

Oxfordshire Environment Partnership.

4th Feb 2009, at County Hall, Oxford.

09:45 for 10.00 start – 11:45

Item		Action
Apologies:	Susie Ohlenschlager Oxfordshire County Council Chris Cousins Oxfordshire County Council Ian Walker Oxfordshire County Council Paul Staines Vale of White Horse District Council Linda Watson Oxfordshire Rural Community Council Paul Spencer Oxford City Council Ian Davies Cherwell District Council Steve Howell Oxfordshire County Council Alison Black Environment Agency Joanna Larmour Environment Agency	SO
Attendees:	Robin Buxton Chair Joanna Rödel Oxfordshire County Council (Minutes) John Copley Oxford City Council Cllr John Tanner Oxford City Council & Chair of Waste Partnership (OWP) Dave Waller Oxfordshire County Council Val Johnson Oxford City Council Dave Woodwark Cllr Roger Belson Oxfordshire County Council Debbie Haynes West Oxon DC Mark Saunders Vale of White Horse District Council Matt Jackson BBOWT Jo Hamilton Environmental Change Institute	RBux JR JC Cllr JT DFW VJ DRW Cllr RB DH MS MJ JH
1 Introductions and apologies Robin Buxton 10:00	Apologies from those listed above.	
2 Minutes of meeting on 14 July and matters arising Robin Buxton 10:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous minutes agreed as accurate. • RBux ran through a précis of previous minutes and noted these comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item 3: Ref to Partnership Review VJ updated members; paper to go PSB (Public Service Board) on 18th Feb. ○ Query over length of time taken for procedure to take place. The review is complicated and needs to be standardised and transparent so the targets are 'owned' by the people and there is clarity over the delivery of these. ○ Views exist on either side of proposal re possible union of OEnvP (Oxfordshire Environment 	

	<p>Partnership) and OWP (Oxfordshire Waste Partnership).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is still agreed by all in OEnvP and OWP that they should remain separate. While there are crossovers in their work OWP is far more developed, and OEnvP focuses more on Climate Change. ○ Cllr RB and Cllr JT (OWP Chair) both agree on this. Partnership review is an agenda item at PSB at Feb 18th meeting outcome will be decided then. ○ Item 5; point 1: Flood protection group, RBux has no contact or knowledge of progress. ○ Item 6: Final version of statement of Intent was circulated with agenda and previous minutes prior to this meeting. ○ Item 6: Question about how to best reach businesses. DFW and Ian Curtis are trying to address this. There is currently a push from central government about clean technology. ○ DFW also referred to networking breakfast in June, where best practise and information is shared. They are quick moving and unconstrained by a formal structure. 	
<p>3 Progress report / presentation re LAA2 targets and other indicators. Dave Waller (deputising for Susie Ohlenschlager) 10:10</p>	<p>Please see LAA2 slides with additional notes. Work in progress on.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) NI 185, NI 188 (LAA2) b) Role and membership of target delivery groups c) Performance management and reporting. <p>Discussion following the presentation included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) is responsible for ¾ of CO₂ emissions in local authority operations. ● The OCC Carbon Management Board and Future First Programme Board have been amalgamated to form the Climate Change Board (John Jackson as chair), to include about a dozen members. ● ‘Environment and Climate Change’ is a corporate priority and OCC have started working on carbon reduction early, meaning current targets are now more difficult to reach. ● There are still people to convince, the Climate Change Board is hoping to get members of each directorate on board and drive work and action forward. ● Cllr JT suggested that whole organisation(s) needs to take the approach of not only looking at financial budget, particularly in current climate, but also ‘carbon budget’. ● DFW updated members with the current reorganisation 	

	<p>of OCC Environment and Climate Change Team. This has formed due to the combining of Future First and BREW (Business Resource Efficiency and Waste) teams. Sue Kent is heading this team.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work of BREW (funded by Defra) looks at best practice of LAs nationally and shares this through their work with other authorities. It is this process that is so valuable in information sharing, and getting communities working together. • MJ asked question with reference to NI 185 how the natural environment is built in to plan and targets for 2011. Who is lined up to engage with in terms of thinking about natural environment? 	<p>DFW to find out</p>
<p>4 Sustainable Community Strategy Dave Waller 10:30</p>	<p>a) Pledges in Delivery Plan and progress b) LAA1 grant bid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfordshire Partnership website (Oxfordshire 2030) http://www.oxfordshirepartnership.org.uk/ • See site for Oxfordshire 2030 Strategy, Strategy Summary and Delivery Plan. • Group agreed that it needs a more live process between meetings, Sue Kent will be involved and help to take partnership forward. • Working group to meet in March to look at PSB's proposals and how to maintain continuity, engagement and commitment. • LAA1 reward bid has been made for funding. 	<p>ALL to provide proposals for continued involvement. RBux, SK, SO, DFW to meet to discuss options in March.</p>
<p>5 Presentation: 'Developing Low Carbon Communities: Options, Opportunities, Pathways' Jo Hamilton 10:40</p>	<p>Presentation on work of Oxfordshire Climate Action Network (OxCAN)/ Climate Xchange; discussion re taking work forward. Please see 'Developing Low Carbon Communities: Options, Opportunities, Pathways' slides with additional notes. Discussion following the presentation included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are difficulties in LAA reporting process as cannot be precise, so use Defra figures. • DRW wanted clarification with reference to slide 5. The 63,000 tonnes of CO2 is that which the County Council is responsible for. 5,969,000 tonnes of CO2 is the emissions for all of Oxfordshire by end user and does not include Didcot Power Station. • UKCIP has a growing relationship with the community, can work towards changing the public perception of the Universities. • Ref slide 9 'Scaling Up' shows there is an opportunity for 	

	<p>leadership to be seen as the norm within Oxfordshire and outside it. To help people/ groups with leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If one single message is delivered from all players (media, business, community, authorities) and groups are working together and seen to be working together this can be achieved. • There are community groups that need support, leadership and information. Oxford could be seen as a 'capital of information' as it is viewed with bioscience. • Some community groups do work on their own initiative, but often support is needed this is where leadership and the work of the delivery group can move groups forward. • At the last meeting of OxCAN – the communities Carbon reduction delivery group of OEnvP - it was agreed that securing funding for Climate X is priority for the group. • Current funding for Climate X runs out in May – has run on £60K this year but this may not be feasible in future • Cllr RB stated that funding for 2010 now needs to be thought about, as budget / bid application will need to be in April 2009. Papers on budget are available publicly on OCC website. • In the interim there is a gap, DFW suggested JH writes one page summary on what delivery group is looking for. • All should listen out for funding opportunities, as through work we all hear about possible opportunities that may be relevant for the group. • Cllr JT suggested funding as an agenda item at next meeting. 	<p>JH to circulate summary of funding needs. ALL to listen for and share funding opportunities as they hear of them.</p>
<p>6 Forward Plan for future meetings: Robin Buxton 11:20</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reports/ presentations from working groups. • Work with other partnerships, particularly water – Thames and EA (carried forward from 14th July) • Suggestions for future topics included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Infrastructure and Climate Change; ○ Listed Buildings (and the built environment); ○ Developing the Green Economy ○ Insurance and Climate risks; ○ Climate Change adaptation; ○ Water efficiency; ○ Fuel Poverty; ○ Green Infrastructure. • It was agreed that the most relevant agenda items to discuss at meeting of 20th May are Infrastructure and Climate Change' Future of the group and funding. • The meeting of 12th August will look at Water Efficiency. 	

<p>7 Any other business Robin Buxton 11:30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Woodwark briefed members about developments at the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment (TOE) which is planning to appeal to their largest funder to reconsider its decision to stop distributing through TOE. 	
<p>8 Date of next meeting and close Robin Buxton 11:40</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting was planned to take place on Wed 20th May, County Hall Room 2 10:00-12:00. • It was agreed that an additional meeting should take place in March to ensure that progress continued to be made. 	<p>JR to consult on possible dates</p>