

Minutes

Attendance;

Wayne Bexton	WB	Derbyshire County Council
Alison Wheeldon	AW	Derbyshire County Council
Kathryn Warrington	KW	Derbyshire County Council
Peter Edwards	PE	Erewash CVS
Jane Horton	JH	Derbyshire County Council Public Health
Esther Jones	EJ	High Peak CVS
Michael Reardon	MR	Derbyshire County Council
Aidan Richardson	AR	Peak Park
Sam Whitfield	SW	Peak Park
Alex Hopkinson	AN	Climate East Midlands
Peter Corke	PC	Chesterfield Borough Council
Tim Braund	TB	Derbyshire Dales District Council
Joe Dugdale	JD	Rural Action Derbyshire
Thomas Gunton	TG	South Derbyshire District Council
Edward Leddy-Owen	EO	Bolsover District Council/ North East Derbyshire DC
Cathy Cooke	CC	Derbyshire Eco Centre
David George	DG	Transition Belper

Apologies for absence;

Andrew Kirkland	Derbyshire Police
Sue Quinlan	Environment Agency

Introductions and apologies;

Wayne Bexton opened the meeting, and everyone was introduced.

Minutes of last meeting;

Date change to the next meeting date from 13th March to 29th April. The rest of the minutes from the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record.

Presentation: Transition Belper, ADVyCE and the Ambergate Hydro

- David George from Transition Belper gave a presentation to the group about the work currently being carried by Transition Belper, the forming of a social enterprise and their main project at the moment which involves harnessing the renewable energy of the River Derwent.
- A copy of the presentation has been circulated with these minutes

Information Cascade

- a) ECO/Green Deal – LAEP/DECC bid and Public Health Funding
- b) Climate Local
- c) WARPit
- d) APSE

LAEP/DECC Bid

KW advised the group that the LAEP bid to DECC for around £2.5m to provide a SWI scheme across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire was unsuccessful. Currently awaiting feedback from DECC as to why we were unsuccessful and will be circulated to the group in due course.

Public Health Funding

Two year scheme with 182k per year which will be used to help people with long term health issues, and increase the accessibility of affordable warmth interventions to the most vulnerable. Scheme will be targeted through GP's and will commence from April 2014.

JH advised that SLA is ready to be signed, awaiting the Privacy Impact Statement to be agreed and signed off which should happen next week. Once in place the SLA can then be signed.

KW advised that DECC were interested in this project and want to receive feedback about how the scheme is working.

EJ advised of a similar style of project being run in Oldham which is funded by Public Health and uses a wide range of organisations to help capture eligible clients.

JH highlighted the need to find ways to sustain the project once the funding ends.

Climate Local

WB spoke about the URS draft report on Highways Adaptation for Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire County Councils. One of the recommendations from the report is to sign up to Climate Local initiative and use it to gain access to climate adaptation and resilience resources and support. This also links in with wider work being carried out Climate East Midlands around adaptation. DCC intend to sign up to Climate Local in the next 12 months.

WARPit

WB introduced a new initiative that DCC is currently developing. WARPit is a resource redistribution network which makes it easy for individuals in an organisation to give away or loan unwanted items to others inside the same organisation or beyond. The online site allows users to find and list unwanted items that could be used elsewhere. Currently DCC are trialling the site internally with a view to expanding to partner organisations once we have a usable site.

PE suggested developing private sector involvement through the LEP

EJ highlighted potential issues around mileage to collect items which is one of the areas that we will be looking at as we pilot the project.

CC raised the issue of items not being as described. WB advised that the site is built in a way that should prevent 'mis-selling' but this will be monitored as we develop the scheme over the next few months

APSE

Association Public Service Excellence has been working with some of its members to establish a collaborative approach to delivering energy services. Derbyshire County Council has fully subscribed to the service and date for parliamentary launch has been set for 11th June. KW advised would keep the group (and LAEP) up to date with developments. Also event being held at County Hall in July re: contaminated sites being used for renewable energy sites.

Climate Change Charter

- a) Presentation of Draft
- b) Consultation with Partners
- c) Next Steps

- AW gave a brief presentation on the draft Charter giving an overview of what's in the document and how it's been laid out.
- WB pointed out its very much work in progress and we are very keen for partners to feedback comments, provide ideas and input at this stage. Alison has circulated a copy of the Charter separate to the minutes with details of how to feedback and deadline.
- Currently awaiting report to cabinet to approve consultation process
- Once we have finished consulting with partners, community members and internally we will amend taking into account consultation responses and aim to present at a conference mid-July
- WB highlighted those councils wishing to sign up to the charter may need to seek approval from their own members and DCC will support this process.
- PE mentioned highlighting habitat and the environment used to reduce the impact of flooding.
- EO & JD mentioned in terms of energy saving in homes, the addition of other funding sources such as credit unions alongside Green Deal and ECO

AOB

MR Lift share been awarded contract for next 3 years for car sharing scheme. Sustainable Travel, Scoot to work/school, funding for cycling storage available

CC Garden at eco centre available for training and learning want to maximise use. Renewable energy courses difficult to sell but from April 2015 will be running engineering courses where end product is small scale wind turbine.

PC Biomass boilers at Town Hall, Improving public transport and cycling facilities, Chesterfield Cycling Campaign, feasibility study for route improvals, better storage facilities etc.

EJ High Peak CVS received DECC Big Energy Saving Network funding for helping people to fuel switch.

JD Bidding to Cheshire Lehman fund to investigate and measure the impacts of local led community group projects, if successful will be interviewing local community groups to find out what impact they had on target audience, what is good value etc.

EO Hydrogen fuel cell powering Bolsover council housing.

AH info round up from Climate East Midlands on separate sheet attached

TG Climate Local – draft in place finding it difficult to gain support but hoping Charter will help with this.

DG Belper Goes Green event 31st May and 1st June see separate flyer, cycle path alongside river Derwent, riverside being surveyed for access.

PE Would like to know if we have discussions with Severn Trent regards potential site developments

WB Low Carbon conference in July potential for partnership working. Main DPF meeting in June the charter and work of the group will be on agenda.



Derbyshire Climate Change Group
29th April 2014
10am-11.45am
County Hall, Matlock

Date of next meeting
Proposed date of 31 st July