

NOTES OF MEETING [APPROVED]

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 21th July 2022, 4.00pm

Attendees:

Chair Gideon Ben-Tovim	Nature Connected/ Climate Partnership
Vice Chair Cllr. Gill Wood	Climate Partnership/ Combined Authority/Growth Hub
Sean Maher	Liverpool City Region CA, Environment Officer
Don Naylor	Friends of the Earth
Nick Thompson	CPRE The Countryside Charity
Rachel Waggett	Liverpool City Region CA, Principal Environment Officer (meeting admin)
Nicky Crosby	Extinction Rebellion
Omar K	Youth Representative
Cllr Nathalie Nicholas	Liverpool CC
Matt Ellis	Environment Agency
Mark Knowles	Liverpool City Region CA, Energy & Industry Lead Mersey Tidal
Colm Bowe	Liverpool John Moores University
Ashley Bennington	Environment Agency
Cllr Phil Harris	Halton BC
Stephen Sykes	Merseyside Environment Trust/2030 Hub
Mike Dobson	Ove Arup
Eleanor Boyce	Ove Arup
Maria Salcedo	Liverpool City Region CA, Monitoring & Evaluation Manager
Lucy Northey	Wirral Council
Annie Merrie	Faiths4Change
Morag Haddow	Liverpool City Region CA, Research and Intelligence Officer
Paul Nolan	Mersey Forest
Cllr Liz Grey	Wirral BC

Apologies received from:

Peter Owen	Energy Projects Plus
Cllr Paulette Lappin	Sefton MBC
Claire Blott	Liverpool City Region CA, Head of Policy Coordination
John Mellors	Liverpool City Region CA, Environment Officer

1. Welcome and introductions/ apologies for absence	
Gideon Ben-Tovim welcomed all attendees to the meeting thanking everyone for their attendance. All attendees introduced themselves as shown on the attendees list. There were some apologies also as listed.	
2. Declarations of interest	
There were no declarations of interest noted.	
3. Notes of last meeting for agreement	
The notes for the last meeting were agreed	
4. Matters arising	

Cllr Phil Harris referred to the list of successful Community Environment Fund projects, and that it didn't detail the amounts awarded to each project. Cllr Harris also asked for clarification on who is coordinating the Everton in the Community project to ensure Halton BC are linked in. Rachel Waggett confirmed that she would respond to these queries, and encouraged any other members to get in touch if they would like any further information. RW confirmed that herself and Sean Maher had not been as involved in the second round, other than at the scoring stage, so queries would need to be passed onto colleagues.

RW also highlighted the list, and noted that some of the areas the "cross border" projects cover may have been missed off. RW also thanked those partnership members who assisted with scoring. RW pointed out that some of successful projects this time were actually unsuccessful projects from the first round who had taken feedback on board. Colleagues in the CA's Investment team are working on a longer-term model to enable the fund to continue into future years.

Gideon Ben-Tovim also thanked those members who had given up their time to assist; Nicky Crosby, Stephen Sykes, Steve Wong & Nick Thompson.

Nick Thompson queried how the previous rounds projects were evaluated; which ones worked and which ones didn't. Some interesting information could be built up to understand which projects should carry on. Maria Salcedo confirmed this point falls within her remit, and she would take away and report back.

GBT highlighted a point which Don Naylor had raised in the chat function regarding publication of the notes on the website. RW confirmed that the webpage was ready to be approved, and now that the notes for June had been approved by the Partnership, they would be uploaded imminently.

5. Year 1 Climate Action Plan – Q5 update and high level review - Sean Maher and Maria Salcedo – LCR Combined Authority

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Sean Maher provided an overview of the additional 'Q5' report for the Year One Climate Action Plan, to ease the transition into the 5 year plan.

Nicky Crosby queried whether the air quality mapping referred to in the Q5 presentation was in the public domain, as there may be some community expertise to tap into. SM said the AQTech group is an 'internal' group, but if anyone required any further information on any of the actions contained in the plan they could pick that up via the Climate inbox.

NC also raised that it was agreed at a previous meeting that the partnership would see the entire picture of completed actions at some point, rather than just the selection highlighted in the regular monitoring reports. NC acknowledged this may be pre-empting Maria's presentation. SM confirmed that this information would be covered in the high level review.

Omar K queried the make-up on the AQTech group, and which organisations are involved, and whether there was similar national body. SM confirmed that it was all of the AQ officers from each of the LCR Local Authorities (along with the CA), as well as some neighbouring authorities such as Cheshire East & Warrington. This is particularly useful as air quality isn't an issue which recognises boundaries. On a national level, SM said he wasn't aware of anything, but each LA would more than likely have an air quality officer so similar groups are likely to exist across the country.



Cllr Phil Harris highlighted action PA2 - *The LCR Combined Authority will introduce climate and carbon impact reporting in decision making and committee reports*, and confirmed something similar is happening in Halton, albeit it was put on hold due to election period. Cllr Harris asked if there was a template the CA could share with Halton to assist with this process. GBT confirmed the CA could share this information.

Don Naylor referred to the action on e-scooters, and queried that whilst more scootering are appearing, there seems to be less of the city bikes and so was this due to the two schemes harmonising. Cllr Nathalie Nicholas confirmed that this observation was correct; there are less city bikes as the e-scooters are more accessible. However, cabinet members are still looking at new initiatives regarding bike schemes.

Maria Salcedo then provided a high level review, looking at the plan as a whole and lessons learned to be taken forward. GBT thanked SM, MS & Morag Haddow for their work.

6. 5 Year Plan update on early progress - Arup – appointed consultants to support LCR Combined Authority with this work

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Rachel Waggett introduced the update on the 5 year plan from Ove Arup, who were appointed as consultants to support the development of this work. This would be especially beneficial as it provides an external viewpoint, with RW & SM being quite close to this work. They are still quite new to this, having only been appointed a month ago.

Eleanor Boyce provided an overview of the work done to date, including the “straw man” and miro board from the first workshop which had taken place earlier in the day, focussed on Transport.

Nicky Crosby said the work looked really interesting but queried how stakeholders were being identified given the workshops importance. EB said they had been working closely with RW & SM to identify stakeholders for each theme & Arup also had some internal expertise who are closely embedded into local networks. For the Transport workshop in particular, the existing Transport Advisory Group for the CA formed the basis. Mike Dobson added that the workshop went well, and presenting the group with something to comment on appeared to bear fruit. NC highlighted one of XR’s requests is the formation of a citizens assembly (statistically identified cross-section across LCR) and referred back the CommonPlace engagement process where many community members who wouldn’t otherwise be engaged provided some surprising insight and responses, querying how this would be factored into the stakeholder identification process. MD responded that this is the start of a journey in assisting the CA & CP, and the starting point has been with those captive audience stakeholders, but equally the scope can be widened and a pilot is in development as to how to do this in an efficient manner. RW added that the CommonPlace analysis has been passed onto Arup so is being factored into this work, and that work was done at the time to identify those underrepresented groups and those who would be challenged by the transition to net zero. The focus is on asking people were they need support and factoring that into the action plan. RW also added that whilst it would be great to do a citizen’s assembly, the resources don’t currently exist. Instead, the outcomes of the UK citizens assembly are being used which has provided a useful steer. Many of the issues raised are actually outside of the jurisdiction of the CA, such as aviation. There will also be an opportunity for further public consultation around the refinement of the plan in the coming years, particularly through groups such as the Youth Combined Authority. GBT added that he hoped it was ensured by CA colleagues that members of the partnership would be consulted as part of the development of the plan.

Nick Thompson highlighted the work going on by Teeside & Lancashire looking at Freeport and the implications for the green agenda. In terms of the stakeholders involved in these workshops NT noted that they were heavily union focussed, which skewed the overall message. This demonstrates the need to get representation right.

Correction – NT later clarified he was referring to a joint project between Lancaster University & Sefton Council looking at reducing freight emissions linked to the Port of Liverpool.

Cllr Nathalie Nicholas asked if there was a plan to advertise the workshops to underrepresented groups. RW responded that there is no plan to have another public consultation at this stage, but this is something that does require a wider conversation. More preparation is needed of peoples thought processes and keep people focused, and how people can get involved themselves. RW highlighted the work St Helens are already doing in this space with people able to put pledges on the website. The CA can act as a support body to the LA's. A public consultation was not included this time as it can add 6-8 months to the process, and one was only done last year, but it is still nevertheless something that will need to be done again regularly.

Don Naylor suggested that a fully briefed climate panel could be put together as a common base of input into the plan. This could provide a consistent level of contribution, rather than different groups provided varying levels. RW acknowledged that there was a common theme emerging around how the CA engages with people. RW also mentioned the Citizens Voice work currently in development within the CA, which will act as a panel on a broad range of issues. Nevertheless, RW said a future conversation around a climate panel/citizens assembly is something that needs to happen going forward. The positive thing of groups of this nature is the remuneration of the members, meaning they will be able to dedicate time to learning about the subject, as opposed to those who can spare the time which skews the overall response.

MD added that the base this working is start from links back to best practice/UN thinking, rather than just Arup/LCR. The workshop which took place earlier in the day provided a steer to participants which was to remove resource constraints and funding barriers when thinking about potential solutions to problems.

GBT thanked Arup colleagues for their work done to date and echoed the points raised about ensuring adequate representation at the workshops.

<p>7. AOB</p>	
<p>Gideon Ben-Tovim asked whether Maria would be presenting her work to the internal CA delivery board. MS confirmed that was the intention once RW had clarified the process. MS added she was pleased to see some of the monitoring & evaluation aspect already being considered by the Arup team.</p> <p>GBT thanked members for their continued support of the Partnership.</p> <p>In reference to the next meeting in September where Arup will provide a further update, RW clarified that the intention is to take the final plan through the November 2022 Combined Authority meeting. If this isn't possible, the next opportunity will be January 2023 as meetings are now every 2 months.</p> <p>GBT wished colleagues a good summer break and asked members to make a note of the next 3 meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 15th September 2022 4pm – 5.30pm • Thursday 13th October 2022 4pm – 5.30pm • Thursday 24th November 2022 4pm – 5.30pm 	
<p>8. Next Meeting</p>	
<p>4pm Thursday 15th September 2022</p>	
<p>Useful Links</p>	