Hampshire Climate Action Network (HCAN)

AGM and meeting Saturday 29 January 2022

Summary of important points

AGM

- The purposes of HCAN were confirmed
- We will create a membership list for groups.
- We will review again whether to incorporate after we've seen what difference it makes to have a membership scheme
- Chris to draft new "constitution" then discuss with Sue and Carol
- With a formal membership, we no longer need a Liaison Committee to consult groups
- Sue James and Carol Bartholomew will continue Convenors.
- Chris Holloway was re-appointed as Chair, and to represent HCAN at Hampshire Leaders Forum
- Phil Gagg and Martin Heath will continue to represent HCAN at the HCC Expert Forum.
- HCAN Interest Groups: Hampshire County Council Climate Emergency; Schools. Anyone can join or create a new interest group - email HCAN@winacc.org.uk

Future meetings

- Saturday 30 April 2022 10.00-12.30 in real life with a link - location Basingstoke, with Winchester as a reserve
- Saturday 23 July 2022 10.00-12.30 – decide in April whether real life or Zoom

Open meeting main actions

- Check how Climate Emergency UK assessed your local Council's Climate Plan at https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/ .
- Join Hampshire Green Travel Network
- Check out 20s Plenty for Hampshire
- Look at Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan, especially for your local bus area service improvements, and support good proposals.
- Clean Air Day 2022 is on 16 June: email HCAN@winacc.org.uk to share plans.

Minutes

Present (includes people only present for part of the meeting

1.	Alison van Haeften	Portsmouth
2.	Angela Cotton	Southampton Chair Transition
3.	Anne Stephenson	Fareham & Gosport FoE
4.	Ben Collins	New Forest: Keyhaven Lymington, FoE,
5.	Bob Clifford	Basingstoke Cafe Sci
6.	Carol Bartholomew	Test Valley (Andover and Romsey) FoE (HCAN convenor)
7.	Caroline Dibden	CPRE Hampshire
8.	Carolyn Asher	Southampton Totton Repair Cafe
9.	Charles Burns	Portsmouth FoE and Rail Future Wessex
10.	Chris Holloway	Winchester Action on the Climate Crisis (WinACC) (HCAN Chair)
11.	Clare Shorter	Winchester Climate Action Network, WinACC
12.	Danny Lee	PeCAN, WinACC, SE Climate Alliance
13.	Eleanor Bell	Winchester
14.	Eleanor Hill	ACAN Alton
15.	Jean Wilde	Basingstoke, BTN eco-Church project Chineham,
16.	Malcolm MacInnes	Basingstoke & Deane Transition Network
17.	Mark Hancock	Southampton co-chair Transition Wind turbine engineer,
18.	Mark Howell	Hart, Church Crookham (next-door to Fleet) specialist in heat
19.	Martin Bierman	Basingstoke Transition Network, BTN
20.	Phil Gagg	WinACC Transport Action Group
21.	Steve Hallet	Hampshire Cultural Trust
22.	Sue James	Havant Climate Alliance (HCAN convenor)
23.	Tim Walker	Winchester
24.	Wilf Forrow	Havant Climate Alliance & Hampshire Green Travel Network (minutes)

AGM

Terms of Reference

DECISION: The purposes of HCAN were confirmed (https://www.winacc.org.uk/about-us/action-groups/hcan/)

Incorporation as a legal entity, and formal membership

HCAN is not a legal entity in its own right. It could become a legal entity by becoming a CIC, CIO or company limited by guarantee This can be accompanied with being registered a charity. Charity registration alone does not create a legal identity).

HCAN is treated as one of the action groups of WinACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change Ltd) which is a company limited by guarantee. This enables WinACC, on behalf of HCAN to enter into contracts, apply for funding, take out insurance, etc. WinACC provides HCAN with:

- a web page
- the email address hcan@winacc.org.uk
- financial management
- insurance cover

- access to zoom if required.

Advantages and disadvantages of HCAN becoming a legal entity were shared, with examples of experiences of other organisations.

Advantages

- It might give us more authority to be taken seriously especially by HCC (Greening Campaign is easier for them because it has a legal identity)
- It enables us to apply for grants in our own name
- Clarity about membership enables us to create a clear system to check HCAN positions/lines, so HCAN speaks for all the constituent groups
- One county-wide organisation could act as a parent for local organisations such as Green Travel Hampshire, Havant Climate Alliance.

Disadvantages

- hassle which is not needed if HCAN continues as part of WinACC e.g. having to file returns with Companies House – dissipate energy (especially if people argue about details of the constitution)
- an old-style formal structure may not appeal to younger people who organise themselves in other ways

Other thoughts and experiences shared:

- Carol and Sue: HCAN is already registered with FoE as a Climate Action group, so we could use them e.g. for insurance
- Caroline Dibden: moved from being an unincorporated association to company limited by guarantee. Slightly more onerous, but not too bad. Charity status is a big step up and much harder.
- Wilf: Cycle Hayling exists under the banner of Hayling's Best, which acts as a parent organisation, and holds our money, allowing us to apply for grants.
- Eleanor Bell: Membership not so important, if individual groups have their own membership scheme?

DECISIONS

- We will create a membership list for groups.
- Any organisation in our area can be on our list provided they meet the definition.
- We will review again whether to incorporate after we've seen what difference it makes to have a membership scheme
- Meetings will remain open to anyone active in their community, whether the group they belong to is a member organisation or not

ACTIONS

- Chris to draft new "constitution" then discuss with Sue and Carol
- All - send suggestions for changes for consideration.

Committees

DECISION: With a formal membership, we no longer need a Liaison Committee to consult groups – anyway, not sure that it's been working as hoped.

Interest Groups

- Should we have more interest groups?
- We have lead people for certain topics, should we have more?
- The schools group is just an email group to share ideas

DECISION

- No, we don't have leads or groups for all the topics we could have

ACTION

- All - volunteer if you would like to start a new topic.

Election of Convenors, Chair, HCC Reps.

- Convenors: No new nominations received.
  - Decision: Sue James and Carol Bartholomew will continue.
- Chair: No new nominations received.
  - Decision: Chris Holloway will continue.
- Hampshire Leaders Forum: No new nominations received.
  - Decision: Chris Holloway will continue.
- HCC Expert Forum: HCAN has 2 places.
  - Decision: Phil Gagg and Martin Heath will continue.

End of AGM

REGULAR MEETING

4. Local Reports

Lymington/Keyhaven

- Big demo, 200 people
- Working with 20's Plenty in association with cycle paths
- New ways of working are difficult, small informal organisations are easier.
- Hampshire 20's Plenty is very active - please get involved *[details below under item 8]*

Basingstoke

Usual activities have continued - e.g. tree planting.

- Trying to get housing developers to take on board climate action.
- Science cafe is still running virtually, certainly till April.
- we have written letters to request BDBC & HCC fossil fuel divestment, the adoption of Passivhaus in new developments and debated the difficulty in supporting solar farms when we need green carbon sinks!
- Also trying to get individuals onboard with the Ecological Emergency too

East Hants/Alton

- EHDC is splitting from joint admin with Havant.
- Council leader seems to be converted to the green agenda.
- EHDC is pushing for all new developments to be eco housing to avoid future retrofit; it may not be able to force developers, but will use its considerable leverage to try and 'persuade'.
- Young people's conference. Schools conference planned July.

East Hants/Petersfield

- Trying to raise ambition for new developments
- SuperHomes
- successful heat pump session
- successful energy day
- Green verge campaign continues
- Nature-based Solutions
- Need to strengthen the warnings about offsetting to show what it really is.

Fareham/Gosport

- Fareham Council deputation last Monday - no feedback. Does not seem very open.
- Gosport much better, has Climate Change Forum involving business and community.

Hart (incl Church Crookham)

- Very hard to get public engagement, only 2 people turned up to last meeting. Will keep trying.

Havant

- Council pre-occupied with split from EHDC, rejection of Local Plan by the Planning Inspector, new cabinet lead on climate... Some opportunities, but very slow.
- Council won't declare climate emergency but working on an Action Plan.

Portsmouth

- Council has declared a climate emergency, has formed a Climate Board
- But not very much real action.
- Clean Air zone but only half the city.
- Pushing for IoW ferry port to relocate from city centre to international port for cleaner air.
- Portsmouth FoE is very active, good contacts with councillors.
- COP26 march and action was good; the organising group has carried on with work on Green Jobs, etc.

Southampton

- Southampton Airport judicial review - still need £25k for legal costs, please support:

gofundme.com/f/soujr?utm_campaign=p_cp_display&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

- There is a considerable amount of greenwashing.
- Big initiative on green corridors, allotments, bikes.
- Mechanical heat recovery systems are key and not talked about - 25% of heat is lost through ventilation.
- Mark is involved in a big church, same sort of issues.

Test Valley / Andover

Karen from at Transition Romsey trying to organise a Green Energy Day - would like advice and tips - she asks for talks, videos, installations, information re: electric bikes, cars, hydrogen fuel for boilers, biomass heat, air and ground sourced heat pumps, solar power, solar walls, thermal imaging, home installation and decarbonising the home. Plus help on the day. 1st of May.

ACTION

- Please send advice on organising Green Energy Dayto HCAN@winacc.org.uk.

Winchester

- 20's Plenty for Hampshire has generated enthusiasm in parishes and will be discussed by HCC
- HCC restrictions on deputations are a hindrance – can't speak on same topic within 6 months.
- "Rewilding" as a term seems to have some backlash.
- Portfolio-holder Cllr Lynda Murphy died; replaced by Cllr Hannah Williams Hannah.
- WinACC has a new Climate Officer to work with Parish Councils to develop action plans to reduce climate emissions
- Still running the SuperHomes project (as is PeCAN)
- Local Plan - trying to get climate at centre.
- Sustainable energy group are trying to get 6x locally produced energy.
- Winchester Movement Strategy is big - trying to push cycling, walking and active travel
- Bus Service Improvement Plan now published

Winchester Food Partnership

- Lots of action on food, sustainable food choices, help people move that way
- Glasgow Declaration on Food and Climate https://www.glasgowdeclaration.org/
- Every Mouthful counts toolkit https://www.sustainweb.org/publications/aug21-every-mouthful-counts-toolkit/
- Food for the Planet https://www.foodfortheplanet.org.uk/

- Good food Movement https://www.sustainablefoodplaces.org/resources/local_good_food_movement/
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CPRE, Caroline Dibden:

- Local planning system is not helping climate emergency, I'm happy to talk to anyone about housing numbers - it is a big issue about why the government insists on using household projections from 2014 when they are much larger than the latest ones from 2018. And it looks like the census will confirm the lower numbers. https://www.cpre.org.uk/opinions/theres-a-climate-emergency-and-the-planning-system-is-not-helping/
- Webinar on Air Pollution (and monitoring): Webinar on 8th February - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/considering-opportunities-for-local-measuring-monitoring-of-air-pollution-tickets-240093113967?ref=estw
- And a survey asking about the impact of Air Pollution on local communities - https://us13.list-manage.com/survey?u=e4b9c231a369e996c63a45482&id=fc590f976e&attribution=false
- https://www.easthants.gov.uk/draft-climate-change-and-sustainable-construction-spd
- https://www.climateemergency.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/The-Climate-Action-Plan-Checklist_Jan21.pdf
- https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/jan/27/one-in-five-uk-councils-have-no-climate-action-plan-campaigners-say

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6. Hampshire County Council

HCAN has two reps on HCC Expert Forum.

A feeling from those who try to engage with HCC that the Council is good at telling everyone how good it is, but is not good at listening – for example, they do not report what we say in the Expert Forum minutes.

To get more influence by other people/groups, various ideas are under discussion in addition to working through the Expert Forum:

- Hants Climate Assembly? Should we support trying to get one organised by a committee including experts, not controlled by HCC? Would it lead to anything?
- Hampshire wide climate partnership? HCC runs Hampshire 2050 Partnership, which meets twice a year though supposed to coordinate activity across Hampshire on the climate emergency. Should we try and build an independent one?
- Publicising HCCs failures and lack of action, so they are motivated to improve their reputation?
- A “Scrutiny Cttee” approach?
- More deputations?

- Refer to the recent scores of Councils on the climate (see https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/) Climate Emergency UK assessed plans according to 28 questions across nine sections, based on the expert-approved checklist for Council Action Plans. Each council was marked against these criteria and given a right to reply before the scores underwent a final audit. This work was completed between June and December 2021.

Points made included:

- Publicity is key to winning public and business hearts and minds.
- We do need to work with HCC: criticising HCC could reduce our influence.
- HCAN needs to show we are genuinely representing the public.
- HCC's lack of transparency is a real problem - and they are inconsistent, e.g. three inconsistent emissions papers on their website.
- Councils perform their legal duties and do the minimum of consultation they can get away with. Increase public pressure to be accountable.
- Some people won't be associated with XR (WinACC's statement on XR, agreed by our trustees: https://www.winacc.org.uk/extinction-rebellion/)
- Councils are only directly responsible for 1% of emissions, 99% is business and the public (e.g. poor insulation). Are we in danger of painting them as the enemy instead of a partner in attacking the real 99%? We need to get alongside Councillors and understand the limits of their power.
- HCAN is part of the chain of persuasion; we also need to pressure MPs to pressure the government.
- HCAN needs to consider whether we have the energy or capacity - we shouldn't over-extend

ACTIONS

- Refer to our Interest Group on working with HCC which meets on 1 Feb
- Everyone may want to check their Council's score at https://councilclimatescorecards.uk/)

7. Transport: Green Travel Hampshire

Green Travel Hampshire members come from different streams:

- HCAN Transport Interest Group - climate people who see that cutting transport emissions is key.
- Cycle Hampshire, existing cycle campaigners and groups. Some are climate aware, but some are just cyclists. Most are busy campaigning in their own area so less energy for Hampshire-wide.
- Others wanted more focus on Liveable Neighbourhoods, Living Streets, road safety and 20's Plenty.

  So despite a lot of talking, it's proved difficult to balance all those needs and make progress.

Green Travel Hampshire:

- has responded to various consultations on subjects from LTP4 to LCWIP's to barriers.
- posts on Facebook and Twitter
- has 93 on mailing list
- is working on a website that will let us add groups and individuals to our mailing list.

Green Travel Hampshire needs more active members to help with:

- Campaigns: Lead campaigns in specialist transport areas.
- Information: Gather, analyse and disseminate transport information
- Communications: Manage internal and external communications and website.
- Membership: Growing membership (groups and individuals)
- Co-ordinator(s): Co-ordinate across the group and with external groups

WinACC paid for project management to support the initial formation. Believes that membership won't grow significantly unless Green Travel Hampshire has campaigns, to demonstrate that it is worth joining if you are concerned about the climate impact of transport. WinACC is offering to help again e.g. with organising launch event or conference, or campaign.

ACTIONS

- Wilf to tell Green Travel Network that we want to support them: ask for what they need, whether resource, money
- And tell them that if the people at the core of Green Travel Network simply don't have the time to run it as a separate group, it can be re-absorbed by HCAN.

8. Other Transport Issues

20's Plenty

New 20's Plenty for Hampshire campaign has been successful in breaking through. Aiming to sign up all Hampshire parishes to pass a motion for 20's Plenty and lobbying HCC Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee, who are creating a working group to reconsider the HCC 20 mph zone policy.

Wilf is setting up 20's Plenty for Hayling Island, and Anne Sayer 20's Plenty for Emsworth. Charles: Portsmouth was England's first 20's Plenty city.

ACTION

If you are interested, contact: Dr Hannah Greenberg, Hampshire County Coordinator, 20splentyforhampshire@gmail.com, www.20splenty.org, Twitter @20splentyHants, Facebook http://tinyurl.com/20splentyonfacebook Campaigner Facebook https://www.facebook.com/groups/177304489851446/

Bus Service Improvement Plan

HCC think they might not get enough money - £3 billion cut to £1.25 billion, but rumour is £9 billion requested across the whole country. We all need to shout to make sure HCC get their share.

ACTION

- Look at Hampshire's Bus Service Improvement Plan, especially for your local bus area service improvements, and support good proposals.

9. Clean Air Day 2022 (16 June)

ACTION

- If you plan to do anything, tell HCAN@winacc.org.uk because it would be useful to share and perhaps co-ordinate.

10. COP26 follow up

- Sue: We need to keep pressure on government because UK still leads COP until Cairo talks. COP26 coalition stressing climate justice which covers lots of themes.

ACTION

- Sue publish COP26 actions.

11. Policing Bill

- We still need to fight the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (after the Lords rejected the additional 18 amendments). Police Bill Alliance asking us to write to MPs, especially about the noise issue.

ACTION

- Consider writing to your MP – more at https://policebillalliance.org/

12. Green Economy / Green New Deal / Green Jobs Alliance

- The Campaign against Climate Change has produced a useful new book on Climate Jobs and a launch meeting was held in Portsmouth. They are planning a series of meetings later in February to explore different topics like energy, buildings and transport.

ACTION

- Check out https://www.cacctu.org.uk/climatejobs

13. AOB

Gwen Collins from Eastleigh had sent some useful leaflets on different climate topics. We will share these when they were uploaded to their website.

Steve Hallett mentioned Zoomtalks https://www.zoomtalks.org/ and Greentech South https://www.greentechsouth.com/ as ways of finding speakers

14. Future meetings

April 30th 10:00-12:30 hybrid meeting (in person + Zoom)- Malcolm will book Basingstoke location with hybrid meeting facilities at postcode RG21 7RP, 10 minutes' walk from Basingstoke railway station. 9:30 open to prepare. End 1.30 to allow for bring and share lunch.

ACTION

- Malcolm book it, tell them to send bill to Chris at WinACC, tell Chris if it is not available so she can seek an alternative.

July 23rd 10:00-12:30

Other information shared in Zoom "Chat"

Air Pollution (and monitoring) Webinar on 8th February - https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/considering-opportunities-for-local-measuring-monitoring-of-air-pollution-tickets-240093113967?ref=estw

A survey asking about the impact of Air Pollution on local communities - https://us13.list-manage.com/survey?u=e4b9c231a369e996c63a45482&id=fc590f976e&attribution=false

CSE report - Best practice review of community action on climate change https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:13b61625-e98c-3553-8d08-9600ad49237c

EHDC: https://www.easthants.gov.uk/draft-climate-change-and-sustainable-construction-spd

S'ton airport Crowdfunder: https://www.gofundme.com/f/soujr?utm_campaign=p_cp_display&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer

https://www.theguardian.com/society/2022/jan/27/one-in-five-uk-councils-have-no-climate-action-plan-campaigners-say

www.agoria.co.uk - Community Management Software