

## Oxfordshire Environment Partnership.

**Minutes of meeting on 15 January 2010 at Town Hall, Oxford, 11.00am – 12:30pm**

### **In attendance**

Councillor John Tanner (chair), Tim Sadler - Oxford City Council; Robin Buxton; Matt Jackson - BBOWT; Councillor George Reynolds, Ian Davies - Cherwell District Council; Councillor David Harvey, Olly Scholefield - West Oxfordshire District Council; Wayne Lewis, Paul Mocroft - Oxfordshire Waste Partnership; Cllr Ian Hudspeth, Susie Ohlenschlager, Andrew Pau, Chris Cousins - Oxfordshire County Council; Mike McKay - Vale and South Oxfordshire District Council; Linda Watson - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council; Mark Ormrod - Environment Agency

|  |  | <b>Action</b> |
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| <b>1. Introductions and apologies</b>          | Apologies were received from Dave Woodwark. Cllr John Tanner suggested that one set of minutes be produced for the meetings of the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership and Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, and one single agenda and papers sent out.   | SO/WL         |
| <b>2. Minutes of meeting on 23 Oct</b>         | The minutes were confirmed as correct.   |               |
| <b>3. Low Carbon Communities Delivery Plan</b> | <p>SO introduced the delivery plan which outlines the role of the OWEF and future reporting process, and asked members of the partnership for their support in promoting the programme locally.</p> <p>Ian Davies commented that there is a need to use robust data about fuel poverty, and that the plans need to emphasise more specifically how fuel poverty and areas of deprivation will be approached.</p> <p>Cllr Harvey requested that reports to the partnership highlight activities in individual districts.</p> <p>Overall the programme was supported.</p> <p><b>AGREED</b> subject to further editing and amendments to be made by Susie Ohlenschlager (the Programme Manager) in consultation with the Chair.</p> <p>The link below is to a presentation about the project:<br/> <a href="#">Oxfordshire Partnership (networking event)</a></p> | SO            |
| <b>4. Progress report on LAA2 targets</b>      | Cllr John Tanner asked for individual reports from each local authority about their work on NI 185 to be brought to the next meeting. It was agreed these would be presented in a single document. The report was <b>AGREED</b> .  | SO            |

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| <p><b>5. Voluntary sector representation on the OWEF</b></p>                          | <p>SO reported that the OCVA had made a request for voluntary sector members to be elected according to a process now being used by some of the thematic partnerships.</p> <p>It was agreed that it was premature to take this on at present when the new arrangements for joint working of the partnerships were still being developed.</p> <p>Cllr Tanner emphasised that the current voluntary sector members of the partnership were welcome to attend both meetings (although as observers at the OWP meeting).</p>   | <p>SO<br/>WL</p>                    |
| <p><b>6. Oxfordshire 2030, Oxfordshire Sustainable Community Strategy refresh</b></p> | <p>SO introduced the paper and suggested that for the purposes of the report to the PSB the following indicators be proposed to report against each pledge.</p> <p>    Pledge 16 (CO2 reduction from LAs) : NI 185<br/>     Pledge 18 (flooding): NI 189 and NI 188<br/>     Pledge 20: NI 186 and NI 188<br/>     Pledge 22 (biodiversity) NI 197</p> <p>The paper with the additional suggestions above was <b>Agreed</b>.</p> <p>It was agreed to bring a paper to the next meeting outlining where necessary the actions/milestones against which progress could be monitored.</p>   | <p>All</p> <p>SO to co-ordinate</p> |
| <p><b>7. Updates from working groups</b></p>  | <p>a) Biodiversity – Robin Buxton reported that the National focus of biodiversity action plans is shifting from species and habitats to habitats and priority areas (pioneered in Oxon), leading to new targets. There is increasing recognition of the importance of ecosystem services to economy. Natural England is collating habitat data for SE Region and will work with Oxon Biodiversity Steering Group to create county targets and progress stats should be in a position to report to EWP in the autumn.</p> <p>b) Flooding Group _ Tim Sadler reported that a co-ordinator, Chris Brown, had now been appointed to a post jointly funded by the Environment Agency and County Council. The group was aware of the work that needed to be done in relation to the pledges.</p> <p>c) OxCan (the Oxfordshire Climate Action Network) - SO reported that the Chair of this group is Jan Deacon, of the United Sustainable Energy Agency. The main focus of the group's recent work was to develop the Low Carbon Communities bid.</p> |                                     |
| <p><b>8. Any other business</b></p>   | <p>Chris Cousins reported that planning policy officers from all six authorities have agreed a document (which has also been formally endorsed in a number of cases) giving advice on implementing the SE Plan policies on sustainable construction; this would be circulated to the Partnership.</p>  | <p>RR</p> <p>SO</p>                 |
| <p><b>9. Date of next meeting</b></p>   | <p>25 March 2010</p>   | <p>SO<br/>WL</p>                    |

