

Minutes

Attendance;

Wayne Bexton	WB	Derbyshire County Council
Alison Wheeldon	AW	Derbyshire County Council
Maddison Hill	MH	Derbyshire County Council
Edward Leddy Owen	EO	Bolsover & Northeast
Simon Geikie	SG	Peak Park
Thomas Gunton	TG	South Derbyshire District Council
Peter Corke	PC	Chesterfield Borough Council
Alan Marsden	AM	Derbyshire County Council

Apologies for absence;

Cathy Cooke	DCC
Diane Paradise	Derbyshire PNN
Kathryn Warrington	DCC
Jane Horton	Derbyshire Public Health
David Arkle	Amber Valley
Nikki Wright	DCC
Pete Edwards	Erewash CVS
Chris Dean	Moors for the Future

A tour of the Biomass Boiler took place before the meeting more details of this available here ([link to pdf being sent over](#))

Introductions and apologies

Wayne Bexton opened the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

Climate Change Charter

WB/AW gave an update on the charter. The Action plan has been approved at cabinet in July 2015 and looking at the first monitoring/updating session to be held at the next meeting sometime in January date TBC.

Cabinet report for formal adoption of charter is available here.

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2014-12-02%20Derbyshire%20Climate%20Change_tcm44-255197.pdf

Report approving action plan available here

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2015-07-20%20Item%204%20Climate%20Change%20Charter%20Action%20Plan_tcm44-267751.pdf

Ground Mounted Solar PV update

WB updated on the Solar farm project. 4 sites currently going through planning process. Sites at Westthorpe & Williamthorpe Colliery, Mansfield Road in Temple Normanton and Swanick. Awaiting decision on government consultation on changing the financial support for the solar. APSE have co-ordinated a joint response to the consultation on behalf of the energy group members and requested that civic projects be exempt from the changes. We are expecting a decision shortly and will update the group accordingly once we know the outcome of the consultation.

Planning information on all four sites available here.

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/planning/planning_applications/current_applications/default.asp

Round Table

EO

Central Heating fund award £800k to upgrade 200 homes by June next year

Plesley Mill Long term energy solution off Mansfield Road, Low Head Hydro, PV and trialled Infra Red heating system

SG

Gasifying (SP) boiler installed in tenant farm

Sending links to Data released on National Adaption Programme and Natural England done some research on consequences of climate change on species which includes species local to Derbyshire

TG

New Corporate plan being developed and evidence base being worked on for direction, New director of housing and environment hoping to see climate change raised up the agenda. Personally working on dissertation around Climate Local so will be investigating links around the charter and hopefully use this to raise profile of work being done.

PC & AM A61 Growth Corridor – approx. £20million (gross) to carry out transport infrastructure improvements along the A61 corridor between Sheepbridge (north of Chesterfield) to Clay Cross to unlock growth in housing and jobs. The strategy/ infrastructure options are currently being developed, but it will take a balanced and integrated approach that seeks a transformation in the

use of sustainable travel modes as well as traffic management. The funding is predominantly from D2N2 LEP Growth Deal, including £12.8m allocated specifically towards the A61 Growth Corridor project.

The additional £750,000 is also D2N2 Growth Deal.

Air Quality Management Area, Brimington – see

[http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2015.09.08%20\(4h\)%20Air%20Quality%20Management%20Area_tcm44-269806.pdf](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2015.09.08%20(4h)%20Air%20Quality%20Management%20Area_tcm44-269806.pdf)

PC Biodiversity and conservation – implemented a restricted mowing regime around housing estates which are now sympathetically managed to encourage wild flowers/species development and bringing biodiversity to the community – knock on effect has been halving the diesel consumption of mowers and emissions reduction. Sightlines are still kept clear and has seen a great community response.

AM

Midlands Highway Alliance Adaptation - now extending over EM area and producing a document of best practice.

Date of next meeting
January 2016, date, time and venue tbc