

**MINUTES OF CLIMATE CHANGE PARTNERSHIP MEETING: 17 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Attendees**

Joanne Pollard	CO <sub>2</sub> Sense
Paul Bellotti	East Ridings of Yorkshire Council
Steve Hunter	Energy Saving Trust
Lucy Marshall	Environment Agency (Sub for Gail Hammond)
Simon Bowens	Friends of the Earth
Tim Godson	GOYH
Cllr Arthur Barker (Chair)	Hambleton District Council
Nicola Baylis (Secretariat)	LGYH
Jon Clubb	LGYH
Roger French	Strategic Health Authority
Anna Steynor (via phone)	UK Climate Impacts Programme
Stewart Clewlow	Yorkshire Forward
Tim Frenneaux	Yorkshire Forward
Debbie Rosen	Yorkshire Forward
Amanda Crossfield	Yorkshire Futures

**Apologies**

Jeremy Walker	-
Gail Hammond	Environment Agency
Carole Cozens	LGYH
Jonathan Brown	Yorkshire Forward
Gordon Rogers	Yorkshire Water

**1. Welcome, Introduction and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and the apologies were noted.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.

An update was given on actions arising from the last meeting, that were not covered elsewhere on the agenda:

- A list of the region's policies and strategies is in the process of being collated by Yorkshire Futures and will be published on the new 'Your Climate' website shortly.
- A letter was sent to the Chairs of the new Transport and Regeneration and Housing Boards inviting them to nominate a representative to the Partnership. Jonathan Brown was nominated to represent the Transport Board and Carole Cozens was nominated to represent the Regeneration and Housing Board.
- It was confirmed that Yorkshire Water had been contacted and that they had expressed their intention to attend meetings more regularly in future. It was also confirmed that Gordon Rogers would be the new representative on the Partnership.
- Joanne Pollard was named as the CO<sub>2</sub> Sense Business representative.
- The DEFRA funding document circulated to group.

- New 'Your Climate' branding is to be signed off in the next week. Templates for a new newsletter, PowerPoint presentation, exhibition banners, and a letter head will follow.
- Members were informed that the Regional Adaptation Study report was currently at the printers and would be circulated when available.

Post Meeting Note: Jon Clubb was interviewed by BBC Radio Sheffield at the Regional day of Projections in Practice Week that took place at the Barnsley Digital Media Centre. The interview was used in news bulletins on 26 September 2009.

### 3. **Integrated Regional Strategy and Sustainable Development Board**

Tim Frenneaux updated members on the development of the IRS.

Members were informed that a project plan was currently being drawn up and would be presented to the Joint Regional Board on 23 October 2009 for sign-off. Workstreams to support the Thematic Boards and inform the draft strategy were also being developed. Under each workstream would be key lines of enquiry, which would be used for the submission of evidence – these would also be presented to the Joint Regional Board on 23 October 2009 for approval.

The consultation on the draft policy options (which are likely to be used for the sustainability appraisal) will take place in Summer 2010.

He concluded by saying that a website, giving detailed information on the IRS and its development, was currently being developed and would go live after the Joint Regional Board Meeting.

Debbie Rosen then updated members on the development of a new Sustainable Development Board.

A paper to the Joint Regional Board on 17 July 2009 outlined proposals for a new Sustainable Development Board. Since then, member job descriptions have been drawn up and will be submitted to the Regional Executive Group for approval at its meeting on 23 September 2009.

It was stated that the Chair of the Board would be appointed through advertisement and interview. However, the recruitment process for members would be less formal, and it was confirmed that opportunities would be circulated as widely as possible. Assuming the recruitment process goes as planned, it was anticipated that the first meeting of the new Board would take place before the end of the year.

Members were informed that the new Board would be focussing on all aspects of sustainable development, and it was hoped that the Board would also oversee the SEA/SA of the IRS.

Members emphasised the importance of ensuring good communication links between the Partnership and the new Board and it was confirmed that the Chair of the Partnership had a seat on the new Board.

### 4. **Citizen Engagement**

Steve Hunter gave a presentation on citizen engagement (slides attached at **Annex A**).

In the discussion that followed, a number of points were raised:

- The EST is doing a lot of work on this, both nationally and regionally, and would be happy to help partners do more.
- Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) will be setting up some academies shortly – more information will be circulated during Energy Saving Week (19-23 October 2009).
- Citizen engagement is the most important aspect of this work, but also the most difficult.
- Need more information on what individual local authorities are doing with regards to citizen engagement.
- EST is hoping to do some interactive work with local authorities on this.
- The next RIEP Board meeting is focussing on citizen engagement.
- NHS would be interested to work with the EST on a 'bottom up' approach with its staff.
- Can we lobby for sanctions against those that do not believe in climate change and work to undermine all the good work that is being done (i.e. Jeremy Clarkson)?
- In the current economic climate, we need to emphasise to people how much money they could save by not wasting energy.
- The EST is trying to build a 'referral network' – trialling in North East through health visitors etc.
- A bid has been submitted to RIEP regarding waste prevention – we need to make sure the different campaigns link in.

It was agreed that the EST would circulate some regional/sub regional statistics relating to this issue.

Steve Hunter

Yorkshire Forward confirmed that they also had access to this kind of data, and would put EST in touch with the relevant person.

Debbie Rosen

## 5. Highlight Reports

### Strategy and Monitoring

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- Members expressed an interest in feeding into the IRS key lines of enquiry via either a working group, or through e-mail communication. Debbie Rosen agreed to circulate further information to members. Anyone wishing to be involved in this work would then be asked to let Debbie know.
- An item on the economic implications of the Climate Change Act would be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Debbie Rosen

All

Jon Clubb

### Built Environment

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- Need to check whether others need to be involved in leading on this area (in addition to Carole Cozens on behalf of the Regeneration and Housing Board).
- There are a number of examples of low carbon housing in the region – need to make people aware.
- Would like to see more examples of retrofitting.
- If the public sector can produce low carbon homes, so can the private sector – we need legislation to ensure this happens.

Jon Clubb

## Transport

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- Various studies underway with climate change built in. There are talks underway regarding a separate climate change study – a pilot is currently underway in the south east.
- The accelerated scenario in JMP's report should not be written off.
- Need to make sure the aims on the original Climate Change Plan are accurate and can be achieved.

## Health

Roger French gave a verbal update on progress. The key points were as follows:

- The Strategic Health Authority has adopted a low carbon element to its business plan and has developed strong links to the EST, CAY and RAY.
- A Regional Carbon Reduction Steering Group has been established within the NHS.
- There is now a Senior Carbon Lead in all NHS organisations.
- The NHS has established workstreams (e.g. transport) under steering group.
- NHS organisations are being monitored to see how they are performing in relation to climate change targets etc.
- NHS looking at innovative ways to reduce the impact its work has on the environment (e.g. teleconsulting which would remove the need for patients to travel to their GP's surgery).
- Still an issue (nationally) in the NHS about accurately measuring carbon. If anyone was able to assist, Roger French would welcome feedback.

All

## Business

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- The official launch of CO2 Sense was scheduled to take place on 12 November 2009.
- Investment had been made in a hydro scheme in Settle.
- The region will shortly have the two largest anaerobic digestions plants in the UK.
- The region has the lowest take up of Carbon Trust loans in the UK.

## Land Management

In addition to the information contained within the report, the following points were noted:

- A new Chairman for the Land Management Forum would be appointed shortly following notification that the proposed Chair, Toby Willison, would be leaving the region.
- The NHS is working with the Woodland Trust local initiative – NHS Forest.

Citizen Engagement

The report was noted.

**6. Projections in Practice Week**

It was agreed that discussions should take place around the desired outcomes from the high level meeting taking place on 25 September 2009.

Jon Clubb/Tim  
Godson/Arthur  
Barker

**7. Information Sharing**

- **Work of the Adaptation Sub-Group**
- **YoHr Space - Climate Change Board**
- **Local Authority Climate Change Officer Network**

It was agreed that updates would be circulated via email where feedback was required.

All

**8. Any Other Business**

None

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 19 November 2009 (2.00pm – 3.30pm) at Government Office, Lateral, Leeds.

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