Hampshire Climate Action Network

Notes of Meeting 2 October 2021

Summary of important action points

Hampshire County Council Climate Emergency and Expert Forum

If you wish to join the HCAN HCC interest group to help influence HCC policies email HCAN with your request.

Green Travel Hampshire

This developed from the previous HampshireCAN Transport Interest Group. If you would like to join this group email us at HCAN.

Work with Schools

If you want to join the HampshireCAN Schools Interest Group emails, tell Sue James by emailing HCAN@winacc.org.uk.

Future meetings

Saturday January 29th 2022 10.00-12.30 by Zoom

Saturday April 30th 2022 10.00-12.30 in real life with a link - location to be decided, ideally close to main railway line.

Minutes

Present:

Martin Biermann Miranda Chubb Malcolm McInnes Sheila Peacock	Basingstoke
Philippa Brealey	East Hants - Alton Climate Action Network
Gwen Collins	Eastleigh
Anne Stephenson	Gosport
Mark Howell	Hart - Crookham Village
Sue James (HCAN Coordinator)	Havant
Ben Collins	New Forest
Mark Hancock	Southampton
Carol Bartholomew *(taking minutes)* Helen Briers Liz Scrace	Test Valley (Andover) Test Valley (Romsey) Test Valley (Andover)
Chris Holloway (chairing) Phil Gagg	Winchester
Caroline Dibden	CPRE
Apologies	
Danny Lee	E Hants - Petersfield
Margaret Lockyer,	Havant
Gill Hickman, Anna Mellor	New Forest
Clare Seek	Portsmouth

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

1 Local Plans

Caroline from CPRE Hampshire recommended groups focus on the Local Plan, to get climate into it e.g. minimum standards for new housing, fewer requirements for parking, locaing developments closer to public transport. More at https://www.cpre.org.uk/what-we-care-about/climate-change-and-energy/climate-emergency/. CPRE are @CPRE on Twitter, Hampshire @CPRE_Hampshire

Action: check what your Council plans to put into the next iteration of its Local Plan

2 Green Weeks

It is a lot of work to organise events to cover a whole week. Better to get local groups to do something each. An umbrella organisation can pass on resources /information, and advertise events centrally. Havant and Winchester took this approach successfully.

Good sources for resources e.g. Time is Now, Climate Coalition, BGW.

Good to get council backing/ involvement. E.g. Winchester City Council is hosting an open forum. Basingstoke found less happened this year when Council couldn't provide as much input as in previous years.

There is still the problem of preaching to the converted. Gosport and Fareham FOE had a stall in the town centre and tried to actively engage with passers-by.

3 Plans for COP26

Lots of events being planned around the County – rallies, marches, vigils; a mini COP in E Hants, Singing for the Climate in Winchester where activiists have created a new brand Winchester Together for our Planet; a giant stark banner on at least 2 church buildings flanking a major road into Southampton. ***Marcha Glasgow*** from Portsmouth to Glasgow for COP 26 will walk through Hampshire 29th September/1st October.

Sue James shared these links:

https://campaign.exchange/2021/10/01/cop26portsmouth/

https://campaign.exchange/2021/04/20/cop26/

https://havantclimatealliance.com/2021/08/02/great-ideas-for-teaching-about-climate-and-cop26/

There are lots of petitions and recommended actions too like the Climate Coalition's Declaration https://www.theclimatecoalition.org/declaration.

Action: Share details of events on the HCAN Facebook page so that people can join events outside their area and share to their own networks

4 Work with schools

There is an HCAN Schools group so that people can share resources. To belong to this group email HCAN.

The main purpose of Andover Trees United (ATU) is work with schools. As well as giving children the hands-on involvement of planting trees ATU are developing a lot of materials for schoolsand building an education centre in Harmony Wood, the woodland that has been planted by schoolchildren)

Disussion about the potential value of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. It was suggested that one needs to find out the criteria of tasks to be achieved for the award and see how that may fit in with a local environment project, e.g. using social media to run a campaign.

There is a young ACAN group in Alton and the Young Citizen Service Group has got involved at times. https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/national-citizen-service

Caroline shared the link to young poets for climate change - http://peopleneednature.org.uk/people-need-nature-young-poets-network-fourth-poetry-challenge-winners-and-highly-commended-poems-in-poems-to-solve-the-climate-crisis/ - she thinks the winners are reading their poems at COP.

Climate Unity wants artwork from schoolchildren in 2022 – contact Jayne.stillman@hants.gov.uk, Minnie.moore@hants.gov.uk or Justine.ball@hants.gov.uk

5 Hampshire County Council

51 Climate Emergency

HCC Climate Plan Annual Report to HCC Cabinet on 12 October – see it at https://democracy.hants.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=7744&Ver=4

Agreed that Phil, Anne and Malcolm can speak on behalf of HampshireCAN as a deputation to the HCC meeting if they want.

5.2 Hampshire County Council Climate Expert Forum

Martin Heath and Phil Gagg represent HCAN at the HCC Climate Expert Forum; Anne Stephenson and Les Morrell attend as members of Friends of the Earth, and James Miller from XR. Representatives agreed to keep attending the meetings.

Representatives from HCAN and Friends of the Earth who attend the HCC Climate Emergency Expert Forum expressed concern that they are not feeling actively involved. The meetings do not have shape or focus or have a remit to make decisions. They asked to see relevant papers and reports in advance of the meeting. But nothing happened, and they do not feel that they can affect the agenda.

Part of the problem in measuring carbon emissions, setting targets, and monitoring if targets have been reached arises from differing methods of gathering data both historically and currently. The proposed Data Working Group has not materialised as there has been no agreement on the terms and conditions. But HCC now seems

to be using Dept for Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) data in their carbon calculations.

A new officer has been appointed to the Climate Team to replace a previous officer.

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6 Transport

6.1 Green Travel Hampshire

This developed from the previous HampshireCAN Transport Interest Group. If you would like to join this group email us at HCAN. Martin Biermann reported that they are working on getting more groups involved, County recognition and a new website. They are responding to the Local Transport Plan 4 which is the Hampshire Strategy for the next 10 years.

The discussion ranged over getting more people involved and whether the council was serious about decarbonising transport or assessing the gains from their active travel measures.

Could the current fuel and driver shortages be a catalyst for change?

The same objections could be raised for Bus Back Better- there was a need for a clear carbon reduction plan

Action all. Share and respond to this consultation.
https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/strategies/transportstrategies

6.2 Airport Expansions

Activists were blocking Farnborough airport access on the day of the HampshireCAN meeting.

AXO continues its campaign against Southampton airport expansion, with an event planned for 6 Nov.

6.3 Bus Back Better

A new Dept of Transport initiative means that transport authorities (HCC, PCC, SCC) need submit a Bus Improvement Plan by 30 October to secure funding for buses. HCC need to coordinate with community services and bus services crossing the borders in and out of Hampshire. Hampshire Passenger Transport Forum is inviting people to leahr what is planned on 14th or 18th October – contact Rosy Hall, Community Transport Project Officer 0370 779 3292

6.4 Next meeting in Havant on Transport https://actionnetwork.org/events/how-can-we-make-it-easier-to-cycle-and-walk-in-havant-borough

7 Future meetings

Saturday 29th January and 30th April 2022, 10.00-12.00.

It was decided to hold the 29 January meeting on Zoom because of the travel and the risk of COVID, but would meet in person and investigate hybrid possibilities on 15th April when the weather would be better for leaving windows open.