

NOTES OF MEETING

LIVERPOOL CITY REGION CLIMATE PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 21st September 2023, 4.00pm

Attendees:

Chair Gideon Ben-Tovim	Nature Connected, Climate Partnership
Vice Chair Cllr Gill Wood	Wirral BC, Climate Partnership
Rachel Waggett	LCRCA, Principal Environment Officer (meeting admin)
Tim Jago	LCRCA, Senior Policy Lead, Place & Net Zero
Laura Austin	North West Net Zero Hub
Sean Maher	LCRCA, Environment Officer
Archie McCluskey	LCRCA, Environment Officer
Don Naylor	Friends of the Earth
Nick Thompson	CPRE – The Countryside Charity, Sefton Coastal Landscape Partnership
Cllr Liz Grey	Wirral BC
Nicky Crosby	Extinction Rebellion
Mike Wolffe	St Helens BC
Annie Merry	Faiths for Change
Megan Bennett	Knowsley BC
Cllr Phil Harris	Halton BC
Cllr Nathalie Nicholas	Liverpool CC

Apologies received from:

Peter Owen	Energy Project Plus, Cool Wirral Partnership
Cllr Andy Bowden	St Helens BC
Helen Boyle	Cadent
Mike Cockburn	Wirral BC
Cllr Paulette Lappin	Sefton Council
Andrea Watts	Sefton MBC
Vicki O’Kelly	University of Liverpool

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

- Matter 1 - Archie McCluskey – On the Community Environment Fund (CEF) next steps
- A decision on the next (3rd) round of CEF funding is going to be made at the meeting of the Combined Authority on 6th October. The proposed total fund is £350k in total but the details will be in the report to be released a week before the 6th October meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There will be some workshops run before the launch of the 3rd round. The first of these (date tbc but likely mid October) is to discuss at a high level the objectives and vision for the programme with the delivery partner, Space Hive, to ensure alignment between all parties. Given their involvement with previous rounds, the CA Investment Team thinks a Climate Partnership representative here would make sense. - Please could participants have a think about whether they would like to be involved and then the Climate Partnership can nominate a representative to the CA Investment Team to attend these workshops. - Mike Wolffe – Is there a comms plan for this? - Archie McCluskey – The Investment Team are leading on this round of the CEF and will be asked about this. - Matter 2 - Don Naylor – Issue of climate denialism around the LCR. Would like to keep this on the Partnership radar. - Cllr Liz Grey – Could do with a focus on Comms for this issue. Wirral have been asked to do this but have got no funding to do so. This is the same case for Car Free Day. - Tim Jago – NZDB meets monthly. This issue could be included on the next agenda and potentially a comms campaign could be discussed. - Progress would then be reported back to the Climate Partnership as item at the next meeting. - Don Naylor – Friends of the Earth are looking to issue guidance on how to deal with climate denialism messaging. 	
<p>5. North West Net Zero Hub Activities Update (Laura Austin, Net Zero Programme Manager, NWNZ Hub)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Laura Austin – NWNZ Hub supported by DESNZ and responsible to the LCRC. There are 5 similar hubs nationally. - Shares slides on the Community Energy Fund. - On Community Energy Fund – still awaiting advice from Government on the formal application process. Would like interested groups to register interest - Nicky Crosby – Are the not-for-profit sector able to apply to the fund? - Laura Austin – This will be confirmed within the guidance from Government. - Annie Merry – Asks the same question but for faith community buildings. Would like to be kept up to date if possible. - Cllr Gill Wood – Looks forward to hearing more about the good work that the NWNZ Hub does. - Shares slides on event details ‘Net Zero: Going to Scale’ on 29/11/2023 9.00 – 16.00 at a central Liverpool venue. More details in the slides sent out with these minutes. - Shares slides on Solar Together. - Solar Together is a collective buying scheme for solar panels. Phase 2 is underway and open for applications which close on 27th October 2023. - Shares details on the success of phase 1. <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicky Crosby – How did the number of installations compare with the aims? - Laura Austin – Phase 1 exceeded the initial target. Looking to improve even more on this in phase 2. - Cllr Nathalie Nicholas – In terms of communication to schools, is there an opportunity for schools to take this up? - Laura Austin – NWNZ Hub email address will be enough to reach public buildings specialist. NWNZHub@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk People can also visit Home local energy north west hub (localenergynw.org) or NW Route To Net Zero 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mike Wolffe – Schools in St Helens also keen to decarbonise buildings. - Don Naylor – Is it possible to get tile solar panels under the scheme? - Laura Austin – Unsure at present but unlikely to include tiles. More information can be found by contacting the email address in the slides shared, however. - Gideon Ben-Tovim – How did you reach 700,000 homes with messaging? - Laura Austin – Combination of leaflets and social media adverts. - Mike Wolffe – Was there any data on why residents didn't uptake despite being contacted? - Laura Austin – The Hub has been looking into this and data will be generated. 	
<p>6. Five Year Climate Action Plan – update on next steps and discussion</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rachel Waggett – Trying to implement quantitative measures to track actions where we can, to demonstrate action and accountability. - The Net Zero Delivery Board is attended by responsible Directors for each pillar in the Five Year Climate Action Plan. Each meeting takes a deep dive into a pillar and actions are tracked within this meeting. - Tim Jago – The Five Year Climate Action Plan is now on the Combined Authority website. Five Year Climate Action Plan 2023-2028 (liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk) - Since the Plan was published, work has been ongoing since the Plan was approved to progress these actions. - Gideon Ben-Tovim – Is there a possibility for Directors to attend the Climate Partnership? - Tim Jago – This will be raised. - Cllr Liz Grey – Raises that the role of the Directors isn't understood in monitoring the Five Year Climate Action Plan. - Tim Jago – Directors within the Combined Authority are responsible for each pillar. Directors for Communities and Neighbourhoods and subject specific boards/committees like the Transport Committee also oversee that actions are progressing. - Mike Wolffe – Review between the CA and LA action plans would be useful too. - Tim Jago – Please raise with the St Helens representative who attends Neighbourhood Directors meeting. - Nick Thompson – What is our role in the initiatives that the Metro Mayor and Gideon Ben-Tovim have talked about in their forewords in the Five Year Action Plan? - Rachel Waggett – These items will continually be put onto the agenda of this meeting at important points in policy/project development for the Climate Partnership to gain sight of. - Nick Thompson – Would like to see structure of the Combined Authority. - (Please see organisational information HERE) - Tim Jago – It is indeed important to differentiate between internal and external committees. - Annie Merry – How can the 5YCAP be rolled-out beyond the statutory sector and engage everyone? Is there potential for the likes of VS6 to get this Plan to the ground? - Don Naylor – Would like to see some comms out for the Five Year Climate Action Plan and the positive messages within it. - Cllr Liz Grey – Would like to clarify that the portfolio boards don't make decisions. - Cllr Gill Wood – The boards provide the political aspect to the policy, further to officer input. - Gideon Ben-Tovim – Would like to see a comms item on the agenda. 	



<p>7. Round table updates – sharing members’ forthcoming actions and workstreams</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nick Thompson – CPRE have rooftop solar campaign. 27 MPs and peers have been recruited as champions. Trying to identify good case studies. - Nicky Crosby – Extinction Rebellion have been doing public engagement on the public’s thoughts on the climate crisis. In general, people are very concerned. This information may be useful in the comms work. - Don Naylor – Friends of the Earth involved in Planning Inspectorates investigation regarding the Liverpool Bay CCS. States that voices need to be heard and information shared. - Cllr Nathalie Nicholas – Panel event being held on Thursday 5th October on ‘Advertising’s unavoidable impact: Restricting greenwash and the negative impact of outdoor advertising in Liverpool’ more details HERE. The Race & Community APPG and the Green New Deal APPG are running a joint inquiry into racism and the environmental emergency. They are interested in hearing from groups and individuals to contribute to the call for evidence. Please register HERE if interested. - Nick Thompson – Imagine Bamboo now hosting conference on 27th October at Mann Island. Looking at farming, detoxification of contaminated land, construction and more. Information PDF sent out with the minutes of this meeting. 	
<p>8. AOB</p>	
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<p>9. Next Meetings</p>	
<p>Thursday 19th October 2023 4pm – 5.30pm</p>	
<p>Thursday 23rd November 2023 4pm – 5.30pm</p>	