

Delivering the Warwickshire Climate Change StrategySteering Group Meeting

3rd December 2010 09:30 for 10:00 till 13:00
Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

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

Dr. Jacky Lawrence (WCC)	Emma Clarke (WCC)	Brent Davis (NBBC)	Frank Green (Sustainable Rugby, Rugby FoE)
Gitta Ashworth (Warwick and Leamington Friends of the Earth, Transition Town Leamington)	Roger Matthews (Transition Stratford)	Barbara Cooper (Community Energy – Warwickshire, Transition Stratford)	Martin Agar (Orbit Heart of England Housing)
Bernard Perkins (Craydene Associates, Action 21, Transition Town Leamington)	Paul Chapman (SDC)	Stephen Marks (RBC)	Ed Brown (EST)
Siobhan Smith (Morrison's Facilities Management)	Cllr Simon Jackson (SDC)	Chris Begg (Hill Close Gardens)	Siobhan Hill (South Warks NHS Trust)

Apologies

David Baxendale (NWBC)	Nick Hillard (University of Warwick)	Alex Patterson (Stratford upon Avon College)	David Jullien (Act on Energy)	Tony Marmont (Beacon Energy)
Chris Thomas (UKCIP)	John Barnham (Orbit Heart of England Housing)	Linda Ridgley (WRCC)	Dave Passingham (Transition Shipston)	Mike Woolacott (GreenWatt – a division of ATI Projects Ltd)
Susan Juned (GreenWatt)	Steve Harris (Allied Vehicles)			

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed

3. Matters Arising

No matters Arising.

4. Specific Agenda Items - requests for help / Barriers to progress /

previously unidentified projects

WCCP review 2010 -

Initial discussion led by Roger Matthews (views from the questionnaires – what's it all about? what's useful about being involved? What are the problems? Where now?, then Jacky Lawrence.

JL from 2010 review results it appears that people appear to value the building capacity element of the partnership, should we stick with this or move forward?

What are the 5 key achievements of the WCCP? - discussion

SH finds it very useful to hear peoples opinions on new strategies, legislations and technologies.

SM – this is an enabling group, by coming to these meetings I can learn what is happening in other areas and feedback to decision makers. We need to be realistic on what this group can achieve.

CB – Finds it beneficial to find out what local authorities are doing.

PC – learning from other district and boroughs.

BD – This groups provides information to inform decisions which can be then fed back to influence own organisation.

JL – the key achievements of the group include the wood fuel market making activities and the 4 year Switch It Off campaign which won national recognition.

Key Focuses

- Carbon reduction in own organisations through shared learning
- Shift towards topic areas, with core group being an information exchange
- Working with SME's in Nuneaton and Bedworth
- Engaging groups in the north of the county
- Community ownership of renewables
- Working directly with community / householders to support existing groups and establish new ones to take on the challenges of climate change, energy efficiency and peak oil through the Transition Town movement
- Building skills / building capacity
- Engaging with existing groups not related to energy / climate change – residents Associations, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, Communities Teams etc.



5. Action Plan - progress reporting

ENERGY

Local authorities and renewables – Two meetings have now been held, the first was with Lloyds bank who presented to the group information of projects they had been involved in.

At the second meeting Dave Allport from Birmingham City Council spoke to the group regarding the Green Deal.

If anyone wished to view the presentation slides please contact Jacky Lawrence

All

Community Renewables Conference – The first conference held in June was funded by Action 21, Renewable Energy Club - Warwickshire, Stratford Transition Town, Leamington Transition Town etc, and hosted by South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust. Response to the first meeting was positive. Follow up meetings have occurred. At these meetings it has been decided

- 1) the group will create a social enterprise
- 2) will issue shares through a co-op to the public to raise finances for renewable energy projects.

For any additional information please contact Barbara Cooper.

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The initial project will be to put PV on Warwick hospital roof. It is hoped that around £1 million capital will be raised, but installation can be done in chunks depending on finances.

CB – Trustees at **Hill Close Gardens** have agreed to install PV on the site. It is hope this will be achieved by the summer.

BD – The voltage optimisation is now in its fourth month of installation. Although it is saving electricity it is not saving as much as expected. NBBC has a guarantee from installers who will compensate financially if savings not achieved.

On track to get rid of 1 out 3 corporate office blocks which should decrease electricity consumption by 25% as the required amount of computer server can be halved.



JL - Report available on web pages on WCC growing its own woodfuel.

WCC is putting in smart metering.

WCC have experienced problems with the installation of T8 to T5 lights.

TRANSPORT

BD – Taking a presentation to the environment panel in December to look at alternatives to fuel vehicles for the fleet. Will ask councillors to decide whether they should use diesel, natural gas or bio-methane. Need to replace 50-60 vehicles in the next year, so will require a clear steer in which direction to go. Looking at the potential of running refuse collection on bio-methane however this will cost £150-160,000 per vehicle. Aim to lower carbon footprint.

RESOURCE EFFICIENCY

SH – SW NHS Foundation Trust have now completed £16,000 worth of projects saving 600 tonnes of carbon. They are now looking at

- Bringing in community elements
- Looking at transport fleet
- Building Assets

Happy to share information and novel ideas. Doing research on adaptation in public buildings.

SM – RBC is currently rationalising building stock

Having discussions on feed in tariffs

Affordable warmth – mail out has been carried out to private sector on insulation offers.

MA – There is now a sustainable investment team in place which has completed 98% of an energy performance survey on the housing stock. By April, will have an adequate carbon footprint figure.

Currently doing insulation projects , 58 ground source heat pumps in Tyso, would also like to put PV on housing stock. Interested in investigating potential to put PV on private stock.

Starting a pilot with Eon on 1900 solid wall project on external walls in Coventry.

Working on a passive housing project

Talking with other social housing providers to look at links.

Monitoring projects to track savings.

Working with local councils to see what can do to meet agenda.



ADAPTATION

JL - **Adaptation Workshops** were all held apart from commerce due to lack of participation. Out puts from workshops will be placed on the Warwickshire Climate Change partnership web pages. A link to this will be put in the monthly news & events bulletin. JL

COMMUNICATIONS & EDUCATION

JL emailed planning officers to see who would be interested in receiving support from planning officers. Two responses were received one from Coventry city council and the other Stratford District Council.

SM suggested a couple of partnership members have separate meeting with planners to discuss. SM and BP interested in speaking to planners. SM, BP

JL WCC Resources Directorate has carried out a project with two Warwick University Business school students looking at Peak Oil – Report is available on the web pages.

Nuneaton Transition Town has had its' first two meetings – The draft constitution has been put together – hoping to engage more Nuneaton residents. 1st project will be on food with Stockingford Early Years Centre. Will look at

- Producing food
- Cooking

Have been offered the use of avenue in Bulkington for formal meetings.

20 people now on the contact list. Next formal meeting will be a talk on peak oil, what it is and how it will impact. JL, BP

BP – Working with colleagues on putting together information on energy security. At present has training materials and a half an hour presentation.

Community Engagement

GA – **The Action 21 Sustainability Centre** will be open for a few hours 10-12 every third week on Friday and Saturday mornings.

SJ – Invited Roger Matthews and Dave Passingham to speak to the advisory panel for cabinet on the things they are doing within the community, " People engage with things that are fun"



PC – Stratford District Council are supporting Transition Stratford with the Energy Champions scheme.

RM – Stratford Transition
Energy Champions Scheme

Historic Buildings – looking at ways to make more energy efficient, report back meeting to be held on Monday

Decided to organise a pilot harvest share scheme and redistribute it to elderly people home , church group etc. Looking at how to take this forward next year as collected half a tonne of fruit. If this increased more temporary storage space would be required, more people and better organisation.

Working with Stratford District Council to reduce waiting times for allotments, by offering them to take part on the Garden Share scheme. Also help identify a plot of land courtesy of orbit for new allotments in spring.

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)

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

6. Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy - Communications

Emma is leaving WCC in late December and is unable to continue with the monthly community biased climate change newsletter which included SWAT news.



WCC is therefore also unable to continue with a monthly email with links to news and events to the same extent unless WCC is sent articles for inclusion on the web site.

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

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)

7. 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

Cllr Simon Jackson interested in sustainable procurement policies..

7. Date and venue of next meetings

Friday March 4th 2011 – Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

