

**ENABLE Steering Group Meeting
Minutes of 15th September 2004, 2:30 pm
Beacon Energy, Nanpanton**

Attendees Ernie White, Chair Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council Chryse Tinsley, Leicestershire County Council Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council Kevin Bush, Environ Chris Clarke, Soar Valley Protection Society Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Sarah Cromie, Charnwood Borough Council Katie Hemsley, Melton Borough Council Jane Harris, Leics Federation of Women's Institute Kathy Hayes, Environmental Network Manuel Pardo, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre Carolyn Holmes, Leicestershire County Council	Apologies Kathy Astbury, Leicestershire Constabulary Annie White, Brooksby Melton College Richard Thompson, Leicestershire County Council Ruth Fenney, Leics Federation of Women's Insititues James Freeborough, Environment Agency Lois Child, Loughborough University Stuart Conway, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Energy Efficiency Advice Centre Dr A Leake, The Allerton Trust Dave Nicholls – Kevin Bush attending instead Allan Tuppen – Amy Caldwell attending instead Erica Marshall, Environment Agency – left
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1. Apologies

Apologies received are listed in the minutes.

2. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting, June 9th 2004 were approved as written.

3. Matters Arising

All matters arising were on the agenda for the meeting.

4. ENABLE Strategic Overview Report – leaflet – promotion – further distribution?

CT has produced a summary version of report which was passed around the group. It should be printed early October. A display and banner is to be produced to take to events. MP suggested it would be useful to promote issues from chapters by attending specific events such as Biomass conference bringing together farmers around the County in Oct/Nov.

PW suggested ENABLE is promoted on East Midlands Regional Assembly website.

Action: CT/RS to write information for website.

5. Progress on action plan/logo/survey of steering group members

CT talking with youth service about 'reaching youth'. Will be discussing gaps in web service – click4it – currently no sustainability information. There is a link with connexions and Dan at Environ is also keen to engage youth. CT has also investigated websites, little information aimed at youth – lots for under 10s and adults. Attending Leics. youth conference in October.

Two sub groups have now met for Climate Change and Business. Business sub group have sent letter to East Midlands Regional Assembly asking for co-ordination at regional level for business support.

CT passed around ideas for logo. Consensus for map of Leicestershire with a picture within. KH suggested running a competition for schools.

Action RS/CT to devise competition and write to schools.

RS has written to all steering group members with a survey to find out why certain members aren't attending meetings and find out if want to become members of sub groups. Results to be reported back at next meeting.

6. Progress on Climate Change Strategy

Consultants brief sent out to seven consultancy firms. Received 3 quotes. CT/RS/TL assessed and awarded to Entec who have written Climate Change strategy for West Midlands. First meeting with consultants 21st September. Strategy to be written by end of December with a consultation process in January.

7. Feedback from Leicestershire Together (LLSP) Board and meeting 16th July.

No news to feedback. Erica Marshall, Environment Agency was ENABLE representative on board, she has now left the area, in the interim period James Freeborough is seconded to her position. Community Strategy review group meets next week, James to feedback.

8. Feedback on Community Strategy Review

CT/RS reviewed community strategy using Leicestershire County Council Sustainability Appraisal toolkit. Environmental issues not embedded into document, few references.

Action: circulate sust. appraisal to steering group members

PW to contact James Freeborough with comments; for community strategy meetings.

9. Newsletter

Newsletter to be published at end of the month. RS asked the group for ideas. Please contact RS by end of September if wish to include any info.

Any other Business

KH – Youth Conference, Belvoir High School, 3rd October. Topic – social inclusion 12-4pm

KL/MP – Hinckley and Bosworth Energy group organising Biomass conference in November.

PW – Strategic River Corridors conference at County Hall, 1st October. Contact Peter Williams for further information Tel. 0116 265 7080.

East Midlands Regional Assembly hosting showcase of sustainable good practice projects around the region at Sherwood Energy Village, 12th October. Themes are health and fitness, support for business, low carbon solutions and local food and fair trade (providing refreshments to be sold on the day). To exhibit or attend the day contact Yvette Deardon, EMRA. Tel. 01664 502 563.

CT – ENABLE web pages require more information. Currently have terms of reference and State of the Environment report. Extra info on Climate Change and links.

Leicestershire County Council Environment Strategy has been approved by cabinet.

CH – Click4it web pages for young people have been written. Community Heritage Initiative (CHI) has received a grant for young people to encourage under 21^s to find out about natural history. A questionnaire has been sent out to youth groups to find out to find out why interest ends after 12.

TM – 30th and 31st October – hosting a conference at Natural History Museum, London re Climate Change and loss of biodiversity.

Discussion took place about wind turbines and difficulties with gaining planning permission. Leicestershire County Council councillors have agreed to not site any wind turbines on County Council land in near future.

Action: EW/PW to arrange a tour of wind/solar energy facilities to raise councillors awareness.

KB – advised wind turbine in Leicester City school has been approved.

Date and venue of next meeting:

Please note date change Wednesday 15th December. Queens Building, De Montfort University, Mill Lane, Leicester.