

**ENABLE STEERING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH 20078
10 - 12 STEPHENSON COLLEGE, COALVILLE**

2008 Meeting Dates:

25th June
17th September
17th December

Attendees	Apologies
<p>Ruth Camamile, ENABLE Chair Sue Quinlan, Environment Agency Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Donna Worship, Leicestershire County Council Hetal Patel, Leicestershire County Council Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council 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 Ian Marriner, North West Leicestershire District Council</p>	<p>David Lepper, Natural England Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Graham Walley, Leicestershire County Council Bob Scott, Leicestershire Police Authority Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council Nick Marriott, Brooksby Melton College Ann Roberts, Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes</p>

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<p>1) Apologies (see above)</p> <p>2) Matters Arising There were no matters arising</p> <p>3) Climate Change Action Plan Update</p> <p>a) Climate Friendly Communities (HP) ENABLE has received a £10,000 grant from EMRA for a year long programme of engaging local communities in climate change projects. HP has prepared a brief which he circulated at the meeting and asked for potential partners and projects. Suggestions included different types of projects in different areas, priority areas within the Sustainable Community Strategy with no parish rep but an existing Neighbourhood Action Team or a single community but target different audiences. The point was made about reaching new communities where awareness and action is not very high which is where the SCS communities idea could come in useful. Some workshops could also arranged as part of the annual ENABLE event. SQ advised there may also be match funding available from the Environment Agency for flood defence schemes.</p>	

<p>Need to re-instate Climate Change sub group to discuss proposals Action: RS to invite new members and suggest meeting dates</p> <p>DW promoted the Richard Heinburg talk at Percy Gee Building, Leicester University at 7pm on Monday 31st March, organised by the Leicester and Market Harborough Transition Town Groups. For further info phone 0116 210 3637 or email: transitioncity@freeuk.com</p> <p>b) The Big Switch Off (HP) The idea for this would be a large scale electricity switch on a Friday night, preferably over a bank holiday weekend at least at County Hall but hopefully across one district or even across the County. Would be on a similar basis to those carried out by Worcestershire County Council, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council last year. HP asked which Districts would like to become involved. DH advised already planning similar event in NWL during Energy Saving Week in October. JN advised businesses are a big problem.</p> <p>c) Local Climate Impact Profile (DW) An LCLIP is a profile of extreme weather events over a period to help predict weather patterns in the future based on UKCIP climate scenarios. It is a useful exercise for identifying actions which help adapt to climate change so the region is climate resilient in the future. Mike Peverill, the EMRA Climate Change Officer has funding available to carry out a climate change impact profile for the East Midlands with funding from GOEM, employing graduates from Student Force to carry out a basic LCLIP for the nine unitary and county authorities in the region. It is also helpful for the National Indicator 188.</p> <p>4) Business sub group (DW) The final BREW bid has applied for funding for 2 pilot trade waste collection services and a public sector supply chain project.</p> <p>North West Leicestershire District Council trade waste for a co-mingled paper and cardboard collection from businesses they currently collect waste from and Harborough District Council trade waste for a twilight bag collection of paper and cardboard from small businesses.</p> <p>There is a public sector supply chain project which will help key local authority suppliers with environmental audits, an action plan and assessing the outcomes of the programme. The bid has been for £90,000. There is an urgent need for a business sub group meeting. Action: RS to invite members to join business sub group and arrange meeting</p> <p>5) Anaerobic Digestion Project update (HP) There was a recent evening workshop to promote the Leicestershire County Council grants available to 3 businesses for £5000 each to help prepare a business case for an AD plant and carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment. The workshop included presentations on different business models – community owned, shared ownership and energy service companies. SQ offered Environment Agency advice at the pre-planning stage for any successful bids.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>
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6) and 7) Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy and The new National Indicator Framework Set (PW)

In the Leicestershire LAA, 335 local indicators have been adopted including NI 188, Climate Change Adaptation and, yet to be decided, either NI 185 (CO2 emissions from LA estate) or NI 186 per capita CO2 emissions per person. There is government pressure for us to adopt 186 rather than 185 but it is proving difficult to set a target. Leicester City Council has estimated it would cost them £20 million per annum to reach their 2% annual target for reducing CO2 emissions. The biodiversity indicator has now been dropped. Need set of baseline figures to measure per capita CO2 emissions and Leicester City Council used De Montfort University.

SQ recommended speaking to Maggie Bishop at Derbyshire County Council as they have just chosen NI186.

Action PW to contact Maggie asap

With regards the NI 185 data set relating to Local Authority emissions, KL advised Charnwood Borough Council already have a baseline, PW/DW mentioned are awaiting confirmation from Carbon Trust about being on the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme which would help with information on all three Climate Change indicators and Harborough DC has also applied.

Climate Change and environment issues do not currently feature in the MAA – Multi Area Agreement with Leicester City Council, only economic but plan to in the future.

PW also advised ENABLE would be preparing an Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Community Strategy for those actions which don't feature in the LAA.

9) Fairtrade Fortnight (RS)

RS sent out a press release about Fairtrade Fortnight events in Leicestershire and made contact with all existing Fairtrade Towns and Borough's in the County. These are Charnwood and Hinckley and Bosworth – FT Borough's and Market Harborough and Melton Mowbray, FT Towns with Lutterworth and North West Leicestershire working towards FT status.

Leicestershire will be hoping to become a Fairtrade County in the future and to do that Leicestershire County Council needs to pass a resolution to support Fairtrade and, there needs to be a steering group with reps from the FT Town and Borough groups, a certain number of outlets, businesses and employers serving fair trade and a new project.

10)Eco Schools (RS)

DW/TL/RS met recently with Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire to discuss annual progress on Eco Schools contract and options for changing the way we currently work with schools to bring on board new schools. We would like to stick with Eco Schools but potentially charge schools to work with GWLL. The advantages for doing this are that schools would receive more one to one support from GWLL and they can set their own agenda in terms of the assistance they would like from GWLL. There is also an incentive for schools to work hard towards the award as they are paying for a service. On the current system, some schools are not very committed.

<p>The current SLA funds paid to GWLL could be used to support old Eco Schools, those with 3 Flags or have had assistance for many years without progress through a system of either of telephone support.</p> <p>North West Leicestershire District Council has recently expressed an interest in increasing the number of Eco Schools in its District and it could potentially become a pilot district for the new system. There is a need to arrange a meeting between GWLL, LCC and NWL to discuss Action: DH/RS to arrange meeting</p> <p>There is also a need to meet with all other Local Authorities to discuss how to move forward with the Eco Schools programme.</p> <p>11) Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)/Partnership for Environmental Protection (PEP)/Points of Information on the Environment (PIE) (GW) The Data Network Group met for the first time in December 07 and heard summaries on the main databases held at the Leicestershire Environmental Resources Centre (LERC), Holly Hayes and the Historic Environment Record. Minutes available from www.leics.gov.uk/pep</p> <p>Most planning applications continue to be checked against LERC and HER databases which are both continually updated. A full update is attached with the minutes.</p> <p>12) ENABLE Newsletter (RS) There were four articles from the last newsletter to be carried over to this issue. PW suggested National Forest winning Sustainable Development UK awards. Any articles to RS by middle of April.</p> <p>13) Updates from Steering Group Members RF – attended LeicestHERday representing LRWI and discussed the Women’s Manifesto on Climate Change written by Women’s Environment Network (WEN) and the National Federation of Women’s Institutes (attached with minutes for information).</p> <p>DH/IM – North West Leicestershire District Council will be running a Footprints Campaign soon. Launched some time during April/May it will have different themes including energy use, travel, biodiversity, recycling, carbon footprinting and is aimed at local businesses. Already on board is Stephenson College, East Midlands Airport and United Biscuits. They will be promoting help already available from such as Carbon Trust. Action: DH to circulate information about the events when timetable ready</p> <p>KL – new up to date Fairtrade Directory for Charnwood was launched during FT Fortnight and CBC will be subject to three days of inspections for their environmental management system.</p> <p>SQ – Leicestershire Together meeting feedback – residents satisfaction survey, area risk workshops taking place and would like to speak to Nicole Rickard about that further and an interesting paper was made available about the Voluntary Sector</p>	<p>DH/RS</p> <p>DH</p>
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<p>as part of the MAA which we can circulate with minutes</p> <p>Action: SQ – contact Nicole Rickard re risk workshop and RS circulate voluntary sector paper with minutes</p> <p>JN – HBBC currently have their Climate Change Action Plan out for consultation via the Borough Bulletin. Deadline for consultation 25th March to be signed off by 31st March. They have piloted a re-usable bag for the Borough in Burbage made from fairtrade, organic cotton to assist with the plastic bag ban. The green fleet review will be carried out soon.</p> <p>BD –waiting to hear back from Cycle England regarding a bid for Leicester to become a Cycling City but also affects the fringes of the County. Bid for £5.7 million and has links to the Connect2 project. The bid is being co-ordinated by Andy Selkald, the Leicester City Council Cycling Officer. If successful, Leicester will join a further 10 new towns to become demonstration towns for cycling.</p> <p>14)Any other Business</p> <p>PW – discussed Leicestershire Together membership and the need to involve someone from English Heritage. PW due to meet Paul Bodenham later to discuss.</p>	<p>SQ/RS</p>
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