

Warwickshire **Climate Change Partnership**

Delivering the Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy

9th Steering Group Meeting

Monday 4th June 2007 9:30 for 10:00 till 13:00
Montague Road Training Room, Warwick

Minutes

1. Welcome, Present, Introductions, Apologies

Present

Jacky Lawrence (WCC)	Gillian Rutledge (WCC)	Andy Stevenson, (Energy West Midlands)	Bernard Perkins, WDC Action 21 Energy Group
Peter Baynham (Eon UK)	Matthew Rhodes (Encraft)		

Apologies

Professor Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Ltd	Brent Davis (NBBC)	Paul Leeman (WDC)	Steve Maxey (North Warwickshire Borough Council)	Rachel Berger (Practical Action)
Rodney King (Open University / Action21)	Simon Helmer (Carbon Trust)	Bill Johnson (Warwickshire County Council)	Robert Bullock (Warwickshire Police)	Ewan Calcott (Forestry Commission)
Stephen Marks (Rugby Borough Council)	Paul Chapman (Stratford District Council)			

2. Minutes of last meeting

Agreed.



3. Warwickshire Climate Change Strategy - Communications

- **Reporting progress at Steering Group meetings**

It was agreed that some form of red, amber, green (RAG) reporting will be developed. This to be based on financial critical path and time-scale. Exact definitions / rules to be developed. GR

Minutes to include highlights from each project for distribution but not covered in details at the meetings. All

Those projects traffic lighted red and amber will be discussed to see if any of the Members of the Partnership can help in any way. This categorization should be done in a non-judgmental way – the main aim being to work together to get a project back on track. All

Need to define criteria for RAG reporting– could be :- (comments please) All

Green – all on time and on budget.

Amber – Any of the deliverables* 10 % off target.

Red – Project missed deadline or unrecoverable.

Where a project is amber or red, then a Gantt chart would highlight where the issues occur.

*Deliverable - the strategic objectives of the project linked to the programme or organization strategy. Deliverables should be described as SMART goals. BP / GR

Template for recording project details to be developed and sent to those that need it. BP has examples he will share. BP

County Council to lead on project reporting. GR

- **Six-monthly Reporting**

Emissions monitoring spreadsheet developed. Only the relevant parts to be sent to project leads. GR

Need to group similar project together for reporting – i.e. GR

- all WCC Salix projects
- all energy efficiency projects
- all renewable projects

OFGEM have a spread sheet for working out lifetime CO₂ savings. PB to send link. PB

- **Monthly Events update**



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The monthly events update will be sent out on the last Friday of every month. Please let Gillian know if you have any climate change related event or useful information for including in this monthly briefing. When the web site is further developed this will appear on the web and only a link sent out.

All
GR

- **Annual Review**

Copy to be sent to Bernard Perkins for comment.
Paper copies given to others present for comment.

JL

Investigate when and how it would be possible to report progress upwards to Energy West Midlands or Advantage West Midlands.

AS

- **Partnership's First Anniversary**

Suggestions included:

Launch of an Adaptation / Offset scheme with Practical Action. JL leading on.

JL JL

Steering Group / Lead Councillors' day out to do some sort of hands-on project in the part of the National Forest in Warwickshire. Eg. Learn how to do coppicing. Photo opportunity. PB to look into further.

PB

Launch a competition for award next year – to fit in with the AWM funded Public Buildings project. Award would be for the '**Most Improved Public Building**'. MR to look into further. Competition to win a thermal image of your building.

MR

- **Best Role for LAs in delivering this strategy (including LAA)**

Suggestions included:-

Planning; publicity and awareness raising; coordination in a geographical area; sign posting to good advice; signposting to available grants; gather data on model projects; signpost to ESTA accredited installers; signpost to the Energy technology list; other signposting

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

4. Action Plan Progress

Action	Owner
<p>Energy</p> <p>1. Awareness Campaign - "Switch it off" The final report for Warwickshire of SIO 2006 is now on the web site http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/switchitoff Planning for 2007 campaign well under way. GR to send pdf to PB for freight best practice anti-idling resources.</p> <p>2. Mapping of Warwickshire's Renewable Energy Resources http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/commercial/enterprises/pfr.htm</p>	GR



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<p>3. Biomass Heating Project Biomass event steering group to meet on 22nd June to discuss the best way to structure an event to make practical things happen.</p> <p>AS to provide an update on Eccleshall at the next meeting.</p> <p>4. Installation of Heat pumps for low energy under-floor heating Nothing to report today.</p> <p>5. Procurement of Climate Change Levy Exempt / Renewable Electricity Nothing to report today.</p> <p>6. Home Energy Efficiency projects (HECA) Nothing to report today.</p> <p>7. Community Energy Champions Nothing to report today.</p> <p>8. Micro Wind Project The project is now supported by BRE and can extend to 23 sites. BRE are paying for the monitoring. The project included 3 sites in Cornwall as reference sites. http://www.warwickwindtrials.org.uk/</p> <p>9. School Energy Projects Ashlawn school has received planning permission from the county for its wind turbine. It is looking for additional sources of funding but hopes to be installed later in the summer. School Renewables Energy day scheduled for 6th July.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>AS</p> <p>Matthew Rhodes (Encraft)</p> <p>Stephen Marks (RBC)</p>
<p>Transport</p> <p>10. Alternatively Fuelled Vehicle Project (incl biodiesel) Energy West Midlands bio-diesel project scrapped for South Warwickshire as there are no willing suppliers available. WCC biodiesel project due to go ahead, looking at a 5% blend, exploring ESPO suppliers.</p> <p>11. Working with Coventry Airport to mitigate expected increases in traffic emissions The next meeting with Coventry Airport is on Thursday 28th June.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>Laura Vesty (WCC)</p>



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<p>12. Development and Monitoring of Business Travel Plans</p> <p>The Education and Inspections Act came into force 1st April 07. This act means that LAs need to assess all of the travel and transport needs of all children and young people in their area and promote sustainable travel. It includes an audit of the infrastructure and a strategy needs to be published on our website by the end of August.</p> <p>The main principals of the duty are to increase choice for disadvantaged children by removing the lack of affordable transport as a barrier to choice, so current transport provisions for children up to 8 (free transport if over 2 miles to nearest appropriate school) are being extended to children up to 11 in Sept 07. In Sept 08 all disadvantaged secondary school pupils (free school meals/ max Working Family Tax Credit) will be entitled to free travel/ transport to one of their three nearest suitable schools within a radius of 2-6 miles.</p> <p>Overall WCC's Sustainable Travel Team feel that this new act will have negative climate change impacts as those children currently receiving a free bus service but that are not disadvantaged will be brought to school by car, whereas low income families who would have walked to their nearest school will now be bused/ taxied to one further away.</p>	<p>Laura Vesty (WCC's Sustainable Travel Team)</p>
<p>13. Food for Life</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>Resource Efficiency</p> <p>14. EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (legal requirement)</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p> <p>15. Sharing of Best Practice in Sustainable Procurement</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p> <p>16. Developing Supplementary Planning Guidance for climate change, renewable energy, energy efficiency</p> <p>SWM are funding a review of planning best practice in the domestic sector, identifying best practice in Europe through the SHAP programme. http://www.sustainabilitywestmidlands.org.uk/assets/userfiles/shap/planning/000181.pdf</p> <p>17. Implementation of Corporate Waste Minimisation Strategies</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p> <p>18. Extending NISP into Warwickshire (Resource efficiency clubs)</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p> <p>19. Development, Implementation and Monitoring of a Countywide Warwickshire Waste Partnership Strategy</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>20. Install SMART Metering in SMEs</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>Adaptation</p>	



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21. **Sustainable Construction Project**

Nothing to report today.

22. **Sustainable Public Buildings Project**

23. **Public Health Services in a Changing Climate**

Excess winter mortality in Warwickshire 1981-2003

Report Summary

Warwickshire experiences higher levels of mortality in winter than summer. Our work examines the magnitude of the problem, reasons for excess winter mortality and possible solutions to tackle the problem.

Method

We calculated total deaths in each seasonal year, excess winter deaths and the proportion of deaths occurring in each winter as a percentage, compared to the proportion expected if there were no true excess in winter. We searched relevant literature to find explanations for our observations. We also held consultative meetings with relevant offices in the county to try and find most relevant explanations and best intervention methods to reduce excess winter deaths.

Findings

There continues to be significant excess winter deaths in all Districts in Warwickshire. This finding is in relation to all causes of deaths except for cancers. It was most extreme for deaths from respiratory causes. We related mortality to average daily temperatures, indoor and outdoors temperatures, housing, wind, deprivation including fuel poverty, and flue vaccination coverage.

Recommendations:

Emphasis is on the individual, partnership working and multisectorial approach to tackling excess winter deaths in Warwickshire.

24. **Adapting County Risk Management and other Strategies to include Climate Change**

Nothing to report today.

Matthew Rhodes
(Encraft)

Dr. Christopher Zishiri
(Specialist Registrar in Public Health Medicine, Warwickshire PCT)



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<p>25. Linking the aims of the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership with Business Planning</p> <p>An industrial estate has had a meeting to discuss plans to hopefully submit a proposal to the Planners for a 2.5MW heat and power plant that will provide power for 2 or 3 new housing developments using proven district heating technology from Denmark. Also proposed is a 200.000sq/ft industrial estate that will be heated and powered. The heat and power plant will mostly use waste wood topped up with coppiced willow. The proposed is still trying to reach agreement with the owners of the land adjacent to the industrial estate to make the project possible.</p>	
<p>Communication and Education</p>	
<p>26. Biodiversity baseline report - climate change indicator species</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>27. Gathering Good Practice Case Studies from members of the Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>28. Development of an Action, Emissions and Reporting System</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>29. Development of an Annual Warwickshire Climate Change Award Scheme</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>30. Provision of Climate Change Training to Councillors on Planning Committees</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>31. Development and Implementation of a Warwickshire Climate Change Communications Strategy</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>32. Offsetting Emissions – The Promotion of well managed and certified schemes</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>33. Promotion and Management of Corporate Invest to Save Type Schemes</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>34. Skills Mapping / Gap Analysis to identify training requirements to deliver actions</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>35. Preparation of an Annual Warwickshire Climate Change Partnership Report</p> <p>July 3rd – first anniversary of strategy launch.</p> <p>July 7th – climate change concerts around the world. UK one at Wembley.</p>	
<p>36. Development of Tourism opportunities - energy trails/walks/bike rides/etc.</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	
<p>37. Development of Business Opportunities in manufacturing, specifying provision and installation of Low Carbon Technologies</p> <p>Nothing to report today.</p>	

5. Funding Opportunities



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RBC has allocated £14k for small grants for microgeneration / microrenewables for 07/08.

A number of the grants allocated in 06/07 have now been installed - solar hot water and solar PV. (May make good case studies). GR / JL GR / JL to follow up.

Further information from Stephen Marks at RBC All

There has been a £600k historic watermills grant fund established – no further details available at the meeting.

6. Member updates

Detailed design work for Lucy's Mill micro-hydro is now complete. The economic payback back is 10 – 12 years. If anyone finds out about a source of funding, please contact Matthew. All

Energy West Midlands – DTI funding will end soon and AWM will be looking into other funding streams. EWM model is currently publicity/communication; advice when needed; working with regional agencies, eg. AWM. A new Energy Strategy will be drawn up when Energy White Paper is published. AS recommends that the WCCP should aim to input into this new strategy when it is drawn up for the Energy Office. JL / GR

7. Any other business

PB to send EON summary of EWP, Waste Strategy and Planning WP. PB

8. Date and venue of next meetings

Friday September 7th, Montague Road Training Room.

Chris Begg had offered Hill Close Gardens as the venue for the Friday Sep 7th meetin, But unfortunately these arrangements had to be cancelled.

Professor Tony Marmont sent his apologies for this meeting.

Friday December 7th, Eon, Westwood Business park, Coventry.

Peter Baynham of Eon has also offered to host one of our meetings at Eon, Westwood Business Park, Coventry

