

**Climate Change Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting
10th September 2009
CR2 Civic Offices**

Attendees: Geoff Hammond (Chair) - GH
Edward Glennie (SCAN) – EG
Steve Litchfield (SCAN) - SL
Cherry Jones (PCT) - CJ
Carol Sweetenham (SBC) – CS
John Madge (SBC) - JM
Pam Gough (SBC) -PG

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| 1. Welcome Introductions | | |
| | GH welcomed everyone to the meeting. GH welcomed Edward and Steve as new representatives of SCAN | |
| 2. Apologies | | |
| | John Nickerson (WWT) | |
| Notes and Actions from the last meeting | | |
| | Core Strategy Still under consultation – SCAN to give a written response. | |
| | Transport Strategy This is now on the SBC website | |
| | SCCAP PG confirmed that the intention was to go ahead with the publication of the update and review | |
| | Transition Swindon Group This is a Sub-group of SCAN and is focussing on changing lifestyles and local food, schools and over 50's SCAN is focussing on Climate change campaigning | |
| | NI186&188 PG confirmed that NI 186 (Reducing Carbon Emissions in the Local Authority Area) was being monitored as part of the LAA2 and that the group may be able to assist with the monitoring of NI 188 (adaptation to Climate Change) | |
| | SBC Officer support for Group GH asked for confirmation of continuing admin support for the group. | |
| 2. Environment and Sustainability Block Update | | |
| | The E&S block has not met since the last CCSG meeting and is due to meet 30 th October. GH to report to the next meeting. | |
| 3. Update on One Planet Living | | |
| | Sustainability event 13th July | |

JM gave an outline of the event which was initiated by Kevin McCloud. A summary was circulated. The event was considered a success with a large number of nationally recognised speakers in a wide range of sustainability areas including economics, architecture, procurement, food strategy and energy.

Further details can be found at:

<http://www.swindon.gov.uk/environment/oneplanet.htm>

The group welcomed the fact that there would be a follow up event in the New Year and asked to be informed of the date when known.

Destination Swindon

CS outlined the new Destination Swindon (DS) project. DS is one plan for Swindon that provides for focus and delivery over the next 4 years by SBC and its partners within the context of the community strategy. It aims to sharpen the focus on priorities and non-priorities for organisations working in Swindon.

DS has six themes one of which is 'One Planet Swindon: a Leader in Sustainability.'

CS shared some emerging thinking with the group on how SBC are structuring their thinking on One Planet Swindon (1PS). Some documentation was circulated to the group – it was made clear that this work is not yet finalised or public.

It was agreed that it would be important to keep 1PS as a separate theme but ensure that sustainability is a cross-cutting theme that runs through the other themes.

The group were given the opportunity to prioritise 3 of the 10 Principles of 1PS, the votes were as follows:

- 1. Zero Carbon – 7**
2. Zero Waste – 2
3. Sustainable transport - 1
4. Local and sustainable materials - 1
5. Local and sustainable food - 2
6. Sustainable water - 1
7. Natural habitats and wildlife - 2
8. Culture and heritage - 0
9. Equity and fair-trade - 1
- 10. Health and happiness – 4**

The group chose carbon reduction as a priority as it underpins some of the other principles, it makes economic and social sense, the Council can have some influence over carbon emissions and it would enhance the Partnership's profile and reputation.

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| | <p>This theme also touches on transport EG felt the provision of sustainable transport options was an important issue particularly in West Swindon.</p> <p>The Group chose Health and Happiness as their second choice as, again it underpins some of the others and is linked to sustainable food, travel, natural habitats and wildlife etc. CJ stated that it would be an important theme for the PCT as a partner organisation.</p> <p>Other favourites were waste, food, and natural habitats and wildlife.</p> <p>CS felt that there would also be a need to monitor progress and stated that the Council was considering a sustainability scorecard and would update the group at the next meeting.</p> <p>CS confirmed that the group's choices of priorities broadly matched the conclusion from the in-house sustainability group. CS thanked the group for their input.</p> | |
| 4. Competitive Sustainability Analysis | | |
| | <p>CS stated that SBC has commissioned some work with the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on reconciling the possible tension between the commitments to make Swindon the best place to do business and making Swindon the most sustainable place.</p> <p>The group welcomed this and asked to be informed of any outcomes.</p> | |
| 5. Future Governance | | |
| | <p>GH asked the group to consider the future governance of the group and what programmes the group will need to deliver going forward.</p> <p>The group has been instrumental in pushing forward the Climate Change agenda in Swindon and produced the Swindon Climate Change Action Plan which was viewed as best practice. The group now needs to review current status and its role as critical friend to the council on Climate Change.</p> <p>The group were asked to consider future governance and possible work programme between now and the next meeting in December.</p> | All |
| 6. Partner Updates | | |
| | <p>SBC – continuing with the Corporate sustainability steering group and the carbon management plan. Also work is on-going on the green travel plan, car club and cycle map.</p> <p>SCAN – preparing a response to the core strategy, preparing for the Copenhagen conference, organising a coach to London on December 5th and an event in mid-October</p> | |

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| | <p>PCT – Preparing a carbon management strategy for the PCT with a view to reduce the carbon footprint, also considering sustainability in other areas of work.</p> | |
| <p>Any Other Business</p> | | |
| | <p>There is a need for further dates in the Diary for 2010</p> <p>There may be a need to send DS draft information to the group in advance of the next meeting depending on timescales.</p> | |
| <p>Date of Next Meeting 17th December 3pm-5pm Premier House</p> | | |