

**ENABLE STEERING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER 2007
10 - 12 BROOKSBY MELTON COLLEGE**

2008 Meeting Dates:

12th March
25th June
17th September
17th December

Attendees	Apologies
Ruth Camamile, ENABLE Chair Sue Quinlan, Environment Agency Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Donna Worship, Leicestershire County Council Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council Nick Marriott, Brooksby Melton College Ruth Fenney, Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes Jane Neachell, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Ben Dodd, Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire Karl Letten, Charnwood Borough Council	Debbie Haynes, North West Leicestershire District Council David Lepper, Natural England Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Hetal Patel, Leicestershire County Council Graham Walley, Leicestershire County Council Bob Scott, Leicestershire Police Authority Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council

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<p>1) Apologies (see above)</p> <p>The group welcomed Sue Quinlan, Area Manager East Midlands who has also sits on the Local Strategic Partnership boards in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire</p> <p>2) Matters Arising <u>City and County Council Leaders Climate Change meeting</u> Still no feed back on meeting but joint actions will be delivered as part of the Environment theme of the new Multi Area Agreement between Leicester and Leicestershire.</p> <p>Actions on climate change will also be included in the Leicestershire LAA</p> <p><u>Charnwood Forest update</u> A meeting was held on 11th December 2007 to develop a policy framework on the development of the Regional Park as part of the Local Development Framework. Waiting for Green Infrastructure funding to implement the scheme.</p> <p><u>Connect2</u> Decision today, Connect 2 won the award and work to implement the proposal for Watermead Country Park will start in January 2008</p>	

<p>3) Climate Change Action Plan Update</p> <p>The Action Plan and Declaration have now been approved by Leicestershire Together and were launched at the Leicestershire Together conference on 3rd December. All LT partners were invited to sign the declaration and register with ENABLE, we will then send out Action Packs on implementing climate change reduction measures when a pack has been produced.</p> <p>Leicester City Council is currently putting together a Climate Change Action Pack for businesses and there is a possibility that ENABLE can share the pack as many Leicestershire Together organisations are also Leicester Partnership members such as the Police, Fire and Health authorities. They also have plans in the future to produce a 3rd Sector pack for voluntary groups and there is also a national action pack/climate change declaration for volunteer groups produced by Every Action Counts.</p> <p>Action: DW to contact Debbie Hill re Business Action Packs and circulate to group for comment</p> <p>Sue Quinlan offered help</p> <p>A discussion took place about advising Parish Council's about Energy Efficiency projects and Village Halls and it was noted there is funding from The Big Lottery and energy providers.</p> <p>Carbon Gym Event – County Hall Wednesday 14th November Was successful with over 100 ENABLE Climate Change Pledge's signed. DW recently had a meeting with Helen Harris in Regeneration at the County Council about environmental Town Centre events and one idea was to book the Carbon Gym for an In Town Without My Car Day event. Town Centre Managers will be meeting to discuss the idea next week. BD also mentioned the Mobile Bike Maintenance Kit from Groundwork which could also join in with the event.</p> <p>Action: DW to contact Tim Hudson and Dan Clark at GWLL to find out more</p> <p>A meeting needs to be arranged with the Climate Change sub group to discuss moving the Climate Change Action Plan forward</p> <p>Action: HP/RS to arrange meeting in New Year</p> <p>A discussion took place about involving local communities and approaching a community keen to set up a low carbon project. It was suggested to tie in with the Transition Town movement and contact the Market Harborough group who have already signed up to the scheme.</p> <p>Action: DW to contact Dr S Hill, County Councillor for Market Harborough</p> <p>4) Sustainable Community Strategy Consultation</p> <p>Deadline for consultation is 16th January 2008 and actions will be implemented through the new Local Area Agreement. PW advised the document should be read in conjunction with Evidence Base and</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>DW</p> <p>HP/RS</p> <p>DW</p>
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<p>District Documents – Places In</p> <p>PW suggested under paragraph on Page 7:- A full contribution to a sustainable future for the world because...should include something on low carbon/energy efficiency measures for existing buildings, mentions high environmental standards but doesn't qualify this with a standard such as BREEAM Rating (BRE) or new Code for Sustainable Homes, should make reference to resource efficiency and climate change as currently only mentions waste, new buildings and transport</p> <p>PW also suggested on page 14 should make reference to climate change mitigation and adaptation and page 31 – Cleaner and Greener needs to cross reference climate change throughout the document and should be included as a cross cutting theme, change the wording of in Climate Change outcome – “Reduce our contribution to climate change”, sub outcome energy efficiency in buildings to read energy efficiency in existing building stock as well as new build</p> <p>Other Cleaner/Greener issues Need to make reference to the energy hierarchy Link to National Framework Indicators for:- Green Infrastructure - Climate Change – local authority area emissions 186 and adaptation – 181 Widen resource efficiency to include energy, water and waste Differentiate between household waste and commercial waste Move improving minerals supply to economic section Need an outcome on water Biodiversity indicator – Natural England measure x population living within x miles of a green space</p> <p>Action: DW to co-ordinate ENABLE response to consultation</p> <p>EMRA Programme of Action on Climate Change Consultation A discussion took place about the consultation document with some key issues raised. Who is going to implement projects and what funding is available to implement them? The need to highlight the Energy Hierarchy and place more emphasis on energy efficiency in the existing building stock and place less emphasis on carbon offsets. It was noted that a consultation event was taking place the following day with DW and RS attending.</p> <p>Action RS to co-ordinate ENABLE response to consultation</p> <p>5) ENABLE Business Sub Group DW advised that a meeting took place with Ric Ellis from Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire to discuss a BREW (Business Resource Efficiency and Waste) funding bid on behalf of the sub group. A bid has been submitted for three years of funding for a project to develop local authority business waste recycling and continue the work of the Leicestershire BREC (Business Resource Efficiency Club) either via Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire who currently run the scheme or by local authorities. The bid was originally a joint bid between three local authorities but now all seven for £210,000 as all LA's want to develop waste recycling services for businesses. The bid now requires some reworking to reflect this and is currently</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>RS</p>
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<p>with Leicestershire County Council Waste Policy Officers for comment. Sue Quinlan offered her assistance with the bid.</p>	
<p>Action: DW to email SQ a copy of the bid and liase over content</p>	<p>DW</p>
<p>DW also advised that Ric Ellis is also applying for funding</p>	
<p>6) Anaerobic Digestion Project update PW advised the study has now been completed and a meeting held with potential stakeholders. The final proposal is for a Parish sized scheme – slurry from 3000 cattle supplemented by food waste run on a partnership basis and four potential sites have been identified. 35 people have already registered interest in joining the partnership. The next step is to arrange a meeting of the partnership to discuss the way forward and any funding bids. Brooksby Melton College is a main contender in potential sites as can use the heat as well as electricity.</p>	
<p>Action: HP to arrange meeting</p>	<p>HP</p>
<p>7) ENABLE newsletter RS asked the group to send her any articles for the next newsletter by Friday 25th January 2008</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>8) Updates RF advised that the Wildflower Survey was now complete and that final results would be available by September 2008.</p>	
<p>KL advised that Charnwood Borough Council is now selling barbeque charcoal from Outwoods.</p>	
<p>Action: KL to provide information for the ENABLE newsletter</p>	<p>KL</p>
<p>BD advised that Charnwood Borough Council Eco Schools are now back with GWLL (they were with Environmental Network) and that the Bike Project has moved to new premises in Queen Street, Leicester. Bikes collected from Leicestershire Recycling and Household Waste Sites are refurbished by and donated to those on low incomes. He also advised GWLL have a new Renewable Energy Co-ordinator, Tim Hudson to deliver renewable energy enterprises in communities and are involved in a 2mw wind turbine proposal at Snibston through the Energy 4 All programme</p>	
<p>Action: BD to provide information on the Bike Project and Snibston for the ENABLE newsletter</p>	<p>BD</p>
<p>PW spoke about the PEP (Partnership for Environmental Protection) update on behalf of Graham Walley and advised that:- PEP now includes a Data Network Group and a Planning Group. The Data Network Group includes recording groups, societies and individuals who provide information for databases on ecological information, RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Sites) and HER (Historic and Natural Environment Record) to allow them a say in how the databases are run. The group meets for the first time in December 2007.</p>	

<p>The Leicestershire Environmental Resources Centre database now has 263,000 individual records. There are plans to move the database from Holly Hayes to County Hall to provide better access for local naturalists, the public and educational providers.</p> <p>An ecological review of North West Leicestershire which may add several hundred Local Wildlife Sites to the County list is being carried out by staff at Holly Hayes and will provide information for the NWL Local Development Framework</p> <p>The Leicestershire Environmental Resources Centre is investigating how to link up Leicestershire data with other counties in the East Midlands</p> <p>Information continues to be added to the HER from local recorders and results of archaeological investigations carried out by the planning process.</p> <p>The Historic Landscape Characterisation has been completed for in the western side of Leicestershire and is now moving into Melton and Harborough. Investigations are being carried out into linking Leicestershire HER information with the National Gateway website run by English Heritage.</p> <p>Work continues on reviewing RIGS in the county but have been unsuccessful in securing funding from Natural England to assist with the process.</p> <p>9) Any other Business BD suggested contacting Kate Dearne, GWLL Publicity Officer re articles for ENABLE newsletter</p> <p>Action: RS to contact Kate</p>	<p>RS</p>
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