

**ENABLE STEERING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 2009
GLENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL,**

Attended	Apologies
Ruth Camamile, Chair Sue Quinlan, Environment Agency, Vice Chair Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Donna Worship, Leicestershire County Council Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council Hetal Patel, Leicestershire County Council Jane Neachell, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Wendy Jones, North West Leicestershire District Council Ben Dodd, Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire Bob Scott, Leicestershire Constabulary	Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council Peter Coogan, Leicestershire Constabulary

Action

1. Apologies

See above

2. Matters Arising

HP hasn't received a copy of the Green Builders Guide. **TM to email copy to HP**

TM

3. The Future of ENABLE (PW)

ENABLE's role on the Leicestershire Together Board was discussed. Currently, environmental issues are delivered through the Cleaner/Greener board which is mainly public realm and waste. In the future under LAA2, environmental issues are going to be delivered under the Safe and Attractive Place to live strand and an Effective Response to Climate Change.

It was decided in the future, CLIMA a group of officers who regularly meet to discuss NI 185 and 188 will have responsibility for LAA sign off for An Effective Response to Climate Change.

Action: PW to report CLIMA minutes back to ENABLE SG

PW

It was decided that ENABLE should have a representative on the Cleaner/Greener board as although PW currently attends, he is representing Leicestershire County Council not ENABLE.

Action: PW to contact Steve Atkinson regarding an ENABLE Representative on Cleaner/Greener Group.

PW

BD suggested the need for Terms of Reference for ENABLE and CLIMA

Action: PW to arrange

PW

The ENABLE Steering Group role was also discussed and it was agreed there is a need to widen out the steering group and the need for an action plan for clearer focus and direction to attract back those that haven't attended for some time as it is very Local Authority Officer dominated at the moment.

Action: RS to arrange an Action Planning meeting of steering group members after the Easter Holidays **RS**

4. Leicestershire Together Feedback (PW)

PW reported on the Local Climate Impacts Profile and 3CAP Highways Review which will help all Leicestershire Local Authorities meet the requirements of NI 188 on Climate Change Adaptation at the last board meeting. The report was accepted.

Multi Area Agreement (MAA) – this is currently about a new Economic Partnership between Leicester City and Leicestershire County called the Leicestershire Economic Development Company. There is currently no representation of environmental/sustainable development issues on the board for the partnership.

Action: PW to investigate

PW

5. Climate Friendly Communities Project (HP)

HP is currently assessing the progress of the 3 groups so far but explained that their main achievements have been -

Sustainable Billesdon

Slow Food Day, main community event, September 2008 and £1000 from ENABLE to help with insulation in a community building. Coplow Community Centre has put a bid to CSEP funding to install renewable energy source with ENABLE's match funding support of £250.

Tilton Green

Tilton Green Fayre, October 2008 over 250 householders attended, funding from ENABLE paid for 40 £50 grants for householders, cloth bags and newsletter and received £7000 Grant from GOEM for Resource Pack for Parish Councils, Resource Pack for Eco Schools, 10% residents have borrowed the low energy lightbulb library, now a monthly community recycling drop off scheme.

Ibstock Does Climate Change

Community event March 2009, ENABLE funding paid for cloth bags and pop up banners.

The most successful group has been Tilton due to the dedication and enthusiasm of Miriam Stoate and Ibstock has floundered as needed help with group capacity building.

Ideally would like a community carbon footprint from all three communities to help measure carbon reductions. The communities will get support from ENABLE for another year.

The project will be running again 2009/10 to support another six community groups, this time community interest groups as well as geographical communities. Will send out details of expression of interest forms for community groups when available.

Action: RS to circulate

RS

6. The Big Switch Off Campaign (HP)

HP advised that the 2009 campaign will be taking place over a week between 12th

and 18th October – the week before half term and the national Energy Saving Week. The campaign is now involving Rutland County Council as well as all the Districts, County and City Council and ENABLE.

There are three sub groups currently meeting to plan the campaign – Business, schools and wider community encompassing community groups, parish councils and higher education establishments.

7. Local Climate Impacts Profile (LCLIP) (DW)

DW advised that three phases have now been completed. The Phase 1 study was for the City Council and County Council, Phase 2 for the District Councils and Phase 3 for Local Strategic Partners such as Police, Fire, PCTs. Phase three has been more about engaging with partners rather than doing an LCLIP for individual organisations so the interviews have focussed on finding out if partners are already addressing climate change adaptation and if not, plans for the future. All District Councils by now should have reported the results of their Council LCLIP to SMT and Cabinet to meet the requirements of NI 188 Level 1.

There is funding available from RIEP for 2009/10 and Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland will be putting in a joint bid to host a StudentForce Graduate for a yearlong placement to help improve engagement with partners – through workshops and events and to write a countywide Climate Change Adaptation Plan to help meet the requirements of Level 3 NI 188.

The Highways 3CAP – Three Counties Alliance Partnership, has also recently carried out a comprehensive risk assessment for the Highways functions in Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire County Councils.

Action: DW to circulate 3CAP report for information

DW

8. ENABLE Event 10th July 2009 (RS)

RS explained that the NSPCC National Training Centre in Beaumont Leys has been booked again for the event on Friday 10th July 2009. The plan for theme for this year is Climate Change Adaptation on the back of the work of the LCLIP study and focus on the role of Green Infrastructure and soft landscaping in climate change adaptation and Natural England's work on projecting how habitat management will need to adapt in the future to respond to a changing climate and potential species redistribution.

Discussed potential keynote speakers and workshop leaders – Rutland Water, Severn Trent Water and Jon Hammerton (Tree Surgeon) or Tony Kirkham (Head Gardener) from Kew Gardens.

9. Updates from Steering Group Members

GWLL - BD – GWLL will be involved with the Big Switch Off 2009 and the Green Doctor Programme has reached its target for North West Leicestershire and Charnwood with 180 visits by the end of March 2009. Bikes for All, Tim Hudson has been involved with Cycle Training at Brookvale High School, Groby, and the Mobile Workshop has visited East Midlands Airport and Burbage Community College.

JN advised that Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council have reported their LCLIP report to cabinet and are involved with the Community Flood Wardens Scheme.

Leicestershire County Council – PW - Environmental Change Programme Manager, Oliver Savage now started. Connect 2 Project works started, Leicestershire Walking Week 19th – 27th September and new Environment Strategy for LCC has been approved.

HP informed that Community Leicestershire Anaerobic Digestion (CLAD) partnership has submitted EIA Screening application to the Planning Authority. CLAD will be bidding to New Growth Point funding and the stakeholder's meeting will discuss other funding and tendering process on 6th April.

Renewable Energy Education kit loan scheme now in place via Resources Box scheme. 20 kits, comprising a mini wind turbine, solar panel and solar hot water heating kit are available to loan for all schools for one term as well as community groups such as brownies and scouts. To hire a kit, contact Resource Box Officer, Tel. 01455 552 834 or email sherrier@leics.gov.uk.

Information about and a downloadable version of the Leicestershire Together Declaration on Climate Change has been added to the Leicestershire Together website, HP asked other Districts to add information to their own websites. There are now nine organisations that have signed the declaration.

Action: District Councils and other organisations to add link on Leicestershire Together Declaration to own websites **All**

North West Leicestershire District Council – WJ – Footprints campaign doing well, going into 2nd Year of campaign in April and wanting to focus more on measuring CO2 savings from now on. Pilot for Green Cones going well and staff challenge well received.

10. Any other Business

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8th JULY, 10 am – 12pm – GLENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ROOM