

Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board

09.00 – 10.30am Monday 11th September 2023

Present – James Marsden, Steve Klenk, Jamie Audsley, Cllr Swinglehurst, Jackie Jones, Gareth Williams, Rebecca Tully, Emily Partridge, Philip Percy, Claire Kingston
HC officers – Ben Boswell, Tina Kilner, Nigel Koch

Apologies: Gordon Coppock, Elly Deacon-Smith, Chris Scott, Fred Spaven
HC staff – Richard Vaughan, Liz Duberley, Fran Lancaster

Welcome – James Marsden. Welcome to new Board members:
Steve Klenk, Co-chair of Farm Herefordshire and Chair of the Farming and Land-use sub-group
Rebecca Tully, Herefordshire Food Alliance
Jamie Audsley, CEO Herefordshire Wildlife Trust

- **Minutes of the last meeting held 18th July 2023** - James Marsden
 - Matters Arising/ Actions – Board Action Log (attached) to be followed up and updated.
 - 2 - please delete action for Bill - not on sub-group and dealt with
 - 5- should read 'JM proposed that he and Jamie Audsley'
 - Minutes agreed
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- 2. Board recruitment including youth engagement**
- No amendment to ToRs as Board keen to retain young persons aged 18-25, or for anyone under 18 to have specific support in place.
 - **Action - BB to consider how the secretariat can support youth members under the age of 25**
 - Keen to do specific recruitment to find people or target members with strong links to this
 - How do we best support going forward
 - Offer of mentoring and pastoral care from BB / HC - buddy
 - PP also had similar experiences and struggles to engage youth - offer to support buddying etc.
 - The Federation of Young Farmers is a potential group to engage
 - Suggestion for detailed description of role, expectations in addition to support offered by Secretariat.
 - **Action - Recruitment sub-group to pick up and action.**
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- 3. Consider how does the Board want to operate in light of review and refreshed mandate**
Strategic links - noted active engagement with other groups.
Sub-groups to consider key stakeholders and how do we get key players engaged in these groups. How do we capture and engage other activity in the groups
- i. Link to Marches energy plan / Farm Hfds equivalent for their groups
 - ii. Initiating projects - agreement to focus on top 3 actions/priorities for each theme. There was a discussion over the number of priorities and agreement to remain with 18
 - iii. BB noted success of projects becoming business cases and securing funding from the climate reserve

iv. Waste and transport - HC to suggest top three priorities and Board to agree/sign up to top three priorities

- **Actions -JM to compile 6 by 3 grid from sub-groups.**

BB & RV to populate top three actions for Waste and Transport.

Share grid when further information has been added in Oct.

v. How do we map what private sector is doing?

vi. WSP Retrofit guide - noted nearly complete, taken on board comments the housing and buildings subgroup. Need subgroup to help scope the next piece of work from the start to further progress this

vii. Policy engagement with HC – proposal to make the Board a formal consultee, same as LNP.

- **Action: SCC team to check timetables for future consultations to ensure the Board is linked in.**

i. JM proposed archiving the long action plans housed on the zerocarbon website and instead focus on the matrix of 18 priorities

ii. JA keen to have personal accountability for actions within action plan but noted all have different time constraints. Suggestion to add to matrix, outline template to be available for Oct. meeting

iii. ToR - call for all members to review

iv. GW - purpose / who do we report to - accountable to / officer support available / budget - access to climate reserve

v. Regular updates as to what funding is available

- **Actions -BB to note above in an annexe to ToR for next board.
BB to ask KA for an update on climate reserve activity for the next meeting.**

- **How do we empower members to convene - through matrix and priorities**

Lobbying role of the group - give this some thought before next meeting

How do we give the board a mandate and parameters. Noted that from experiences on other Boards, there is a fine balance and careful rule book required for how members engage in the

"wider world" with what and whom they represent and push for. Including a "what can and can't be said" and to an agreed whom.

4. Communication engagement - TK update- GF projects and promotions officer

- TK presented current work plan to November 2023
- Future work planning - key messages / linked to Board priorities
- Farm Carbon Audits event on 20th September – question around any additional funding for further audits. JBP talking to farmers to identify getting videos of farmers
- Renewables mapping coming to fruition – launch planned end October
- JM asked all to consider annual assembly (attached outline draft agenda)
- Agreed that the priority action plan for the board, aligning plans to it can be done via email rather than waiting until next meeting which would further delay the alignment.
- priorities and activities will help to feed Comms plan
- Rural business advice day 14th Nov., 2023.
- Drafting low cost/no cost/first steps that businesses can take and will welcome the Board's feedback.

- **Action- BB to include in the climate reserve whole programme update.**
Forward plan in development - propose standing item on agenda to ensure board steer

5. AOB & Good News Items and Funding Opportunities – All

6. Date/ Time of next Board Meeting & Agenda Items

Tuesday 17th Oct , 5.30pm- 7.00pm

Food sub-group – Rebecca Tully, Herefordshire Food Alliance

'A recipe for healthy and sustainable food' (Annual Report 2022) - overview of key findings, recommendations and follow-up actions - Matt Pearce, Director of Public Health

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/25248/2022-a-recipe-for-healthy-and-sustainable-food>

Presentation of report on Climate risk and adaptation strategy -Sustainability West Midlands