

**ENABLE STEERING GROUP MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2008
GOSCOTE COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNTY HALL, GLENFIELD**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER, 9.30 – 11.30
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Attendees	Apologies
Cllr Ruth Camamile, ENABLE Chair Peter Williams, Leicestershire County Council Donna Worship, Leicestershire County Council Hetal Patel, Leicestershire County Council Tony Lockley, Leicestershire County Council Tony Marmont, Beacon Energy Ben Dodd, Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire Leicestershire and Rutland Federation of Women's Institutes Jane Neachell, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Blaby District Council North West Leicestershire District Council Bob Scott, Leicestershire Police Authority JF	Rachel Sweetland, Leicestershire County Council Carolyn Lloyd, Natural England David Lepper, Natural England Paul Bodenham, English Heritage

	Action
<p>1. Apologies – see above</p> <p>2. Matters arising The minutes of the previous meeting was agreed</p> <p>3. Review of annual ENABLE Event There was a good keynote speaker but mixed feedback regarding the workshops. Next years event may be very popular and difficult to meet the standard. The Ashton Hayes DVD/Video is available to buy at a price but can be viewed on line at You Tube - http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=C9jPKLyGa_w . All Leicestershire Parish Council's have been sent a copy of the DVD so could be borrowed by them.</p> <p>4. Leicestershire Together <u>Leicestershire Together Board feedback</u> Leicestershire Together link to be circulated – www.leicestershiretogether.org Items of interest to ENABLE SG include:-</p> <p>Health Commissioning document to include Environmental Management objectives</p> <p>Neighbourhood Management restructuring will be of interest to anyone working on local environmental improvements.</p> <p>LTP Progress Report – excellent reflection of transport and environment issues</p> <p><u>Cleaner/Green group</u></p>	

NI 185/188 bidding for resources process now complete. Templates for all indicators were circulated for synergy. The Sustainable Community Strategy is published and available to download from http://www.leicestershiretogether.org/index/sustainable_community_strategy.htm For a paper copy contact Donna Mackay Tel. 0116 305 8137 or email dmackay@leics.gov.uk

Green Infrastructure

Publicly accessible green spaces and private land including back gardens, allotments, farmland, river valleys – interconnecting pattern of the landscape. The regional Green Infrastructure is currently being mapped – Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the new growth areas. A bid for strategic funding for 6Cs growth area has been approved for £1.3 million. GI bids currently being submitted for projects from this fund are Charnwood Forest, Stepping Stones Countryside Management Project and Burbage Common and Woods. BD asked whether there was potential for external projects such as GWLL Natural Burial Grounds, seems possibly but must focus on new housing areas. An Action Plan from the consultants TEP should be ready for August 2009. There are opportunities for Green Roofs – sedum planting on flat roofs and could be a feature for all LA’s e.g. County Hall – could link to Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. Voluntary Action Leicester could be used as a case study.

ENABLE recommendation to support flat green roofs
 ENABLE recommendation to support training for planning colleagues.
 TM advised this has already been included in Lincoln City’s Green Building Guide – could produce a similar guide for Leicestershire.

Leicestershire Together Declaration on Climate Change

WI are to sign – confirmed
 Police are to sign up but need support on promotion and implementation

HP compiling a pack including a copy of the declaration, an action plan and Every Action Counts support.

HP focussing on community groups to sign up at forthcoming Climate Friendly Communities events.

- Action: build up the declaration part of the website**
- Action: participate in Leicestershire Together Board conference on 5th December to promote the declaration**
- Action: send copy of declaration to all ENABLE partners with request to sign up**
- Action: send copy of declaration to all Parish Councils to sign up**

5. Climate Friendly Communities Project

Full programme of activities planned until March 2009.

11th October there was a community awareness day at Tilton Village Hall organised by Tilton Green with over 300 visitors and a training session on energy and waste in the afternoon. Slow Food Day in Billesdon late September to celebrate locally produced, home cooked food. There are two evening workshop sessions planned for community groups on 22nd and 30th Oct run by Leicestershire Rural Community Council with information on climate change and energy, workshops and environmental stalls

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including ENABLE, Waste Management, the Energy Saving Trust, Mark Insulation and Warm Front. Tailored training events are being organised for the community groups – Tilton Green/Sustainable Billesdon and Ibstock Does Climate Change. These are mainly being run by Simon Ross from Marches Energy Agency who will be advising the groups on carrying out carbon footprinting in their community.

Further funding is being sought to roll the programme out after March 2009.

WJ advised Paul Coates in the waste management section at North West Leics District Council is piloting a collection of recyclable business waste and there is an opportunity to involve Ibstock.

Action: WJ to check with PC on opportunities for business waste recycling in Ibstock

WJ

6. The Big Switch Off

Friday 17th October 4.30 – 6.30pm. To be launched on 29th September at Snibston with a class from Ibstock School – an activity on energy efficiency between 10 – 11.15 and 11.30 partners join in signing pledge for campaign. Using common resources posters and bookmarks for libraries. Can download posters from website www.leics.gov.uk/bigswitchoff - posters have been sent to libraries, parish councils, museums and schools. There is a family challenge for a family to cut their energy consumption by 20% over a year with hopefully one family in every district and one in each of the climate friendly communities. They will be provided with a wireless energy monitor. Monitors are also being loaned through libraries.

North West Leicestershire District Council also loaning meters out to residents.

7. LCLIP – Local Climate Impacts Profile

EMRA funded project for all East Midlands County and Unitary authorities and carried out by recent graduates employed through Student Force for Sustainability. Trawl of media for Leicestershire – Leicester Mercury and county papers revealed over 700 severe weather events since 2000 such as flooding, heavy rainfall, heatwaves and snowfall. The study investigated how these weather events effected local authority services and how they were responded to. Managers were interviewed to gather greater information. Data was also looked at relating to insurance claims – over £1 million worth in flood claims, tree management and highways queries. The information gathered will help towards NI 188 – Climate Change Adaption included in the LAA and required by all Local Authorities.

Action: DW to arrange a presentation of the LCLIP results to Leicestershire County Council DMTs.

DW

Phase 2 of the programme starting in October will be carrying out a similar study but on effects on District Council services.

8. Anaerobic Digestion

Applications received for second deadline for funding – 31st October 2008. Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire are interested in putting in an application.

9. Updates

Beacon Energy, Tony Marmont – advised the group about:-

Hydrocarbon fuel — Loughborough University opening a hydrocarbon filling station 25th September
Frisby – 19 Sept 11 kW Wind turbine opening

Energy 4 All – Aberdeen University

Under EU legislation there is now a national target to produce 20% energy from renewable sources

Retrofitting old buildings easiest way to increase energy efficiency and reduce CO2 emissions.

UKSDA Building Award – TL advised Charnwood BC run design awards. Civic Trust and CPRE also run awards and may provide buildings and influence. Banner available for promotion

Groundwork Leicester and Leicestershire, Ben Dodd –

Tyre Recycling Plant in Skeffington closed, will be relocating to Ragdale. Currently looking into anaerobic digestion instead. Mapping work in County to demonstrate county benefits.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Jane Neachell

Burbage bag – a big success

EMAS audit in November and will gain full ISO 14001 certification by March 2009. Will release statement before end of year for EMAS certification. Undertaking Green Fleet review.

Blaby District Council

Climate Change Action Plan drafted

Tony Lockley

Regulation on private driveways from 1st October when replaced or constructed and falls under public highway must be constructed from a porous material.

N.B. Spare papers will no longer be provided at ENABLE SG meetings to reduce waste. Please bring your own copies of agendas, minutes and papers.

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