

Delivering the Warwickshire Climate Change StrategySteering Group Meeting4th June 2010 09:30 for 10:00 till 13:00Brandon Marsh Nature Centre, Brandon Lane**Minutes****1. Welcome, Present, Introductions, Apologies****Present**

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| Nick Hillard (University of Warwick) | Roger Matthews (Transition Stratford) | Gitta Ashworth (Warwick and Leamington Friends of the Earth, Transition Town Leamington) | Cllr Simon Jackson (SDC) |
| Bernard Perkins, WDC Action 21 Energy Group, Craydene Associates, Encraft | Ed Brown (EST) | David Jullien (Act on Energy – formerly known as WEEAC) | Dr. Jacky Lawrence (WCC) |
| Emma Clarke (WCC) | Steve Harris (Allied Vehicles) | Siobahn Smith (Wolseley Sustainable Building Centre) | David Baxendale (NWBC) |
| Barbara Cooper (Transition Stratford) | Stephen Marks (RBC) | Linda Ridgley, (Warwickshire Rural Community Council) | Ian Jelley (WWT) |
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Apologies

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| Paul Chapman (SDC) | Siobharn Hill (South Warks NHS Trust) | Mike Woolacott (GreenWatt – a division of ATI Projects Ltd) | John Buckingham (Environment Agency) | Alex Patterson (Stratford upon Avon College) |
| Phil Dickin (WWT) | Susan Juned (GreenWatt) | Lynne Roscrow (Carbon Trust) | Brent Davis (NBBC) | Tony Marmont (Beacon Energy) |
| Chris Thomas (UKCIP) | | | | |

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

No matters Arising.

3. Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy – Communications

- **Progress Reporting**



ENERGY

SM – Sub-regional planning policy of renewable energy sources show that Rugby and Stratford are good areas for wind. A paper is going to cabinet to do further research into where wind energy could be feasible.

JL – Camco report will be going on the partnership pages shortly JL

JL – REAP money of £950,000 which was given to the west Midlands by the last government looks like it will still be going ahead. This funding will need to be spend this year, and will be given to people who work with planners, to put in place a programme for capacity building.

Action JL – Put link on partnership bulletin. JL

DJ – Continuing with schools project working with 18 at present.

- Supporting Stratford transition Towns with the training of energy champions.
- Running various training sessions covering various topics.
- Running session at Coombe Abbey 2010 and beyond.
- Supporting SWAT project.
- Continuing to work on NI187 (affordable warmth).

NH – There is a affordable warmth event being held in Warwick

Action NH – To send EC details of event. NH

BP – carried out work on Birmingham Energy Strategy. Looking at a broad renewable energy resource assessment. 22 GWh energy into Birmingham, 30% wasted as heat.

Huge reductions in energy consumption are required to hit carbon reduction targets.

Changing energy use – could achieve 40% reduction.

Efficiency use - 20% reduction could be achieved

Renewables 10 – 20% reduction could be achieved

Key message should be energy conservation. Similar exercise is being run in Coventry.



TRANSPORT

SH – The 4th Anniversary event of WCCP will take place on Tuesday the 6th July at Peugeot's Headquarters, Pinley. Speakers will include Laurence Chittock, Aston University speaking on the CABLED Project, Tim Anderson, Energy Savings Trust and Victoria Johnson, Johnson Coaches.

NH – A brief report on WCCP progress should be sent before the event to encourage people to attend.

Action EC– Send LR WRCC invite information on 4th anniversary EC event to be placed on web pages.

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

DB - NWBC were looking at closing down one of its two major offices however this has currently been suspended due to accommodation refurbishment. Also looking at moving server room over to Warwick.

SS – Wolseley currently have a range of new products such as micro CHP which is now available for domestic.

The centre has now received its 10,000th visitor within its two years and continues to be successful.

Wolseley is working with suppliers in order to cut supplier packaging.

NH – The University of Warwick is still doing a lot of work around its carbon management programme such as

- Refurbishments of kitchens
- Turning of CHP at night
- Promoting car share
- Alternative vehicles - putting in charge points

ADAPTATION

DB – The first twelve residents have moved into North Warwickshire's eco street. A community event will be held in August to teach residents how to use their home properly. The other side of the site is now being refurbished and may involve other types of renewable technologies such as photovoltaics.



COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

BC – The Community Ownership of Renewable Energy event will be taking place on Saturday 26th June at the John Turner Centre, Warwick Hospital. At this event there will be a range of speakers including Energy4All, Wessex Community Assets, Encraft Ltd. The aim of this event is to bring together people ideas from across Stratford and Warwick. BC is taking bookings to attend this free event.

Action All – Any one interested in attending this free event please inform BC. ALL

RM – Workshop on sustainable energy for historic buildings was held on the 18th May at Stratford Town Hall. The event was well attended with positive feedback received from delegates. Feedback included the need to get information and advice out to people on historic buildings. RM reported that there will be at least one follow up meeting to take forward actions.

Transition Stratford will be running its first training session for volunteer energy champions on Saturday the 12th June.

SM asked the question, in terms of the volunteers providing advice to members of the public, have the issue of the suitability of these volunteers been considered ?

RM responded by stating that the project is being supported by Stratford District Council who will be carrying out CRB checks on volunteers and looking at insurance.

The Garden Share Scheme is continuing to move forward, there are now 25-30 would be gardeners and ten gardens, with 5 confirmed shares.

Both the Energy Champions and Garden Share scheme has been set up in a way that they are replicable. The group is happy to share this information.

Action BC – To send article to LR WRCC on the garden share scheme. BC

JL – We can also put information about the garden share scheme on WCCP web pages and create a case study. JL/EC

DB – North Warwickshire BOG (branching out bus) bus was taken out into the community in order to spread information. It was felt that this had not been as successful as they had wished due to poor weather.



EB - EST are currently revamping the Local Authority support programme. Hoping to complete this in July

Action All – If interested in taking part in this scheme please contact EB. ALL

EC – Handed out poetry books to all the group which had been created by pupils from Worcestershire and Warwickshire schools for last years Switch it Off campaign.

LR – Working on next month's WRCC magazine, this goes to all rural areas across Warwickshire.

Action All – ant articles for the magazine please send to LR ALL

- Continuing to support local community shops
- Energy savings in in community buildings
- Setting up community shops

SM – There are grants available up to £50,000 for parish councils, however this round of funding ends at the end of this month.

Action SM to send LR information for magazine on next round of funding. SM

BP – Action21 have moved into their sustainability centre in Jephson Gardens, Leamington. The group ran a permaculture course and have a observation Bee hive.

NH – Is it the role of the partnership to have an opinion of what's happening in Warwickshire which will effect climate change?

JL – We have to be careful as there are a lot of sensitivities.

NH – Is there a standard response which can be sent from the partnership, which asks if climate change issues can be considered?

JL – Standard wording could be used on a letter however this would need to come from individual organisation's.

Action JL – To put words together for a standard response from individual members of the WCCP to consultations. JL



NH – This group needs to be seen to be having value.

JL – We will run a review of the group and where we want to go.

Action JL – Send review questionnaire to **NH** for comments.

JL/NH

STRATEGIC

Warwickshire climate change strategy review 2009-10

The Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy is on the web site
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechange

The July 2009 / July 2010 Progress Report is available on the web site
[http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/\\$file/by+sector+2010+progress+report.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/$file/by+sector+2010+progress+report.pdf)

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

Feed in Tariffs discussion – Looking at PV in domestic situations could be profitable in the future.

SM – In terms of housing associations and local authorities are there going to be any benefits of installing renewables on social housing?

BP – Matthew Rhodes has been doing a lot of work on this.

SM – Would someone like to speak to relevant colleagues on how financially beneficial this could be.

Action SM – contact DJ in regards to arranging this.

SM

Action EC – Put information on Feed in Tariffs on partnership pages.

EC



Community Action on Climate Change workshop - On 1st February 2010, groups and organisations from Warwickshire and from Coventry met to discuss how to develop community action in response to climate change. The meeting identified a number of reasons for looking to community action as part of a general response to climate change: in particular, people need to be empowered to play their part in responding to climate change.

This initial meeting was followed up by a workshop for Warwickshire organisations, which was held on 27th May 2010. This looked in more detail at **how** we could grow community action on climate change. There were two main sessions.

- In the first, participants discussed what community action might involve and how the organisations they represented might support it.
- In the second, participants how Warwickshire County Council's Save Warwickshire A Tonne (SWAT) campaign might be developed to foster community action: these discussions generated a wide range of ideas which have been added to the SWAT development plan.

Five ideas emerged from these discussions.

1. Communicating with all community organisations about climate change
2. Sharing information and best practice
3. Working with local businesses
4. Public sector partnerships
5. Consistent messages

Next steps

The report will be circulated widely for comment and feedback on the five key themes. In addition to feedback the basic ideas, suggestions will be welcome on ways to take these ideas forward. ALL

A further meeting will be held to map out how these ideas can be implemented, setting out practical steps, responsibilities and timetables. The resulting action plan will then be circulated for further comment and amendment before being adopted by the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership.

Warwickshire Cava has a large role to play in community engagement so this may be a good starting point.

Action JL – to begin dialogue with Warwickshire Cava.

JL



iii. Monthly Events update / Community Newsletter

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

WCC continues with a monthly 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

News, events and details of the Action Plan appear on the Partnership pages <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/climatechangepartnership>

As of June 2010.

- ❖ There are 596 people on the contacts database who get regular (at least monthly) communications including news, events and steering group minutes.
- ❖ These people represent 201 different organisations.
- ❖ 37 of these people are active members of the Steering Group.
- ❖ A separate group of 141 people have signed up to receive the monthly climate change community newsletter (plus all staff in WCC Community Protection).

iv. Case Study Reporting

No new case studies received this quarter.

v. Annual Review

The July 2009 / July 2010 Progress Report is available on the web site [http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/\\$file/by+sector+2010+progress+report.pdf](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/7E511CDA04990774802572E1004F3F09/$file/by+sector+2010+progress+report.pdf)

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

NEWS RECEIVED FROM

No news received in advance of the meeting this month.



5. Funding Opportunities

No news.

6. Any other business

None.

7. Date and venue of next meetings

Friday 10th September, Montague Road, Warwick

Friday December 4th 09 – Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

