



MEETING OF THE Environment Capital Partnership

20th May 2010

ASBAH, Peterborough

MINUTES

Present:

Trevor Gibson, Peterborough City Council and acting Chair
 Richard Olive, Friends of the Earth
 Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
 Gerry Warren, Eco Art Projects
 Vanessa Tilling, GO-East
 Nick Goodman, Greater Peterborough Partnership
 Darren Sharpe, Peterborough City Council
 Hugh Cripps, Peterborough Environment City Trust
 Paul Phillipson, Peterborough City Council
 Judith Harvey, Peterborough City Council
 Phil Newby, Green Ventures
 Gareth Jones, UKCEED
 Samantha Demaio, UKCEED
 Pete Silman, UKCEED
 Mick Robb, Peterborough City Council
 Nigel Brigham, Sustrans and Chair of Transport partnership
 Peter Slinger, Architects Consortium
 Julie Chatterton, Peterborough City Council
 Andy Bailey, Environment Agency

In attendance:

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Ken McKay, Claire Higgins, Cllr Dalton, Mike Barnes, Kerrie Ginns, Jenna Hiley, Charlotte Palmer, Caroline Bradley, Sally Plummer, Teresa Wood, Sally Ann Jackson, Simon Pickstone, Nick Hammond, Matthew Hunt
2	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 11th March 2010 and MATTERS ARISING
2.1	Agreed as a true record.

2.2	Actions completed apart from the planned meeting with Richard Olive
	Action: NG and TG to organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work
	Action: NG to follow up the train station working group
	Action: Sustainable City Visualisation model to be added to the next meeting agenda
	Action: Add Steering group update to every agenda
	Action: NG to send Richard Olive some information on Eco-schools and Sustainable Schools Framework
3	LAA PERFORMANCE REPORT
3.1	Nick Goodman gave an update that the performance report was unavailable at the time of the meeting. The report would be circulated once available.
3.2	Trevor Gibson updated the group that there were still a number of areas for concern where targets were not being reached. Vanessa Tilling informed the group that it is likely that the future focus will be outcomes rather than indicators.
	Action: NG to circulate report once available
4	ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL - PROGRESS
4.1	Trevor Gibson reported good progress had been made with engaging the political leadership on Environment capital agenda. The Growth Partnership (private sector) had stressed the need to <i>just get on and do it</i> .
4.2	It should be re-iterated that Environment capital is not about being the best at everything. Of course there will be good performance in a number of areas but the ethos of Environment capital should be about getting better quicker, making the right decisions and ensuring strong momentum and partnership working.
4.3	Targets and Indicators – It was agreed that we need to measure our progress but we don't want to create a whole industry around targets and indicators. Nigel Brigham reminded the partnership that we will have to be aspirational in our plans to attract further funding.
	Action: Ongoing engagement over the summer with extended update at the next meeting.
5	LAA ACTION PLANNING FISHBONES
5.1	The action planning fishbones for <i>Making Peterborough Cleaner and Greener</i> and <i>Growing our Environmental Business Sector</i> were presented.
5.2	The fishbones demonstrated a significant amount of activity but also some areas where indicators were unlikely to improve in the short term. Budgetary pressures and the challenge of staffing resources were highlighted.
5.3	The partnership felt it was important to incorporate and recognise the importance of smaller projects that were making an impact on outcomes.
	Action: PN to investigate the level of Stewardship schemes on Peterborough's agricultural land.
	Action: JC and DD to liaise over how and where litter and detritus causes flooding and capturing this is the Surface water management plan.
6	COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANIES AND THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY
6.1	Gerry Warren gave an inspiring talk on the role of Community Interest Companies and the need for greater responsibilities within communities.
6.2	Gerry outlined the need for individual responsibility, generating a mechanism making more of the grey economy (inc trading of goods and time) and the important principles underpinning Community Interest Companies.
6.3	The Partnership recognised the importance of this area of work and how it could be used to deliver "public services" in the future whilst also providing massive environmental, social and economic benefits.
7	GREEN TEAM AND INVESTORS IN THE ENVIRONMENT
7.1	Hugh Cripps gave a brief overview of the work of the Green Team and Investors in the Environment programmes – the presentations can be found via http://www.gpp-

	peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
7.2	Partners are encouraged to spread the word of Investors in the Environment amongst contacts and the private sector - http://www.iie.uk.com/
8	THE PETERBOROUGH PROSPECTUS
8.1	Andy Bailey outlined the Peterborough prospectus – the EA's priorities for the city which included helping to create the UK's Environment Capital
8.2	Andy's presentation is available via the GPP website at http://www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk/ECMinutes.php
9	AOB
9.1	Peter Slinger questioned the removal of municipal shrubs. David Denson explained that 1000's of shrubs and hedge whips had been planted but any removal of shrubbery was because of sight lines and visibility, and the removal of dead or rogue plants – a Freedom of Information report is available on request.

Next meetings.....

23rd Sept 2 - 4.30pm

25th Nov 2 - 4.30pm

24th Feb 2 – 4.30pm

All at ASBAH, 42 Park Road, Peterborough

Summary of agreed actions		
REPOSIBLE	ACTION	DEADLINE
Trevor Gibson and Nick Goodman	NG and TG to organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work	Asap
Nick Goodman	NG to follow up the train station working group	Asap
Nick Goodman	Sustainable City Visualisation model to be added to the next meeting agenda	asap
Nick Goodman	Add Steering group update to every agenda	Asap
Nick Goodman	Send Richard Olive some information on Eco-schools and Sustainable Schools Framework	Next meeting
Nick Goodman	Circulate performance report once available	Next meeting
Trevor Gibson	Ongoing engagement over the summer with extended update at the next meeting.	Next meeting
Phil Newby	To investigate the level of Stewardship schemes on Peterborough's agricultural land	Asap
Julia Chatterton and David Denson	Liaise over how and where litter and detritus causes flooding and capturing this is the Surface water management plan.	Ongoing