

## Oxfordshire Environment Partnership.

**Minutes of meeting on 23 October 2009 at Town Hall, St Aldates, Oxford, 11.00am – 12:30pm**

### **In attendance**

Councillor John Tanner - Oxford City Council; Robin Buxton; Matt Jackson - BBOWT; Councillor George Reynolds; Ian Davies - Cherwell District Council; Olly Scholefield - West Oxfordshire District Council; Wayne Lewis – Cherwell District Council; Paul Mocroft - Oxfordshire Waste Partnership; Cllr Ian Hudspeth; Susie Ohlenschlager; Claire Phillips; Andrew Pau - Oxfordshire County Council; Mark Saunders - Vale of White Horse District Council; Mike McKay - South Oxfordshire District Council; Linda Watson - Oxfordshire Rural Community Council; Rosemary Redmond - Environment Agency.

<b>1. Introductions and apologies</b>	Apologies were received from Chris Cousins - Oxfordshire County Council; Steve Howell - Oxfordshire County Council; Sally Truman - South Oxfordshire District Council, Cllr David Harvey - West Oxfordshire District Council; Dave Woodwark; John Copley - Oxford City Council	
<b>2. Proposal for interim arrangements for OEWP</b>	Some clarification was needed about the roles of portfolio holders. In some cases different members and/or officers would need to attend the respective meetings.  RB voiced concern about the potential predomination of statutory waste issues.  <b>AGREED</b> with the addition of a sixth recommendation, that Robin Buxton will be Vice Chair of the partnership, and that the Environment Agency would also attend the OWP meeting.	SO WL
<b>3. Minutes of meeting on 20 May and matters arising</b>	The minutes were agreed as correct.  RB: clarification of the role of biodiversity in this group is still needed.	RB
<b>4. LAA1 reward grant bid</b>	ID suggested that though the focus on area of high fuel poverty and deprivation is good, resources are spread thin in this bid, and that we need to seek other sources of funds for leverage.  Concern was expressed about possible delays to release of funds and delivery. SO explained that delivery plans will be needed before funding is released; Cllr Tanner asked for delivery plans to be brought back to this group for approval.  Bid <b>AGREED</b> .  SO was thanked for her input and work to develop the bid.	SO
<b>5. Progress report on LAA2 targets</b>	The NI 185 baseline is for 2008/2009, not 2008 as stated in the report. Comments included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• challenges posed by increased energy consumption from sports and other new facilities</li> <li>• need to be aware of carbon implications of new developments</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>dealing with public perceptions re eg street lighting</li> <li>the difficulty of measuring NI 186 (per capita CO2 reduction)</li> <li>the Environment Agency have produce a balanced scorecard and ecological and carbon footprint of each area as part of its State of the Environment report</li> </ul> <p>WL mentioned a Sustainable Construction for Oxfordshire event on 17 November.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> to bring a reports to future meetings on:  1) What local authorities and other agencies are doing  2) NI186</p>	SO EA
<b>6.Oxfordshire 2030, Sustainable Community Strategy</b>	<p>SO summarised the pledges for which the Partnership is responsible, and the role of delivery groups. The reporting processes are not yet clear, and the County Council performance management team will be involving the OEWP in a review it will be undertaking shortly.</p> <p>MJ queried the delivery mechanisms, and the need to look at pledges and decide whether they are most appropriate</p> <p>RB raised the lack of resources to co-ordinate and implement this work.</p> <p>Agreed to note the summary and allocation of tasks.</p>	All
<b>7. Working with communities on climate change, Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC)</b>	<p>Linda Watson gave an overview of the role of ORCC and its work with local communities including community led planning, which she illustrated with local examples. ORCC is working with the Oxfordshire Data observatory on fuel poverty. Climate change is now much higher on local community agendas, but the challenge remains of getting to those commmunities which don't want to engage. ORCC has potential to leverage in funding.</p> <p>It was agreed that the ORCC have experience and ability to work with local communities, and the Partnership should make use of this.</p>	All
<b>8. Any other business</b>	RR reported on a recent Environment Agency event for Councillors. Agreed to send SO a note for circulation and provide an EA update at a future meeting	RR SO
<b>9. Date of next meeting</b>	15 January, joint with OWP	SO WL
<b>10. Forward plan and topics for future meetings</b>	<p>Presentations from other local authorities and working groups (eg on LAA2 work)and agencies and organisations including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment Agency and NHS</li> <li>ONCF/Biodiversity Steering Group on biodiversity</li> <li>Flooding group</li> </ul> <p>Delivery plans for LAA1  Report on NI 186</p>	