

## NOTES OF MEETING

### LIVERPOOL CITY REGION CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 4.00pm

#### Attendees:

<b>Chair</b> Gideon Ben-Tovim	Nature Connected, Climate Partnership
<b>Vice Chair</b> Cllr Gill Wood	Wirral BC, Climate Partnership
Rachel Waggett	LCRCA, Principal Environment Officer (meeting admin)
Tim Jago	LCRCA, Senior Policy Lead, Place & Net Zero
Sean Maher	LCRCA, Environment Officer
Tracy Gordon	LCRCA, Lead Officer, Housing Partnerships
Sean Joughin	LCRCA, Investment Analyst
Archie McCluskey	LCRCA, Environment Officer
Cllr Laura Robertson Collins	Liverpool CC
Don Naylor	Friends of the Earth
Nick Thompson	CPRE – The Countryside Charity, Sefton Coastal Landscape Partnership
Cllr Liz Grey	Wirral BC
Mandi Cragg	NHS Cheshire and Merseyside, Sustainability Project Lead
Peter Owen	Energy Project Plus, Cool Wirral Partnership
Trevor Nicoll	St Helens Council
Mike Wolffe	St Helens BC
Mark Booth	United Utilities
Cllr Paulette Lappin	Sefton BC
Victoria O’Kelly	University of Liverpool

#### Apologies received from:

Nicky Crosby	Extinction Rebellion
Lucy Northey	Wirral BC
Paul Nolan	Mersey Forest
Jenni Brittlebank	Environment Agency
Andrea Watts	Sefton BC
Stephen Sykes	2030hub, Merseyside Environmental Trust, St Helens Climate Change Commission

#### 1. Welcome and introductions/ apologies for absence

GBT (Gideon Ben-Tovim) welcomed attendees and attendees introduced themselves as above.

#### 2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest noted.

#### 3. Notes of last meeting for agreement

Minutes from previous meeting agreed.

#### 4. Matters arising

- Don Naylor – Matters arising from March (last bullet point): Within the Q&As from Eni's May 10th AGM, it was acknowledged that Liverpool Bay CCS would only be monitored (by Eni) for fugitive CO2 emissions for 20 years. Italian civil groups have



<p>launched a 'lobbying and greenwash' lawsuit against Eni - widely reported in The Guardian and elsewhere. Liverpool Friends of the Earth has submitted a Representation to the Planning Inspectorate concerning the HyNet North Wales CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rachel Waggett – Green Hydrogen Vision Study workshop is being held 08/06/2023 3pm. Would welcome discussion on this as part of the upcoming workshop.</li><li>- Nick Thompson – Wishes to see a heatmap that was shown in a previous presentation.</li><li>- Nick Thompson – It was raised in a previous meeting that Merseyside Pension Fund are a possible source of funding for projects that would be in support of our targets.</li><li>- Rachel Waggett – Acknowledges existing action to find a contact at Merseyside Pension Fund to discuss this.</li><li>- Don Naylor – Following-up on Huw Jenkins’ presentation and the points he has sent, he asked for further information to be shared from another CA colleague on Headbolt Lane active travel infrastructure design.</li><li>- Rachel Waggett – This will be checked with Huw.</li></ul>	
<p><b>5. Interim Update on the drawing to a close of Community Environment Fund 2022-23 (Tracy Gordon, LCR Combined Authority)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tracy Gordon – Shares slides</li><li>- 2022-23 Community Environment Fund coming to an end</li><li>- 34 Projects funded, 17 in stream 1 (smaller projects) and 17 in stream 2 (larger projects)</li><li>- Effort was made to support projects in previously underrepresented areas, like Halton</li><li>- Most popular theme was accessible green spaces and biodiversity. There were no projects around the theme of water.</li><li>- Video shared on Mulgrave Street Community Garden</li><li>- More case studies available to see in Tracy’s presentation, shared along with the minutes on the Climate Partnership page on the Combined Authority website.</li></ul>	



<p><b>6. Update on longer term funding model for Community Environmental projects (Sean Joughin, LCR Combined Authority)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Sean Joughin – Shares slides</li><li>- Update to be provided on CEF 3 and a longer term fund</li><li>- 3<sup>rd</sup> round of CEF:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o allocation secured for a 3<sup>rd</sup> round. This is in the region of £350k but unconfirmed at present</li></ul></li><li>- Spacehive Model<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Allows our funding to go further, as match funding is higher</li><li>o This model encourages first timers and opens funding out to people/communities</li><li>o Legal and procurement challenges have delayed progress, so now looking to get funding in July</li></ul></li><li>- Longer-term Environment Fund<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Currently commissioning feasibility study to look at opportunities</li><li>o This will touch-on 4 areas: current funding landscapes, review of public and private sector investment vehicles, feasibility study for most viable model, work on pipeline development for short and medium term</li><li>o It is believed that this work can address market failures and also to enable previously impossible projects</li></ul></li><li>- <b>Questions:</b></li><li>- Victoria O’Kelly: What were the areas of focus?</li><li>- Sean Joughin: Transport, Buildings, Industry, Clean Energy, Natural Environment. This aligns with the pillars in the 5 Year Climate Action Plan.</li><li>- Nick Thompson – On Spacehive, voices caution on this model due to the crowdfunding nature. Nick will contact Sean Joughin to discuss more.</li><li>- Gideon Ben-Tovim: Where does the community bit within the Spacehive model come in?</li><li>- Sean Joughin: Fund operates on a commercial basis to generate returns which can help to build upon the existing work of the CEF in a similar way to at present.</li></ul>	
<p><b>7. Update on final draft Combined Authority Five Year Climate Action Plan and next steps (Rachel Waggett, LCR Combined Authority)</b></p>	



- Gideon Ben-Tovim – Notes that current draft shared within the meeting isn't a final draft, so please do not circulate outside this meeting.
- Rachel Waggett – Intention is to take the 5 Year Climate Action Plan to the July 2023 meeting of the Combined Authority (14<sup>th</sup>)
- Around 750 comments have been received and action taken on these, where appropriate
- Rachel Waggett – shares slides to pick-out key themes of the Plan:
  - o This Plan contains actions only for the Combined Authority that it can lead, enable and champion
  - o The Plan aims to inspire action plans to be created by others
  - o There is a need for balance – reduction in consumption as well as technology shifts
  - o The Plan highlights the importance of a rapid emissions step change in-line with the 1.5 degrees message
  - o The Plan acknowledges that this Plan will not get us to where we need to be. This gives us the ability to say to Government that we don't currently have enough support and are willing to do more. The Plan is therefore a vehicle to ask for more.
  - o Case studies within the Plan highlight that we know what we need to do and that we just need support to accelerate our progress in the Liverpool City Region.
- Stresses that this Plan is not fixed. More will be added as we go on within the next 5 years so that we can go further and faster. A review period will be built-in over the next 5 years.
- Tim Jago – This review will incorporate reviews in policy and funding opportunities.
- Gideon Ben-Tovim – Asks Tim Jago about what is happening next, in the immediate term? How will this be delivered through the structures of the Combined Authority?
- Tim Jago – Net Zero Delivery Board is chaired by CA Chief Executive. Remit of the Plan site with the Net Zero Delivery Board. There are also a number of portfolios, one of which is the Net Zero portfolio. The portfolio holder has a role around communications and ensuring actions are progressing. The Plan will be weaved-into our everyday work and we will be monitored very closely both around action completion and in terms of incorporating it into updates to corporate planning.
- Gideon Ben-Tovim – Are there any plans for a launch for the Plan?
- Rachel – We believe that the CA comms team intend to do this but await guidance from the portfolio holder.
- **Questions:**
- Nick Thompson – Comments that the draft looks good. Regarding the Net Zero Delivery Board, pleased that governance is in-place to deliver this.
- Tim Jago – We have seen colleagues from across the CA come to us for advice on net zero and its integration into other parts of the CA.
- Don Naylor – Echoes positive comments. On the quotes at the beginning, would want to see a citizen quote. On careers, some universities have excluded the likes of oil and gas companies from their careers fairs. Raises that use of the phrase 'low carbon hydrogen' may not be the best phrase to use, as this term has become devalued and has been associated with greenwashing.
- Rachel Waggett – This will be raised with Martin Land, LCRCA Tidal Director.
- Victoria O'Kelly – Only references innovation under the Industry Pillar. Would like to see innovation mentioned across other pillars. Would like to see who was involved in the initial stakeholder workshops.



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rachel Waggett – Will look at attendance list but emails were certainly sent to university contacts. On innovation, there is potentially a place for this in the cross-cutting actions.</li> <li>- Tim Jago – This may be weaved into the text near the beginning of the document to reflect how innovative this City Region is.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Brief update on Local Nature Recovery Strategy for LCR (<i>Rachel Waggett, LCR Combined Authority</i>)</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rachel Waggett – The Combined Authority will very shortly be appointed to deliver a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The Local Authorities have been nominated as supportive authorities.</li> <li>- Biodiversity Net Gain requirement comes into force in November 2023.</li> <li>- The LNRS will prioritise species and areas where action can be taken. This can then be integrated into local planning.</li> <li>- Guidance on the Local Nature Recovery Strategy has not been fully released yet by Government. The deadline is also unclear at present.</li> <li>- There will be potential to work together on this.</li> <li>- <b>Questions:</b></li> <li>- Nick Thompson – Expresses positivity around collaboration.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>9. AOB</b></p>	
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<p><b>10. Next Meetings</b></p>	
<p>Thursday 29th June 2023 4pm – 5.30pm</p>	
<p>Thursday 20th July 2023 4pm – 5.30pm</p>	