# Hampshire Climate Action Network

# Notes of meeting 23 January 2021

## Summary of Actions and Decisions

- ALL: Please read the notes of the meeting with Terena before making up your mind whether to support https://www.winacc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/greening-campaign-hcan-agreement.pdf.
- Sue/Carol: Ask Terena for evidence that previous Greening Campaigns were worthwhile
- ALL: Monitor meeting calendar on HCC website to check for coming items on climate change:
  https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1
- Decision: HCAN will have HCC Interest Group. Its members will be: people from community climate groups on the HCC Expert panel; anyone already on HampshireCAN's HCC interest list; anyone else from HampshireCAN who wants to join. One useful route is HCC's Policy and Resources Select Committee
- Decision: We are happy for that group to be responsible for liaising with HCC, and check back with all in HCAN only if they think there could be any disagreement about what they want to do or say
- Phil Gagg: Organise first meeting, around fortnight's time.
- Roger Huxstep: Will find out if HCC is using Hampshire 2050 Partnership to involve all districts in climate emergency action.
- ALL: If you or your friends are in HCC pension fund and support divestment, email HPF.Divest@gmail.com (If problems, email HCAN).
- Chris Holloway: ask for several places for HampshireCAN at the Climate Coalition meeting for local networks on 24 February
- Danny: Find link to SECA - UN Donut approach to align groups
- ALL: Recommend browsing through FoE resources at takeclimateaction.uk/resources; consider joining FoE on Slack
- ALL: 20 actions you can take: https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency
- ALL: Please respond to HCC LTP4 questionnaire, whether or not you want involvement https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan Deadline 28-Feb to respond
- Hampshire Green Travel Network: Get HCC LTP4 questionnaire on HampshireCAN Facebook all
- Chris Holloway: share WinACC questions for local election candidates.
- All: share links to what you learned about heat pumps with Lyn
- ALL: email Steve@GreenWessex.org to get involved in Wessex Green Hub
- Liaison Committee reps - please respond to email!

Decision – there's so much going on that we need to meet more often. Next meetings

- Saturday 17-Apr 10:00
- Saturday 19-Jun 10:00

## Present:

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| Andy Adams | Micheldever Parish Councillor |
| Anna Mellor | New Forest FoE |
| Anne Stephenson | Fareham & Gosport FoE |
| Bernie Newitt | Test Valley |
| Brenda Pollack | FoE |
| Carol Bartholomew | Transition Town Andover & Test Valley FoE (HCAN convenor) |
| Chris Holloway | Winchester Action on Climate Change |
| Clare Seek | Portsmouth Climate Alliance |
| Clare | Winchester |
| Colin Andrews | Basingstoke |
| Danny Lee | PeCAN |
| Eleanor Hill | ACAN Alton |
| Gill Hickman | NF FoE/NF + Lymington Transition |
| Grainne Rason | Havant Climate Alliance |
| Gwen Collins | Eastleigh/Hamble Conservation Volunteers |
| Jane Woodroof | Clanfield |
| Jo Crocker | Winchester |
| Cllr John Parker | Test Valley Borough Council |
| Les Murrell | Farnborough BVFoE |
| Lyn Brayshaw | Southampton Greenpeace & FoE |
| Maggie Lippett | Twyford! Winchester |
| Malcolm MacInnes | Basingstoke & Deane Transition Network |
| Mark Hancock | Transition Southampton |
| Mark Howell | Hart |
| Megan Howson | Portsmouth Friends of the Earth |
| Miranda | Basingstoke |
| Penny Lawrence | WInchester |
| Phil Gagg | Winchester Action on Climate Change & HGTN |
| Philippa | ACAN Alton |
| Rick Kimber | Blackwater Valley FOE |
| Cllr Roger Huxstep | HCC - Policy and Resources Select Committee |
| Steve Hallet | Winchester, Wessex Hub |
| Sue James | Havant Climate Alliance (HCAN convenor) |
| Wilf Forrow | Havant Climate Alliance & HGTN (minutes) |
| Wilf Hardy | Yateley Climate Network |

## 1. Intros and Updates

- Emails will be shared across people at this meeting only someone specifically asks not to.
- Cllr John Parker of Test Valley Borough Council cllrjparker@testvalley.gov.uk
  - His council has produced a 'Parish Council Survey – Sustainability and Climate Change Activity' survey :
  - We've made it simple as they'd like all councils to respond if possible.
    We will then follow up interesting leads with a view to compiling a best practice guide and conference.
  - **The survey is here… https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MPLZ2FJ (Deadline: 5 March 2021)**

## 2. Greening Campaign (matter arising from 29/9/20)

- Greening Campaign is at http://www.greening-campaign.org
- Some scepticism based on previous attempts to set up Greening groups
- ALL: Please read the notes of the meeting with Terena before making up your mind whether to support!
- Sue/Carol: Ask Terena for evidence that previous Greening Campaigns were worthwhile

## 3. Influencing HCC climate action

Carol reported on discussion at meeting of HampshireCAN people who had already asked to join discussions about HCC, including those who attended the HCC Expert Forum:

- HCC Climate Action Plan not ambitious enough
- Some emission not being counted e.g. airport, food production, imported emissions – including goods we import would almost double emissions
- Baseline on carbon not all greenhouse gases
- Comparing councils difficult - won't be able to compare progress across different plans with different metrics.
- Focus on industry, may be better to focus on things that we can change - eg transport
- Because 2050, need to front load cuts
- The new version was really an update, not any change
- First 2 or 3 years will be spent on planning, not on doing.
- HCC itself is only 0.5% of total Hampshire - good to fix, but drop in the ocean.
- No plans to do quantitative reporting - will be just 'good stories'. Absence of Quantitive measures is woeful.
- Chitra at HCC did not know BEIS publish quantitative reports every year (thought it was every two years)
    - BEIS data on energy use within each local authority is at https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-of-energy-climate-change/series/total-final-energy-consumption-at-sub-national-level
    - BEIS data on emissions within each local authority is at: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uk-local-authority-and-regional-carbon-dioxide-emissions-national-statistics-2005-to-2018
    - BEIS data on consumption emissions at a national level can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/uks-carbon-footprint in particular the section called Data Download consumption emissions 1997-2007
    - There is a lot of data, so it needs to be filtered and used selectively. Phil has documents using this data (ask Phil).

More comments, and discussion about what to do:

- Chitra now hoping to reduce HCC own operations and estates within 10 years
- It's not enough just speaking to councillors or officers - need to lobby, publicise, social media, etc
- We have minutes of our own follow up meeting. Chitra has promised minutes of main meeting.
- 3 or 4, How many officers doing this unimaginably complex task, working with the Carbon Trust
- Roger Huxstep (HCC Policy and Resources Select Committee) said:
    - HCC Plan is just a starting point, and changing all the time.
    - There is a mechanism for consultation and plan improvement.
    - Select committee has said they want to see climate action plan progress reports regularly.
    - Meetings are public, and deputations are allowed.
    - **Action ALL: Monitor meeting calendar on HCC website at https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1**

- **Decision: We will have HCC Interest Group**
- **Decision: Members will be people in the HCC Stakeholder group - 2 FoE, 2 HCAN on the panel; people who have already expressed interest; anyone else who wants to join**
- **Decision: We are happy for that group to be responsible for liaising with HCC, and check back with all in HCAN only if they think there could be any disagreement about what they want to do or say**
- **Action Phil Gagg: Organise first meeting, around fortnight's time.**
- **Decision: Work through Policy and Resources Select Committee**
- Danny concerned that
    - HCC are supposed to be convening Hampshire 2050?
    - All districts are supposed to be involved
    - **Action Roger Huxstep: Will find out**

## 4. Hampshire Pension Fund (Les Murrell)

Hampshire Pension Fund investment decisions may have more influence on climate change than HCC itself. We need to gather everyone in that pension fund so we can exercise pressure to divest. Union will publicise, half the public sector are probably members.

More and more pension funds are exercising their divestment muscles. Often greater returns on green investments

**Action ALL: If you or your friends are in Hampshire Pension Fund and support divestment, email HPF.Divest@gmail.com (If problems, email HCAN).**

## 5. National Action

**Working towards COP26:** There is a National Climate Coalition meeting for local activists on 24-Feb 7:30. Sue, Danny, Les, Rick, Gill, Malcom would like to join

**Action Chris Holloway: ask for several places for HampshireCAN at the Climate Coalition meeting for local networks on 24 February**

Danny - SECA - UN Donut approach to align groups **Action Danny: Find link**

Sue has listed campaigns that are leading up to COP26: **Link: http://www.campaign.exchange/campaigns/climate-campigns-2021/**

- Time is Now, many actions, 140 organisations
- COP26 Coalition - international - lectures planned 27/28 March
- Green New Deal group - creating green job reports by constituency, to engage councillors and MP's
- XR
- Fridays for Future
- Fair-trade Foundation
- FoE
- CEE Bill
- Global Justice Now

## 6. Working on the climate emergency with our Councils: resources

- SECA has done some of that, see https://seclimatealliance.uk/councils-make-a-strong-start-on-climate-action-plans-despite-covid/
- also https://www.mysociety.org/2020/03/09/can-you-help-us-collect-councils-climate-action-plans/
- FoE website has huge range of stuff - tools, tips, resources, training, funding ….
- Action ALL: Recommend browsing through FoE resources at takeclimateaction.uk/resources
- Action ALL: Consider joining FoE on Slack
- Action ALL: FoE Training Tues Feb 2nd, only 1 hour, recommended Action ALL
- Action ALL: 20 actions you can take: https://policy.friendsoftheearth.uk/reports/20-actions-parish-and-town-councils-can-take-climate-and-nature-emergency
- Many have said 50 points are too many to take to council
- Local Community Action Checklist being worked on now - to come shortly
- quantitative figures are essential - BEIS figures
- **There are so many things to do, we should meet up more regularly**

## 7. Hampshire Green Travel Network

- Hampshire Green Travel Action Network (HGTN) is a spin-off from HCAN, originally the Transport Interest Group, briefly named HTAN. We're currently in startup phase.

- Goals are to reduce Hampshire's 30-40% emissions from transport, and stimulate active travel across the county, covering all forms of transport,from walking up to HGV's, buses, trains and planes.
- We're also trying to kick off Cycle Hampshire to cover the cycling piece and hopefully attract the many cyclists and cycle campaign groups who might not necessarily see themselves as Green Travel or climate action supporters, but would hopefully be persuaded.
- HCC are to their credit offering a chance to influence transport schemes
- LTP4 will be an early focus - Hampshire County Council Local Transport Plan version 4.

**Action ALL: Please respond to** HCC consultation on Local Transport Plan 4 which, despite its trivial-sounding name, will be the framework for transport for about 10 years. We need to have many more people who support the plans, to give Councillors the courage to adopt a Local Transport Plan that will cut transport emissions. **Please encourage everyone you can to reply by 28 February.** Here's the link to the HCC site : https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan (link to survey at the foot under "Tell Us Your Views"- you need to click on the survey to see the details of their proposals which are scattered throughout the survey in different sections). A small working group is preparing WinACC's response. Here's the WinACC DRAFT which includes links to the HCC briefings which are hidden in their survey. It's in Word so feel free to copy anything you agree with, changing whatever you want, or use it to draft your replies and save to cut and paste

- **Action HGTN: Get it on Facebook to promote to all**
- Current HGTN steering group:
    - Stuart Mills, WinACC Proj Mgr
    - Wilf Forrow, Cycle Hayling, Cycling UK
    - Anne Sayer, HCA + Repair Cafe and Dr Bike
    - Phil Gagg, WinAcc
    - Kathy Azopardi, Cycle Gosport
    - Martin Biermann, Bas Transition Network. Ex 20 yr Bas councillor
    - Tim Pickering, Walk Ride Waterlooville
- If you would like to contribute, or just keep in touch, email Wilf@forrow.com or any of us.

## 8. Making the most of Zoom

Zoom takes out the travel issue, so let's publicise local meetings wider.Eg on HCAN Facebook, email all, tell each other

It's much easier to persuade bigger names to speak to you because its quick and easy for them!!!

## 9. Preparing for local elections May 2021

We must assume for the moment that elections will continue on 6-May until we know different. We should challenge candidates on climate change.

We need to start serious campaigning as soon as parties pick their candidates.

Even if elections are 6 May, many people will have **Postal Voted** by then, which is around 26-April.

FOE are working on materials.

**Action: Click here** https://www.winacc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/localelections2021.docx **for Winchester Action on Climate Change's seven top suggestions to ask candidates, canvassers and political parties, whether on the doorstep or on-line. You are welcome to copy / adapt / change - it's in Word to make it easy to copy**.

## 10. Heat Pumps

Heat pumps don't seem to be high in HCC action plan. Surely they're key, shouldn't we be emphasising their use?

Huge risk if they get a bad reputation, or cowboy suppliers.

FoE is doing work, estimate we need 1 million a year installed.

(Portsmouth Switched On campaign has some basic info on it for residents: **https://switchedonportsmouth.co.uk/air-source-heat-pumps/**

Philippa has an air source heat pump

ACAN (Alton) is doing a project on Heat pumps, with surveys done by reputable firms; will do videos to share expertise

- What about maintenance? A: Minimal maintenance (until they go wrong).
- How carbon friendly are they really?
- Do they reduce the ground temperature in your garden. A: No.
- lots of info under Green Home Grant & Renewable Heat Incentive

Chris: WinACC previously did inspections charged by ability to pay.

- What about collective community heat pumps?

Gill: Video to demo and give examples of good practice

Danny: SSE will need to man up grid for EV's and Heat Pump

- PCAN has advice materials.
- PCAN will pay to get advice for people to upgrade their house.
- Superhomes program for residents to build knowledge.
- New homes are easier, retrofitting is harder, needs good insulation and good advice.

Phil: Is there a role for HCC Trading Standards or Citizens Advice for advice and good trader scheme?

Wilf Forrow: I have an air source heat pump, and my next neighbour has ground source.

- They are brilliant, but most suppliers target commercial work, not good for homeowners.
- We will need to cultivate and train a whole new body of reputable suppliers.

- Should we have an HCAN Heat Pump interest group or web page to combine knowledge?

## 11. Regenerative Farming

- HCC plans don't mention regenerative farming which could turn farming from a climate emissions source to a sink. Could improve emissions, chemical use, biodiversity, etc …..
- Would like HCC to work with farmers and especially their tenant farmers
- Nitrate neutrality offsetting schemes are happening now.
- Developers are offering to buy agri land to take it out of farming, plant trees.
- East Hants taking farm out
- Havant Borough Council has already started its own offset scheme, at HBC owned Warblington Farm,
- ELMS (Environmental Land Management Scheme) is the UK replacement for CAP. ELMS will reward farmers for environmentally friendly actions.Cycling UK is campaigning for it to include cycle paths.
- We need to encourage farmers and councils to take it up and suggest schemes.

## 12. Mapping emissions from gas and electricity at postcode level

WinACC has just published carbon emissions maps using data from BEIS:
- https://www.winacc.org.uk/resources/stap-reports/winchester-carbon-emissions-maps/

## 13. Solar farms

Are local solar farms a good thing?

- We gain energy, but we often lose high grade agricultural land, animals, grazing, wildlife.
- Would we be better to support better farming practices?
- Brenda FoE:
    - Complex situation, but overall view is probably going solar is the right situation
    - Obviously better to find nice south-facing hillside that can't be used for anything else!

## 14. Wessex Green Hub

Trying to expand beyond Winchester to cover all of Wessex, but not funded

**Action: If you want to get involved in Wessex Green Hub, email Steve@GreenWessex.org**

## 15. Hampshire Association of Local Councils

This covers Parish & Town councils (not districts citiessor county) so may be useful: https://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/pagedetail&id=391

**Action Local Organisers of Hampshire ALC: please check you're responding to emails!**

## 16. Date of next meetings

- **Saturday 17-Apr 10:00**
- **Saturday 19-Jun 10:00**