

HARROGATE DISTRICT CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION

AGENDA

Tuesday 18th February 2020, 5.30pm
Civic Centre, Harrogate

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1. Apologies:
Alex Hornby, Transdev
2. Meeting notes from 19th November 2020 - notes attached
3. Sub-groups and projects - see attached paper
4. Harrogate Advertiser Excellence in Business Awards - update
5. Proposed Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th May 2020

Item 2

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Meeting Notes 19th November 2019

Public perceptions/opinions:

- Market research and public perception. Perhaps need an initial project to do some consultation – what are public attitudes. Include focus on young people – opportunity for youth engagement via their project

Actions:

Consider using District Panel survey to gauge public attitudes. (Possibly mirror UK Gov BEIS opinion tracker)
Seek advice on young persons' representative

Communications:

- How can we translate climate impacts into real life impacts here in Harrogate on the ground? Important to show that wider climate impacts have local real-life relevance
- E.g. how liveable will our buildings be, what will our environment look like. What will 1.5 degree actually mean for Harrogate District, what about 2 degrees?

Actions:

Investigate how best to visualise climate impacts.

Knowledge sharing/networking

- Could businesses get together in setting up some kind of knowledge network? Together as a community to share advice
- Are there cost saving opportunities opened up by businesses clubbing together? Sharing information, problems, solutions
- Hornbeam Park example: would need some detailed work on the site constraints for example a solar PPA power purchase agreement across the site.

Action:

Establish a solar sub-group to look at opportunities

Membership:

- Noted possible gap in membership, especially regarding young people and agricultural sector

Action:

Invite Yorkshire Agricultural Society representative
Seek advice on best way to recruit young rep

Forestry/tree cover:

- Harrogate White Rose Forest group – will have a key role in engaging landowners
- We have 10.2% tree cover currently, the national target is in the region of 20%. WRF is developing a framework on how/where to increase tree cover, increase and improve biodiversity

Action:

Make links to local White Rose Forest group

Possibly develop an offsetting task group to look for opportunities

Active Travel

- Noted that the council is part of a wider bid for funding on various travel initiatives
- Noted the need for changing behaviours and acknowledges how big these area are and that some will be controversial
- A1M speed reduction? Seems like a quick win but is dictated by national motorway speed policy so unlikely to be in the scope of this group although there is a potential lobbying function to group could take on
- Can businesses be incentivised to offer flexible working? Encouraged to offer bus and trail season tickets. Again, sharing knowledge will be important.

Action:

Desire round the table to form active travel sub-group

Website:

- Consider a website in future (when we have something to say), need clarity on what audience is relevant and what are the messages.
- Could be a standalone site or one under HBC umbrella (which could be branded separately)
- Wait until further developments within group before publicising.
- For transparency, meeting papers etc will go online.

Action:

Create web page on HBC site to host meeting papers, ToR and membership list etc.

In future, consider online comms

Training:

- Question as to whether we have the skills locally to deploy green economy jobs, to deploy green technology. Some conflicting messages from the industry on this.
- An idea for a green business summit – should this be a local training event?
- Noted that the council has committed to supporting a climate themed conference. Also there is some interest in business community (e.g. Institute of Directors) for a similar event so there may opportunities for cooperation

Action plan themes:

- Suggestion to focus the action plan around the sectors in national government carbon statistics, namely:
 - Industry and Commercial
 - Agriculture
 - Domestic energy use
 - Transport
 - Land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF)

Action:

Use these categories to structure the emerging action plan

Harrogate District Green Business Awards

- Noted that HBC is sponsoring a sustainability award in the Harrogate Advertiser scheme. Launch for awards scheme will be December 2020
- Award ceremony likely to be March/April 2020.
- Opportunity for coalition group to get involved by entering awards, attending ceremony, promoting to networks

Action:

Coalition members to raise awareness of the award as a good opportunity to share knowledge and reward and recognise good practice

Terms of reference

- Proposed ToR were agreed with some additional comment about the council having the convening/hosting role, and some desire to invite further reps as described above.

Action:

Update terms of reference document as discussed and post online

Item 3

Climate change coalition sub-groups

In order to effectively deliver projects on the ground, the coalition agreed in its terms of reference to set up some dedicated sub-groups based on four main themes. A suggested outline of the four sub-groups is below.

It is proposed that sub-groups will operate quite autonomously, reporting back to the main coalition at the quarterly meetings.

The recommendation is that each sub-group should initially decide one key project to deliver in 2020, keeping the work focused and achievable.

Sub-group chairs can invite new members to join as appropriate. Meeting frequency will be for each sub-group to decide separately.

Sub-group meetings won't necessarily be attended by council officers, but meeting rooms at the Civic Centre would be available if required and support will be given from council staff as projects emerge.

Communications and Engagement Sub-group

Suggested activity/project: **Harrogate District Climate Change Conference 2020**

Helping to set the agenda for a planned event in November 2020 (expected to be a joint event, hosted by Harrogate Borough Council with partners including the Institute of Directors, Zero Carbon Harrogate and other coalition members). Carrying out publicity in advance and using networks to promote the event.

Sustainable Transport Sub-group:

Suggested activity/project: **Tackling child miles**

Working with one or more schools (ideally both primary and secondary) to cut the number of school run car trips, in order to cut CO₂ emissions, reduce congestion and traffic and improve air quality around schools.

Renewable Energy Sub-group:

Suggested activity/project: **Business collaboration on renewables**

Establishing a Harrogate business network to investigate opportunities for joint purchasing of renewable energy and to increase knowledge and awareness of renewables within the business community.

Tree Planting Sub-group:

Suggested activity: **Supporting White Rose Forest**

There is an existing White Rose Forest working group for the Harrogate District. To avoid duplication of work, the proposal is that the WRF working group will take the lead on this theme. Coalition members on the WRF group will report back to the coalition to keep members informed of activities and using the coalition network to promote WRF.