Hampshire Climate Action Network

Notes of meeting Saturday 29 September 2020

Present or booked:

Andy	Adams	Micheldever Parish Councillor
Carol	Bartholomew	Transition Town Andover & Test Valley FoE
Daniel	Bowden	
Lyn	Brayshaw	Southampton Greenpeace & FoE
Bernie	Collins	Eastleigh
Gwen	Collins	Eastleigh/Hamble Conservation Volunteers
Angela	Cotton	Transition Southampton
Mary	Deboos	Ringwood Action for Climate Emergency
Phil	Gagg	Winchester Action on Climate Change
Jenny	Griffiths	Alton Climate Action & Network
Wilf	Hardy	Yateley Climate Network
Gill	Hickman	NF FoE/NF + Lymington Transition
Chris	Holloway	Winchester Action on Climate Change
Megan	Howson	Portsmouth Friends of the Earth
John	Hubbard	Energy Alton
Roger	Huxstep	HCC
Sue	James	Havant Climate Alliance
Rick	Kimber	Blackwater Valley FOE
Danny	Lee	PeCAN
Margaret	Lockyer	Havant Climate Alliance
Malcolm	MacInnes	Basingstoke & Deane Transition Network
Anna	Mellor	New Forest FoE
Anton	Page	Transition Town Romsey
Sheila	Peacock	Basingstoke Transition
Tim	Pratt	Gosport and Fareham FoE
Clare	Seek	Portsmouth Climate Alliance
Anne	Stephenson	Fareham & Gosport FoE
Lesley	Willis	

This meeting was held on Zoom and some people were there for only part.

1. Updates

As usual, the meeting started with welcomes, and a round-up of local news

PECAN (Petersfield Climate Action Network) is producing their own Climate Action Plan for East Hants District. Others might want to copy it.

2. National campaigns

A lot of national campaigns are occurring at present/ soon. See list of national campaigns http://www.campaign.exchange/campaigns/climate-action-this-autumn/

Some MPs were wary of the campaign to get MPs to sign the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill because they saw it as largely the work of XR. Lots of different groups are involved in the Climate Coalition and in Build Back Better.

We were all encouraged to sign up to the Climate Coalition.

We need people and government to take account of outsourced emissions. There is some good data on how little UK emissions have gone down if imports are taken into account, for example, on the Government website https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uks-carbon-footprint and in a Leeds University Report FINAL-WWF-UK_Carbon_Footprint_Analysis_Report_March_2020 (003).pdf

The FOE training on 'Getting Your Council to Produce a Climate Action Plan' was recommended.

3. Hampshire County Council

The Climate Change papers for the HCC Cabinet meeting on 29/9/2020 were on the HCC website at https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=6500&Ver=4

Climate Change Action Plan 2020-2025 PDF 246 KB

Additional documents:

- Appendix 1, item 9. PDF 569 KB
- Appendix 2, item 9. PDF 314 KB
- Appendix 3, item 9. PDF 353 KB

(Appendix 4 is the **14th July Cabinet paper on Climate Change Strategy** https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=6499)

Anne Stephenson offered to speak on behalf of HampshireCAN. Danny Lee, Phil Gagg, Chris Holloway and Malc MacInnes would pull the text together. *[You can hear Anne at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMQG331So-o&feature=youtu.be]*

Many local groups signed a letter to the Leader and Cabinet Members at Hampshire County Council urging them to review their target of 2050 in the light of ever more evidence about the urgency of the climate crisis. See the letter at http://www.campaign.exchange/campaigns/ask-hampshire-for-a-more-ambitious-climate-target/. The reply rejected the request.

We agreed to stop pushing for a target earlier than 2050. We will concentrate on what is in the Plan and how the Plan can be improved, rather than the Strategy.

People felt that HCC should look at the ideas put forward in the 'Expert Forum' with greater care, because they weren't reflected in the Plan. Roger pointed out that the Plan is a living document and what we have is first draft. It has been recognised that the dates need to be set for when different targets will be met.

We could send deputations to HCC Policy and Resources Committee to make specific points, and we could reinforce the points that the PRC has already made.

4. Greening Campaign

It was agreed that existing climate groups across the county needed to liaise with Terena Plowright of The Greening Campaign so that we can co-ordinate activities, and support new small groups, especially if they get beyond the early stage.

A meeting would be set up. *[Note: The meeting took place. It agreed that Terena and HampshireCAN would liaise:*

- *HampshireCAN would send Terena the contact details for each Hampshire district rep*
- *Terena would give these details to any local group she spoke to*
- *Terena would support local groups that decide to set up Greening Campaigns*
- *Terena would encourage local groups for whom Greening isn't the preferred approach to contact their local HampshireCAN group*
- *HampshireCAN groups will be happy to support Greening Campaign groups especially when they get to later stages and are trying to run campaigns or projects.]*

5. Community Energy South

All are encouraged to reply to the invitation to get support from Community Energy South which was sent round by HCC.

6. Hampshire 2050 Partnership

Please bring to the attention of your district local councillors. Hampshire 2050 Partnership could be a useful channel for Councillors from districts and County to work together on climate change. They've now started publishing the papers:

21 July 2020 "Creating a sustainable Hampshire"
https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/visionforhampshire2050/hampshire-2050-partnership/21-july-2020

Nov 2019
https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/visionforhampshire2050/hampshire-2050-partnership/26-november-2019

Background at
https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/visionforhampshire2050

7. Hampshire Pension Fund

This campaign is gathering momentum. See fun short film by XR Winchester at https://youtu.be/3vY0eNeXEzU .

Please encourage people who are paying into or drawing a local Government pension from Hampshire Pension Fund to join the independent campaign by emailing HPF.Divest@gmail.com.

Read more about Hampshire Pension Fund at https://xrwinchester.org.uk/dirty-money-campaign-launch.html

8. HampshireCAN "AGM"

Gwen Collins was added to the Liaison Committee as the liaison person for Eastleigh.

Carol Bartholomew and Sue James took over from Chris Holloway as HampshireCAN convenors.

The terms of reference were agreed subject to any comments by 5/10/2020. *[Note: agreed version is now on the website at https://www.winacc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/hampshire-climate-network-terms-of-reference-agreed-2020_10.pdf]*

Malc MacInnes volunteered to keep the website up to date. Chris Holloway will get it in order so that Malc can take over.

It was agreed to continue with Zoom meetings on Saturday morning. Chris Holloway will send out emails to check those on the mailing list and what area /group they are from. *[Note: done]*

9. Transport

The HCC School Streets Scheme is moving forward. *[Since the meeting, it has been decided to set up a Hampshire Green Travel Network, which will incorporate the HampshireCAN transport interest group previously called Hampshire Transport Actin Network (HTAN). Find out more or get onto their mailing list from stuart.mills@winacc.org.uk*

10. Next Meeting

23 Jan 2021 at 9.45 coffee, 10-1.00 by zoom