

HARROGATE DISTRICT CLIMATE CHANGE COALITION

Meeting Notes from 18th February 2020

1. Apologies:

Alex Hornby (Transdev)

Guy Thompson (White Rose Forest)

2. Matters arising following previous meeting (19th November):

2.1 Consultation/engagement:

- Website – decision is still to wait until some dedicated projects are up and running before considering a separate coalition website. In the meantime all coalition papers etc are posted on the council's website
- Further discussion of various engagement techniques, including citizens' jury as used in Leeds.

2.2 Membership:

- Recruitment: contact now made with Harrogate College.
- Post-meeting note: Arnold Warneken from Goosemoor Organics and Cllr Victoria Oldham will join to represent the agriculture/food and land use aspects, and Cllr Pat Marsh will join to cover single-use plastics reduction.
- Training – desire for coalition members to receive some carbon literacy training (noted this could also be useful for council members and staff) Training to be provided in 2020.

2.3 Harrogate District Excellence in Business Awards – sustainability category:

- Noted closing date for entries 28th Feb. Members encouraged to both enter and spread the word.

Actions:

All: Wider engagement/consultation likely to come out of sub group activities. Sub-groups to build this into action plans.

JWC: Meeting papers – continue to post them on council's website.

All: Circulate business awards information and encourage entries

AG: Circulate methodology on Leeds Citizens' Jury and carbon literacy training. Discuss dedicated emissions reduction roadmap.

3. Sub-groups

We agreed to set up sub-groups on specific themes. Each group will operate quite autonomously, reporting back to the main coalition at the quarterly meetings.

Agreed 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.

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 (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.

Antony Prince (Chair)
Ellis Hall
Jemima Parker

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.

Paul Haslam (Chair)
Phil Ireland

Energy Efficiency and Renewables Sub-group:

Suggested activity/project: **Business collaboration on energy efficiency 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.

Ellis Hall (Chair)
Astrid Wynne
Zero Carbon Harrogate rep (Jemima to confirm)
Mike Kaye (invited after meeting)

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.

Paul Casey (Chair)
Guy Thompson
John Ward-Campbell

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday 26th May 2020