

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Change Partnership Meeting
Thursday 11th June 2009

Brief Notes and Action Points

Present:	Apologies
Arthur Barker (Hambleton DC) (AB) (Chair)	Roger French (Regional Public Health Group)
Tim Godson (GOYH) (TG)	Jeremy Walker (Regional Flood Defence Committee) (JW)
Paul Cocks (GOYH) (PC) (secretariat)	Laura Owen (Yorkshire Water) (LO)
Jon Clubb (LGYH) (JC)	Liz Edgington (BiTC) (LE)
Paul Bellotti (East Riding) (PB)	
Debbie Rosen (Yorkshire Forward) (DR)	
Amanda Crossfield (Yorkshire Futures) (AC)	
Gail Hammond (Environment Agency) (GH)	
Anna Steynor (UKCIP) (AS)	
Simon Bowens (FoE) (SB)	

1. Chair's welcome, apologies & introductions

AB welcomed all present, introductions were made around the table and apologies were noted.

2. Points of accuracy and actions points from minutes of 24.04.2009 meeting

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record. Any outstanding actions were to be considered within subsequent agenda items.

3. Highlight Reports (priority leads)

- **Strategy (DR)**

DR suggested we integrate the carbon trajectory into this priority.

AC said the range of policies and strategies in the region should be made available to access but shorten them to an executive summary. TG said partners need to be made aware that these are there so they can make use of them.

Action Point - AC is going to collate a list of policies and gather all the studies. DR pointed out that this needs to be included into the IRS which TG said is the idea of the single regional strategy.

- **Built Environment & Transport (JC)**

JC said there's no real lead on built environment but someone needs identifying to take this forward. AB answered by saying the existing boards take lead on Built Environment and Transport.

Action Point – JC to draft letter from Cllr Barker to Chairs of the new Transport and Regeneration & Housing Boards inviting them to nominate a member to represent on them on the Climate Change Partnership.

- **Health**

Not completed yet by RF but will circulate when it arrives.

Action Point – circulate around partnership when it arrives.

- **Business**
DR said CO2 sense would fit within this remit and are interested in joining up with the Climate Change Partnership. Joanne Pollard is bringing together the three strategies with REY launching their programme on July 9th 09. SB asked if there are any businesses signing up to the CCP? TG said to write to Joanne Pollard to see who is best to represent business? DR said it might be worth a chat with CO2 Sense. JC said businesses had signed up to a different pledge through the May Day summit. AB said is there anywhere on the 'Your Climate' website where businesses can sign up to? JC reminded the partnership that it was agreed to keep signatories at a strategic level, but a facility to expand this could be added to the website. PB asked if there was an environmental network and suggested someone from the universities to address lead on business on Climate Change.
Action Point – JC to re-confirm that Yorkshire Water is able to attend regularly.
Action Point – DR to chase CO2 Sense for a contact on business.

- **Land Management**
GH had task group. There's a delay on timescales as per the plan due to regional changes. It would be prudent to wait until settled. We are following format of the Woodland Forum as they deliver the most similar targets to Environment Agency. EA don't want to create another group especially when one has already been setup but EA recommended to setup a forum to provide information and exchange ideas.

A steering group is being setup to decide the members of the forum and will be getting together at the end of July to decide this.

PB has an officer who can feed in on land management.

- **Citizen Engagement**
TG said EST gave a presentation at a recent sub group. They are currently doing a lot of top ten intervention work. This includes sustainable schools. A questionnaire is being sent out by Tina Penswick to Local Authorities to find out how much work on changing behaviours work is being carried out. An important question raised is whether Steve Hunter from EST should be part of the partnership? AB said this is a good idea so someone can report on the citizen engagement section.
Action Point – PC to ask Steve Hunter if he will attend the next CCP meeting on 17th September and do a presentation on changing behaviours around citizen engagement.

4. UKCP09 – Projections in Practice and regional developments (AS/TG)

AS highlighted the release of the UK Climate Projections which are due to be launched on Thursday 18th June. All information will be available on a new website which is launched on the same day. A user face will be available where people can log on and use the weather generator. JC pointed out that the statistics are not predictions but projections – known as 'probabilistic' data. Once the projections have been released Royal Haskoning will have a look and draw up their conclusions for the Regional Adaptation Study.

Action Point – AC to contact Nick Cooper from Royal Haskoning.

TG advised we get businesses involved and to understand the risks facing them in the future. As a result it was suggested by the group to setup an adaptation steering group to push adaptation study again at PIPs week. Its also a chance to raise the profile of the CCP and its identity.

The steering group will consist so far of:

- Gail Hammond
- Paul Bellotti
- Amanda Crossfield

Action Point - AB suggested preparing a press release for the launch of the new projections. JC to coordinate press release.

5. Information Sharing (TG/JC)

- **YoHr Space – Climate Change Board**

JC linking this work in with the Partnership, especially work on Citizen and Business Engagement.

- **Local Authority**

Action Point – PC to send LA Network list to PB.

- **UK Inter-regional Climate change Coordinators Group**

Each region has a Climate Change Co-ordinator. JC has suggested there is joint work between the regions rather than work individually.

Action Point – JC to send round document on Defra funding for regional CC Partnerships.

Future programme of meetings

17th September, 19th November.

5. AOB

Action Point – Your Climate to be re-designed and re-branded.

Adaptation study

Action Point- AC to pull together report on the Adaptation study