Marks (RBC)
Mike Wollacott (GreenWatt Technology)	Tom Downham (Warwickshire Police)	John Cashmore (Warwickshire Police)	Linda Ridgley (WRCC)

**Apologies**

Paul Chapman (SDC)	Lynne Roscrow (Carbon Trust)	Jeffrey Corrigan (Broadview Energy)	Gitta Ashworth (Warwick and Leamington Friends fo the Earth)	Steve Maxey (NWBC)
David Curle (WCC)	Susan Juned (GreenWatt Technology)	Cllr Matilda May (NWBC)	Cllr Simon Jackson (SDC)	Alex Patterson (Stratford upon Avon College)



Tony McNally (Climate Change Solutions)	Chris Jones (NWBC)	John Buckingham (Environment Agency)	Bernard Perkins, Craydene Associates, Encraft, WDC Action 21 Energy Group, Leamington Transition)	

## 2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

No matters Arising.

## 3. Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy – Communications

- **Progress Reporting**

### ENERGY

David Jullien reported to the group how Act on Energy were supporting this years Switch It Off campaign, taking place on the week commencing the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Central networks will once again be monitoring consumption during the Big Switch Off taking place on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30.

Nick Hillard - The University of Warwick is at the end of year 3 of it's Carbon management action plan. The plan was dependent on some big schemes such as solar pv, micro generation of wind, and 3 electric vehicles. A number of lessons have been learnt over the three years.

Brent Davis (NBBC) – The low energy lightening and controls have not been achieving results expected, BD has arranged meeting with consultants to look into this issue.

Looking into funding for voltage optimization in larger buildings – 12 – 15% reduction in consumption

- Application to Energy Savings Trust to get on 1:2:1 support programme has been successful. NBBC will be working with the Energy Savings Trust for two years. Looking at...
- Emissions from vehicle fleet
- Input into new housing of commercial buildings to influence energy efficiency
- Engaging with private sector households & small and medium businesses



Stephen Marks (RBC) – Ongoing work on affordable warmth, working with Carbon Trust to look at properties.

Accommodation review is on hold, now need to look at energy efficiency of own buildings.

NI 185 data seems to vary in what has been included across districts and boroughs e.g. social housing. Need to be careful when comparing across authorities.

BD at future Energy Management meetings we can address the differences across authorities.

Jacky Lawrence has received all spreadsheets back and will distribute back to districts and boroughs. JL

### **TRANSPORT**

Mike Woollacott is currently working with Johnson Coaches who have the Stratford Park and Ride contract. Would like to initiate a low carbon transport group. MW informed the group that funding for the area is available. MW would be happy to chair such a group with WCC support in providing a venue, sending out agenda etc.

**Action JL** – To email group for expressions of interest. JL

Tony Marmont shared with the group information on his air fuel synthesis work which is a method of making fuels, ranging from petrol to diesel and jet A, using renewable energy together with raw materials of water, and carbon dioxide from the air. TM suggested that they hope to produce a 100 tonnes of AFS a year. Leicestershire City Council are investigating the potential of building a production plant.

### **RESOURCE EFFICIENCY**

JL offered to send Phil Dicken information on Gray Water harvesting. Siobahn Smith stated that she is happy to provide members with information on Gray Water harvesting. SS

**Action JL** to put SS in contact with PD JL

Action All to send EC or JL information on Gray water harvesting to be placed on partnership pages. All



David Baxendale reported on progress of North Warwickshire Boroughs eco street – Work has now started on the street of 35 houses, which are around 100 years old and have solid walls. Some of the properties will have ground source heat pumps some solar pv.

**Action DB** to send out information on eco street

DB

DB reported to the group that the Merevale biomass plant is being re-examined in November

NWBC is awaiting to see who will be leading on climate change.

SS – Reporting on Wolseley Sustainable Building Centre - Challenging suppliers with packaging thinking of life cycle costings and analysis

Constantly upgrading the sustainable buildings centre, adding new products

Starting a product to retrofit a 1930's house with Worcestershire Bosch.

John Cashmore - Refurbishing most police stations and replacing some, looking at producing an energy profile, there is some interest in multi purpose buildings.

### **ADAPTATION**

MW - Project looking at stimulating green jobs in the West Midlands, working with Advantage West Midlands, Private Enterprise, universities and sixth forms to encourage people into Environmental jobs.

### **COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION**

Liane Auliffe - JB at the environment agency is interested in holding some lunch time briefings for staff. He would like information on CHP.

**Action** BD to contact JB to provide presentation on Nuneaton and Bedworth's CHP.

BD

JL asked attendees if they require links in the partnership pages, if they do to send links to EC or JL.

All

Act on Energy will soon be working with Warwickshire County council to support 12 schools across Warwickshire in creating action plans to reduce the consumption of energy within the school.

DJ

Act On Energy is currently finishing off Energy Audits in village Halls in Stratford and is seeking funding to do a similar project in Rugby.



Alex Patterson - Stratford college interested in motivational campaign for staff and students to reduce energy consumption. NH to send AP information on University of Warwick Eco Power Rangers.

NH

JL gave a talk to civil service. She provided information to the civil service on the WCC carbon management action plan revisited, Local Area Agreement and NI 186 the one tonne challenge. JL felt the presentation was well received and created a lot of discussion.

JL stated to the group that at the last meeting there had been discussions around creating a brochure on the groups services. JL asked attendees to complete details on sheet to be entered onto the partnership pages.

All

Richard Berry - Climate Change Solutions are in the process of establishing a climate change centre. This will be a showcase centre to provide communities with information. Coventry City Council has provided a venue for this. The intention is to invite people in to display what others can do & education.

Also working with Garden Organics, looking at retro fitting a 1920's house.

LA reported to the group that the Environment Agency had recently organised a market street event where all functions were brought together. Families were invited to the event with the aim of raising awareness.

John Shattock - Government Office of West Midlands (GOWM) is working in partnership with UKCIP to hold a week of seminars looking at UKCIP projections. The seminars have been targeted at a variety of people with a launch day for regional leaders, day for local authority practitioners etc.

SS reported that Wolsley continue to do talks, presentations and events and hope to publish dates on web pages.



Linda Ridgley (WRCC) – Working with grass roots organisations to encourage people to do what they can on a community basis. In October bringing people together at a Future proofing community event at Ettington.

Working with Parish and town councils consulting on energy efficiency and sustainability – demand for allotments is up and interest in grow your own.

Warwick District and Rugby borough LEADER project money is available for community projects involving community cohesion, local arts and food. Contact = Gareth Davis at Garden Organics.

Roger Matthews (Transition Stratford) –

- Had a initial meeting in February,
- Hoping to cover all Stratford District
- Constitution written up
- Sub groups formed – Food, Energy, Economy & skills
- Public meeting was held in May – number of ideas emerged such as garden sharing
- Public meeting on energy 3<sup>rd</sup> October
- Looking at engaging existing agencies.

Dave Passingham (Transition Shipston and surrounding villages)

Interest in Shipston from a wide range of people who have a variety of skills.

Had two open meetings with around 35 people at each.

Whichford has created a number of allotments with 12/13 people on already.

Ilmington a village of under 1000 people wont to set up own transition group.

Mayor of Stratford has signed up to covenant of mayors. JL is looking at funding for community groups to create there own energy descent plans.

## **STRATEGIC**

### **Warwickshire climate change strategy review 2008**

The Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy is on the web site [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechange](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechange)

## **ii. Requests for help / Barriers to progress / previously unidentified projects**



**Switch It Off 2009**

Act on Energy will be leading on this years Switch It Off campaign taking place the week of the 9<sup>th</sup> November.

Any organisations are able to share resources available to download from web page [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchitoff](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchitoff)

Asked for suggestion on how to engage businesses.

**Green Star Homes Questionnaire** – JS provided a demonstration of the questionnaire, and asked for comments from the group.

LR stated an accompanying handout would be useful in order to explain what the questionnaire is and what you can do next.

**Starbold Wind Farm Proposals** – JL distributed the Starbold Wind farm Newsletter to the group.

**iii. Monthly Events update / Community Newsletter**

Emma continues with the monthly community biased climate change newsletter. All to send a paragraph and photo of any community story they wish to promote. EC  
All

Emma continues with the monthly business biased email with links to news and events. All to send Emma details of climate change related stories and events they wish to promote. EC  
All

As of August 2009.

- ❖ There were 471 people on the contacts database who get regular (at least monthly) communications including news, events and steering group minutes.
  - ❖ These people represent 195 different organisations.
  - ❖ 35 of these people are active members of the Steering Group.
  - ❖ A separate group of 109 people have signed up to receive the monthly climate change community newsletter (plus all staff in WCC Community Protection).
  - ❖ There are 48 main Climate Change project areas captured in the old Climate Change Action Plan: 16 Energy; 6 Transport; 6 Resource Efficiency; 6 Adaptation; 10 Communications & Education and 4 Strategic projects. The new Action Plan is updated quarterly at Steering Group meetings.
- <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09>

**iv. Case Study Reporting**

Notes

Action:-

We need volunteers to write up their experiences on climate change projects to update the web pages.

All

## **v. Annual Review**

July 2009 progress report

[http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/\\$file/2009+progress+report.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/$file/2009+progress+report.pdf)

Items discussed by the Steering Group

[http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/\\$file/Items+discussed+by+Steering+Group+June+2008+to+June+2009.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/$file/Items+discussed+by+Steering+Group+June+2008+to+June+2009.pdf)

## **4. Action Plan Progress – (green reporting – any update notes to be sent by email before steering group meeting)**

### **NEWS RECEIVED FROM**

News page

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/DBF63CEB1F23786A802572FD004E8B06>

Events page

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/9299E73767C15FE5802572E10056792E>

News, events and details of the Action Plan appear on the Partnership pages

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechangepartnership>

## **5. Funding Opportunities**

Community funding page

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/5BF5779B892DD02A802573FB003C19DC>

## **6. Any other business**

None

## **7. Date and venue of next meetings**

Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> 09 – Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

