

# Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board

12.00 – 2.00pm Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Caplor Farm, Fownhope, Hereford HR1 4PT

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**Apologies:** Jackie Jones, Claire Spicer, John Whitelegg, Anna Darwood, Calum Dover, Claire Kingston, Stuart Brisbane, Ian Howie

**Attendance:** Cllr Swinglehurst, Emily Partridge, Gareth Williams, James Marsden, Phil Percy, Chris Scott, Elly Deacon-Smith, Gordon Coppock

HC - Ben Boswell, Richard Vaughan, Nigel Koch

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## 1. Welcome – James Marsden

HC Update on new Council & mandate for Board – Cllr Swinglehurst

- Conservative minority cabinet
- No change in targets e.g. net zero by 2030
- Keen that we are ready for Biological Net Gain etc.
- Net zero is on its way, some work to do with respect to ecology and need to resource that more

To date the Board has delivered farm carbon audits, business audits, is developing a new format action plan and currently carrying out countywide renewables mapping.

Once the board has brought together its action plans and top actions it must consider how they link to the council's annual performance report.

### Review Board ToR & members commitment

- Commitment to the board might relate to deliverability of the action plans and it's difficult to engage with relevant organisations to enable the delivery
- Bottom up approach is very important however once it comes to an action plan it's hard to get other parties to commit to delivering an action
- We therefore need people to 'make an offer' rather than a formal commitment and may need them around the table or close to it
- Net zero by 2030 is seen by some as an unrealistic target for net zero for the county so our message therefore might come across as irrational, if we aspire to inspirational targets we therefore need a plan
- In terms of the plan, 6 sectors, 3 priority targets with indicators is the start of a high level plan
- Any plans should be strategic and link to national plans and therefore will likely fit to national funding to enable delivery
- Transport subgroup needs more members

**Action:** How do we link transport subgroup into the development of the LTP?

**Action:** to ensure hybrid meetings are an option and times vary i.e. in or out of working hours

**Action:** Survey Monkey for preferences from each board member and review

- Anna and Calum have stepped down from the board due to the nature of the meetings
- Youth version of boards have been trialled nationwide
- Other options include young people shadowing board members or internships on the board
- Safeguarding training by HC officers
- Phil and Gordon have knowledge, Phil has direct experience

**Action:** proposal on youth to come back to a future meeting by RV/BB

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## 2. Minutes of the last meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

- Matters Arising/ Actions – Board Action Log (attached)
  - Minutes agreed
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## 3. Energy action plan – Gordon Coppock and Gareth Williams

### Presented

- Links to many sessions at recent Hay Festival
- Call for all groups to consider energy as a part of their work

**Action:** JBP to do some messaging around air source heat pumps with links to webinars from HGN by Elly Deacon-Smith

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## 4. Review Sub-Group structure & membership

Call for recruits to the subgroups. Agreed not to reinvent the comms group

- Transport
- Waste
- Food
- Energy
- Buildings
- Farming/land-use

**Action:** BB to invite Matt Pearce to talk to his report (the one after July)

**Action:** JW to circulate Matts report <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/25248/2022-a-recipe-for-healthy-and-sustainable-food>

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## 5. AOB & Good News Items and Funding Opportunities

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## 6. HC Activity - One-Pager Update include Climate Reserve tracker (attached)

**Action:** JW to set up a comms meeting with JBP and one member from each subgroup to discuss priorities

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## 7. Date/Time of future Board Meetings & Agenda Items

- Tuesday 18th July 5.30pm - 7.00pm, in person at Queenswood. Hosted by the Wildlife Trust.