

ENABLE STEERING GROUP MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2007
2 – 4pm HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date of next meeting 12th December 2007 10 – 12pm Brooksby Melton College

Attendees	Apologies
Ruth Camamile, ENABLE Chair Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Donna Worship, Leicestershire County Council Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council Nick Marriott, Brooksby Melton College Ann Roberts, Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women’s Institutes Jane Neachell, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council David Pendle, Melton Borough Council David Lepper, Natural England	Karl Letten, Charnwood Borough Council Andrew Quigley, Diocese of Leicester Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Ruth Fenney, Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women’s Institutes Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council Bob Scott, Leicestershire Constabulary Jeff Dolby, Environment Agency Susan Bulpitt, North West Leicestershire District Council

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<p>1) Apologies (see above)</p> <p>2) Welcome Back Donna Worship The group welcomed back Donna from maternity leave and congratulated her on the birth of Reggie</p> <p>3) Matters Arising <u>Local Area Agreement Update</u> PW advised that Leicestershire Together are currently developing a new Sustainable Community Strategy to be drafted by the end of the year. An evidence base is currently under preparation.</p> <p>New LAA to be introduced next April. The new LAA will be the delivery vehicle for the Sustainable Community Strategy.</p> <p><u>County and City Leaders Climate Change Meeting</u> Have received no feedback as yet from the meeting. Action: PW to speak to Mr Parsons for feedback</p> <p><u>Charnwood Forest Event</u> PW advised that over 80 people attended the event at the NSPCC Training Centre, Leicester to discuss the future of the Charnwood Forest. There was general agreement that an initiative was needed and that the ‘Regional Park’ tag was a useful means of pursuing a range of initiatives. In the meantime a series of meetings have been held between those with planning responsibility for the area including Charnwood Borough Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council, Natural England, GOEM and East Midlands Regional</p>	<p style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">PW</p>

<p>Assembly. A Core Policy Statement for District Councils is currently being drafted for use in the Local Development Frameworks. The initiatives will hopefully be part funded via bids to the Department for Communities and Local Government Growth Points fund over a three year period with the decision made later on in the year.</p> <p>A discussion took place about Regional Parks and the positives and negatives related to this designation.</p> <p>DL presented a brochure called Planning Sustainable Communities, A Green Infrastructure Guide for Milton Keynes and the South East Midlands for those interested in finding out more. Available from http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/GeAN0305BIWY-e-e.pdf or contact Dave Lepper</p> <p>4) Climate Change Action Plan Update</p> <p>PW advised that The Action Plan has been to the Leicestershire Together Board twice and has now been approved subject to a few minor amendments to give more detail to some of the actions:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electric Trains – are cleanest, but don't need to travel to Peterborough - Turn down thermostat by 1°C – not 1C every year - Eco Balls – give other examples of where can be purchased - Real Nappies – are most environmentally friendly when are washed at 40°C and hung out to dry rather than tumble dried <p>EMRA Nottingham Declaration celebration event was cancelled as Environment Minister unable to attend. No plans in the future for it to be re-arranged.</p> <p>JN advised there had been a u-turn on the Merton Policy for 10% of all energy supply for new developments to be supplied by renewable energy but was advised by DP that LAs have the opportunity to include energy efficiency and renewable energy policies within their Local Development Frameworks.</p> <p>RS advised that HP and herself had been working on a Food based Climate Change pledge and information for the ENABLE climate change website and would have a stall with DW at the East Midlands Regional Food Festival on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th October to promote the link between local food and climate change. Anyone who would like to help out contact RS</p> <p>Action:- anyone interested to contact RS</p> <p>PW advised there was a target in the LAA for Leicestershire LA's – County and District to have prepared a Climate Change Strategy by April 2009. So far strategies have been prepared by Melton Borough Council, Charnwood Borough Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council</p> <p>Action:- DW to contact David Gould at Blaby District Council re their strategy</p> <p>DW advised that the Leicestershire Together Declaration on Climate Change has now been approved subject to the picture being changed and will be distributed for information with the minutes</p> <p>DW advised that HP has been working on an event for County Hall to raise awareness of energy usage by staff. The event will use equipment from the Global</p>	<p>All</p> <p>DW</p>
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Action Plan Carbon Gym and includes an exercise bike, rower and weights to demonstrate how much energy is required to power a light bulb and TV and carbon emissions relating to different travel options. She also went on to add that it could be used in Market Towns to engage the public and asked if District Officers could be involved to raise awareness as part of implanting their Climate Change Action Plans.

5) Review of ENABLE's Strategic Overview of Leicestershire's Environment

RS advised that the above document is to be updated after a workshop event at County Hall on Monday 15th October. Workshops to be divided into the chapter headings of the document:- environmental education, climate change and energy, food and farming, landscape, cultural heritage, building and built heritage, waste and recycling, biodiversity, pollution, transport and water. Some steering group members have already been invited as they have specialist knowledge in these areas and other members will be invited shortly to ask if they can generally help out in the afternoon.

Action: RS to invite other steering group members

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6) Anaerobic Digestion Project Update

DW advised that the final report had now been received and was being proof read by HP and Waste Management at Leicestershire County Council for final comments. The main outcome of the report is that for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant to run economically it would require a variety of feedstocks such as cow manure, waste food and plant material and be operated at a large site that could provide combined heat and power for the that site.

A presentation of the results will be made to an invited audience at Brooksby Melton College in the Autumn and all steering group members will be invited.

7) ENABLE Business Sub Group

RS advised that the group would be meeting for the first time on Thursday 27th September and that both Karl Letten and Ric Ellis from Groundwork had been in touch regarding funding available from the central government BREW (Business Resource Efficiency and Waste) Programme to develop business advice support and could include a joint County and District funded scheme employing an advisor to go into businesses to help with energy, water and waste reduction measures. Nothing has been decided at this time but the group agreed this would be a good idea to go into businesses rather than just providing a telephone or website advice service.

RS and JN fed back to the group about the East Midlands Environmental Management Support programme event they attended at Snibston Discovery Park. The programme has been set up to assist 50 businesses gain the BS 8555 Standard, an accredited Environmental Management System which is a bite sized approach and can help businesses gain the ISO 14001 or EMAS accreditations. The programme is being run by consultants White, Young and Green and funded by EMDA until February 2008. Support includes site visits, supply chain workshops and telephone advice.

<p>There was a suggestion that the business sub group contacts businesses attending breakfast seminars to advice of programme and that the website should include examples of businesses saving money through environmental management.</p> <p>Action RS to contact businesses re Environmental Management support programme</p>	RS
<p>8) Constitution</p> <p>DW advised if the group was constituted there would be a need to decide on membership and representatives for different specialist areas</p>	
<p>9) Newsletter/Annual Report</p> <p>RS distributed copies of the new look newsletter and SG members agreed to distribute amongst their organisation. AR to distribute to all WI groups.</p> <p>Action: RS to forward copies to SG members for distribution</p>	RS
<p>10) Updates</p> <p>DP – Spoke to the group about a project that Melton Borough Council is piloting considering the carbon implications for new developments through the local development framework process.</p> <p>MBC are commissioning a study to investigate 3 areas:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) – carbon implications of new developments e.g. siting near to existing public transport networks b) – Energy Efficiency recommendations for all new developments c) Renewable Energy opportunities for all new developments <p>The project is an evidence gathering exercise for LDFs and is now a partnership between all District Councils except Charnwood as they are unable to assist funding the study</p> <p>For further information, contact David Pendle on 01664 502 383</p> <p>NM – Brooksby Melton College hosting education day on Thursday 4th as part of the East Midlands Food and Drink Festival with tractor rides and games for 1200 local primary school children.</p> <p>PW – Promoted the joint City and Charnwood Connect2 bid to improve pedestrian and cycling access to Watermead Country Park. There will be a telephone voting process after a TV programme during the 8 and 9th December and we want as many people to vote to get the money.</p> <p>PW – Snibston Discovery Park have recently had a study carried out into the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy capacity of the buildings in a bid to become an energy education centre. Study by Bryte Energy.</p> <p>JN – Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council now have Fairtrade Borough Status</p> <p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12th DECEMBER, 10 – 12, MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL</p>	