MEETING OF THE Environment Capital Partnership

23rd September 2010

ASBAH, Peterborough

MINUTES

Present:

Trevor Gibson, Peterborough City Council and acting Chair
Ken McKay, Chair
Wayne Stimson, Eco Art Projects
Phil Newby, Greater Peterborough Partnership/Green Ventures
Darren Sharpe, Peterborough City Council
Hugh Cripps, Peterborough Environment City Trust
Paul Phillipson, Peterborough City Council
Nigel Brigham, Sustrans and Chair of Transport partnership
Peter Slinger, Architects Consortium
Daniel Curtis, Environment Agency
Sally Plummer, Peterborough for Responsible Waste Management
Simon Pickstone, Peterborough City Council
Jenna Hiley, Peterborough City Council
Bill Agnew, Opportunity Peterborough
Caroline Bradley, Police
Rev Richard Paten, Railworld and Civic Society

1	**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
	The Chair welcomed those present and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Olive, Samantha Demaio, Jerry Warren, Claire Higgins, Catherine Cairns, Nick Hammond, Mike Barnes, Belinda Child, Teresa Wood & Judith Harvey.
2	**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 20th May 2010 and MATTERS ARISING**
2.1	Agreed as a true record.
2.2	Actions completed apart from the planned meeting with Richard Olive. Progression has taken place on the new development work with the Train Station Working Group. The Stewardship Schemes work not completed.

	Action: TG to organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work
	Action: TG to follow up on the train station working group with Andrew Edwards
	Action: JH to obtain report and to TG to then circulate
	Action: PN to re-circulate map and summary of local Agricultural Stewardship Schemes to the group
3	**ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL – PROGRESS & SUMMARY:**
3.1	As there had been an extended gap between meetings Trevor Gibson provided a summary of the recent progress and position of the Environment Capital Partnership. The current and ongoing role of the partnership was discussed in the light of local and national chenges It was confirmed that the ToR for the Partnership which can be found on GPP website – www.gpp-peterborough.org.uk
3.2	It had been agreed by the Partnership to endorse the setting up an Environment Steering Group to meet on a monthly basis. It was noted that there are currently no community representatives at the Steering Group – the membership is to be reviewed and role of the group to be further discussed.
3.3	Hugh Cripps gave a presentation on the progress of the work of the Environment Capital Partnership and its plans to launch the Home of Environment Capital campaign and was re-iterated that Environment capital is not about being the best at everything, but wanting to build on the growing reputation of the city and build on the commitment by bringing all partners together in the city. A range of material is being developed, all of which has been processed in-house to keep the cost down. Spokespeople have been identified from across the city who are happy to support the campaign.
3.4	The Environment proposal had not been discussed with the Partnership and the programme had been planned in June so that it could be put forward for approval from the Cabinet on 13th October. This follows an endorsement given by the Group in May for the Steering Group push Environment Capital forward as fast as possible. It was noted that this has been the first opportunity since May to be able to present to the Partnership on the progress of work over the summer.
3.5	After a lengthy discussion, the Partnership was asked to raise their hands if they support the campaign and the way forward. A large majority expressed support. **ACTION**: Trevor Gibson will keep the Partnership informed of progress.
4	**Environment Capital Steering Group – update:**
4.1	With the withdrawal of the CAA and now the LAA regime, we need to consider how to monitor and measure ongoing performance. In future it is envisaged that performance will be delivered through a Single Delivery Plan.
4.2	The objective of the Single Delivery Plan is to ensure a single approach to our common agenda that provides the vehicle for delivering savings through the development of innovative of providing services across the public, private and voluntary sectors.
4.3	A framework is being developed with the Priority Leadership teams to present to the GPP Executive in October with a set of outcomes which will show what is to be measured.
4.4	The outcomes that we will measure in future will be far fewer that required by the previous government. Focus will need to be applied to selecting and retaining the outcomes that make the most significant difference to the people of Peterborough. **ACTION:** Trevor Gibson to report at next meeting.
5	**Peterborough Model:**
5.1	Phil Newby from Green Ventures provided a presentation / progress update on the Peterborough Model Project. The project seeks to visualise the environmental performance of the city in an easily understandable and engaging way so that it can be used by professionals and by members of the public. The objective is to use this Peterborough model to improve how

	organisations collaborate with each-other to drive the city's environmental performance forward, whilst allowing interested individuals and communities to be more visible to city authorities. The Peterborough Model is a possible blue print for how cities can work more successfully and at greater speed to becoming more sustainable places.
5.2	The model has been devised by Green Ventures, Royal Haskoning and IBM, with a portion of the development work funded by OP and PCC. In return, this modelling approach will be called the Peterborough Model – when used in other cities and possible across the world. Peterborough will also remain the test-bed location for this work.
5.3	A wide range of local, regional and national organisations are assisting with the project by providing data. This data is gathered and displayed on Google Earth. Particularly important or high impact ideas are packaged up into short fly-through videos that will be freely available on You Tube. The out-put will be a public facing website showing how aspects of Peterborough's environmental systems work, (e.g. water, transport, waste, energy) and a professional's website that will enable professionals to work more successfully on a day-to-day basis. The Peterborough Model idea has had a range of plaudits and has been written about in the media. It has been featured at the Prince of Wales' Smart Cities conference and European Open Day's conference. This is an unexpected project spin-off. The project is due to report in late October or early November when the Peterborough Model and accompanying websites will be launched.
6	**Performance Report:**
6.1	The Performance Report for quarter 1 has been circulated with the following points raised: • $C0_2$ emissions target has slipped due to the baseline being changed. • Bus passenger journey targets are not being met due primarily to the impact of the recession. • Fly-tipping and school travel status is currently amber.
7	**AOB:**
	• An invitation was given to all the partnership to visit the allotments at the Eco Arts Project. A recent visit from the RSA proved to be positive and impressed with their ambitions. It was requested for Jerry Warren to place their future proposals on the agenda for the next meeting. • A book called ' without the hot air – sustainable energy' was very much recommended by Rev Richard Paten. • Nick Goodman has now left GPP and Phil Newby asked that the group pass on their thanks for Nick's energy and hard work. The Partnership was also asked for their thoughts and ideas on how some of the formal and informal activities that Nick carried out in the city could be carried on into the future.

Next meeting.....
24th Feb 2 – 4.30pm ASBAH, 42 Park Road, Peterborough

Summary of agreed actions		
REPONSIBLE	**ACTION**	**DEADLINE**
Trevor Gibson	To organise some time with Richard Olive to re-visit parameters work	Asap
Trevor Gibson	To follow up the train station working group with Andrew Edwards	Asap
Trevor Gibson	To keep the Partnership informed of progress with the Home of Environment Capital work	On going
Phil Newby	To circulate the Environmental Stewardship data for Peterborough	