

Herefordshire Climate and Nature Board

5.30pm- 7.00pm, Tuesday 17th October 2023

Microsoft Teams

Apologies: Cllr Swinglehurst, Emily Partridge, Claire Kingston, Elly Deacon-Smith

Attendees

James Marsden, Steve Klenk, Ian Howie, Phil Percy, Jackie Jones, Gareth Williams, Gordon Coppock, Rebecca Tully

Alan Carr - Sustainability West Midlands

Morgan Roberts - Sustainability West Midlands

Mo Burns - Hereford City Wildlife Trust

Richard Vaughan (HC), Cllr Biggs (HC), Matt Pearce (HC), Roger Allonby (HC), Mary Burton (HC).

1. Minutes of the last meeting held 11th September 2023 - James Marsden

- Matters Arising/ Actions – Board Action Log (attached)
 - Board membership renewal
 - JM made declaration of interests - Landscape Recovery bid for the river & appointed to The Office of Environmental Protection.
 - Building sub group - linking priority actions with nature strategy and for conversation between either Ellie or Emily and Claire Spicer. Needs to happen before next month if possible.
 - Indicators appear twice in that list of actions Ben and Liz were going to develop or consider some actions for net zero nature back in May, can we give them a nudge on progress?
 - **Action** - net zero and nature rich indicators to be developed for board reference - Liz and Ben to update
 - Delete James action on indicators for local plan
 - Minutes agreed
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2. Economy and Place Board – Cllr Biggs and Roger Allonby

- RA presented - presentation attached.
 - JM sought clarity of governance.
 - **Action** - RA to share ToR and board to provide comments back in 10 days.
 - Gareth Williams to be HCNP rep on this board.
 - **Action** - Board to develop protocol for feeding into Gareth and Gareth feeding back.
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3. Follow up from last meeting and reflection on national policy update – Ben Boswell

- Communications support
- ToRs
- Members role

- Following last meeting we covered lots of the suggestions for improvement. One item we didn't cover was clarifying representing the board at external meetings etc.
- Had an initial discussion with James and team have drafted some suggested amends to the ToR.
- Clarity around the process for funding projects.
- Also included some clarity on working with officers.
- And finally some clarity on the Greener Footprints as technically this is a council commission and so whilst will support the board it needs to be client managed by HC

- **Action** circulate to Gareth, Gordon and Jackie and ask for feedback within a week before update and publishing.
 - Time constraints was another significant piece of feedback from board.
 - **Action** - add to next board agenda to discuss ahead of scheduling 2024 meetings.
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4. Theme – Food Action Plan

Rebecca Tully, Herefordshire Food Alliance

Matt Pearce, Director of Public Health <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/25248/2022-a-recipe-for-healthy-and-sustainable-food>

RT presented the Food sub-groups top 3 priority actions

- **Actions**
 - RT to contact sustainability team about the three proposed events and how Greener Footprints can support.
 - JM to put Rebecca in touch with Julian Atkins, Director for Net Zero for Church of England, who lives locally.
 - RT to contact BB about waste.
 - Transport sub-group would support a tangible project for collection of food waste.
 - Sub-groups to feedback to Rebecca.
 - RT to refine with Claire top 3 priorities and submit to Judith within next 10 days.
 - GC to invite Matt Pearce to Buildings group regarding affordable warmth.
 - Matt Pearce noted 4 priority areas as well as importance of environment and where food comes from.
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5. Presentation of Draft Adaptation Strategy

Sustainability West Midlands

Alan Carr summarised the draft adaptation plan and asked for feedback from the board.

Comments were received around structure and clarifying existing content.

JM expressed interest in adaptation taking a more prominent position within the HCNP and would be a good way to take the work forward rather than create a new board.

- **Action** – RV and team to draft proposal for consideration in new year.

In terms of publication, as soon as it is available from SWM, it will be published very shortly after that on the website. Anticipate a January publish date for the paper.

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

N/A ran out of time

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

- **Monday 20 November, 09.00-10.30am**

- Finalise Summary Action Plan - 18 Priority Actions & monitoring/reporting framework. Discuss projects to support these priorities
 - Prepare for Annual Assembly in Jan/Feb 2024
 - Revised schedule of 2024 meetings to be discussed at next meeting
 - Next meeting 10am in person Shell Store (updated)
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8. HC Activity - One-Pager Update include Climate Reserve tracker (attached)

- Noted