Hampshire Climate Action Network

Minutes, Saturday 15 October 2022

Present in the room and online

Carol Bartholomew Test Valley FoE (Andover and Romsey)
Catriona Cockburn, Energise South Downs
Phil Gagg, WinACC
Jenny Griffiths, Energy Alton /Alton Climate Action & Network
Cathy Guy-Murrell, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth
Mark Hancock, Transition Southampton
Christine Holloway, WinACC
Sue James, Havant Climate Alliance
Nicky Judd, Action Hampshire Together for our Planet project
Danny Lee, PeCAN and WinACC
Kazuhiro Manabe, MA student 2022
Andy Molloy, Greener Basingstoke
Les Murrell, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth
Anton Page, Transition Town Romsey
Anne Stephenson, Fareham & Gosport FoE
Helen Moore, Hampshire and the Island Quakers tried to join but was unable to participate due to technical problems.

National context

1. **Reaching net Zero consultation** – closes 27 Oct "The BEIS Secretary of State has commissioned a review to ensure that delivering the net zero target does not place undue burdens on businesses or consumers. The review will report at the end of 2022…. broad call for evidence, giving the general public, businesses and other organisations a chance to share their views on the whole economy transition, maximising net zero growth opportunities, the challenges to address in this review and the future of net zero. At https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/review-of-net-zero-call-for-evidence

Action: all to reply saying we need growth only where it will help reach zero emissions.

2. **Changes to planning law, fracking; on-shore wind, investment zones** (https://www.planoraks.com/posts-1/investment-zones) – noted but not discussed; too large a topic to address in one session.
3. **[Since the meeting, The new PM has announced that he is not changing the ban on fracking -** see https://www.hampshirechronicle.co.uk/news/23079792.fracking-hampshire-sunak-reintroduces-ban-vows-stand-manifesto/]
4. **Wildlife/nature groups campaign** – RSPB, National Trust, Wildlife Trusts and CPRE have launched campaigns and petitions to the Government because they believe that proposed changes in legislation will put wildlife further at risk. Danny advised there is a new House of Lords report on the climate crisis/biodiversity crisis In our hands: behaviour change for climate and environmental

goals (parliament.uk) and a Wildlife Trust Report Quantifying.pdf (wildlifetrusts.org)updating on this crisis.

Action: share these campaigns via Facebook etc.

5. **Warm Homes** The Competition and Markets Authority has launched a call for information looking at consumer protection in the UK green heating and insulation sector, focusing on the sale of heat pumps; home solar; insulation; biomass boilers and hydrogen-ready boilers for homes. Consultation closes 5pm on 1 November 2022. https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consumer-protection-in-green-heating-and-insulation-sector-a-call-for-information

Action: reply by I Nov

COP27 UN Climate Summit | 6 -18 November 2022 - useful briefing at https://mailchi.mp/ad43bddd22e4/your-briefing-on-the-road-to-sharm-el-sheikh-2573559?e=ddfecff53a ; good background reading on ECIU website https://eciu.net/insights/2022/cop27-what-to-expect

Day of action 12 November: mass mobilisations across the country to demand Climate Justice in solidarity with the Global Day of Action called by Egyptian groups at COP27. actions around the country Climate Justice Coalition website https://climatejustice.uk/cop27/ gives lists of actions and materials to publicise.

Action: organise a local event or encourage people to join rallies and marches in London, Southampton and Portsmouth.

6. **On 18 July 2022, Client Earth won legal case against the Government for not having set out a credible pathway to Net Zero** (https://www.clientearth.org/latest/latest-updates/news/clientearth-are-suing-the-uk-government-over-its-net-zero-strategy/)

Action: Write to MPs to say we need an Office of Climate Responsibility.

Local activities, and scope for working together?

7. **Great Big Green Week**

Some of the events: PECAN (Petersfield) ran an Eco Café, and have been holding East Hants Council to the Local Climate Action Plan. Fareham and Gosport FOE held a Climate Forum and have sent deputations to the Council's Scrutiny Committee meeting. Basingstoke held an open day on a local organic farm. Winchester held a mass cycle ride and much more. Others: a car boot sale, Carbon Literacy training, advice on retrofitting.

Main benefits reported were raising the profile of local environmental groups and gain new members; opportunity to give advice and information; showcasing local businesses.

Downside: it takes a lot of time and effort, and it's difficulty to get publicity to bring in new people.

Sue James recommended DELUGE A play by Jacquie Penrose, recently shown at the Havant Arts Centre

It's raining. Hard. Very hard, and the Met Office has just raised the warning level to Red. Five mismatched people are sheltering upstairs as they have been advised to do, but they cannot agree about how serious this is. It's just rain, isn't it? Or is it more evidence of the climate crisis? Or isn't all the personal stuff way more important?

Contact Jacquie Penrose if you'd like to see the script and consider putting the play on Jacpen65@gmail.com 07854138213

8. **Climate emergency planning - use of BEIS briefing within the authority, talking to district and HCC Councillors.**

BEIS data on emissions can help a council prioritise for greatest carbon reductions. The data showed only a minimal reduction during the Covid lockdowns emphasising how much actual carbon reduction will be needed in order to make any significant difference.

Phil Gagg shared the Government data from BEIS for Hampshire with the group, and with HCC.

ACTION: HCAN encourages groups to talk to their HCC councillors about it.

On request, Phil can provide data at District and Borough council areas, encouraging local groups to share this with their District and Borough councillors.

ACTION: If you can make use of this, contact Phil via HCAN@winacc.org.uk .

Issues mentioned included talking about car emissions together with air quality; and how nature-based solutions can lead to carbon reduction.

9. **Community renewable energy initiative**

Catriona Cockburn gave a presentation about Energise South Downs, which covers not only the South Downs National Park but also the rest of Hampshire, explaining the concept of Community Energy Initiatives and the progress of this community project. Energise South Downs, 01730 26 45 48, energisesouthdowns.org.uk

ACTION: if you want to discuss how Energise South Downs can work with you on community energy, contact Catriona at catriona.cockburn@googlemail.com ,

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10. **Expert Forum report**

Anne and Phil reported that the last meeting had been more relevant but less well attended.

Phil had presented the **BEIS figures** and these were well received.

HCC had reported on their **Year of Climate Resilience**

Parity Projects had updated on their developing proposals for supporting people who can pay for retrofitting their homes. They would be setting up a meeting in November (possibly 22nd). Local groups rather than HCAN should be represented there.

ACTION: email Danny.Olsson@hants.gov.uk if you want to be invited to this potentially important meeting.

Twinning Chris reported that little progress had been made

Hampshire's Economic Strategy - Chris had responded Consultation ended 30 September. We have asked for it to be on the agenda of the Expert Forum on 8 December.

11. **Pension Fund Divestment** – Chris asked for examples of local motions to ask Hampshire Pension Fund to divest that she could recycle for Winchester. No-one knew of any.
12. **Hampshire Leaders Forum (voluntary sector)** – HCAN agreed to nominate Chris Holloway when the Forum invites nominations to be their rep on Hampshire 2050 Partnership
13. **Voluntary sector CVS "Together for our Planet"**

    Nicky Judd summarised the Together for our Planet project https://actionhampshire.org.uk/partnerships/together-for-our-planet/ being run by Action Hampshire together with 6 other Councils for Voluntary Service (organisations that support the voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in their area). The aim is to get voluntary organisations to look at their climate impact and at ways they can make a difference. The launch event had attracted 40+ groups. They are putting on events on greening premises, projects and processes and aim to try and embed climate thinking.

    Groups would welcome resources to help them evaluate what they are doing, plus resources such as information, tools for measuring current emissions, template policies, checklists of what to change in a community building, which the project is publishing on their Basecamp pages.

ACTION: If anyone has any tools or resources to help voluntary organisations reduce their emissions, please share to nicky.judd@actionhampshire.org or ask to be added to Basecamp so and you can interact with the other organisations there and upload your top tips and tools directly.

14. Nicky Judd, Head of VCSE support and engagement T: 01962 857362 E: nicky.judd@actionhampshire.org **W:** www.actionhampshire.org

Updates and other news

15. **Transport** - Phil pointed out that some of the investment plans in the Transport for the South East strategy would in fact increase emissions
16. **The Solent Cluster** – Mark will ensure that Southampton colleagues are aware that HCAN is invited to the launch on Tuesday 1 November 2022 at 3pm at the Harbour Hotel, Ocean Village, Southampton
17. **Rewilding** Becca Cole from Rally Rewild would like to hear about possible sites. Rallyrewild@gmail.com

Future meetings

- Saturday 21 January – hybrid, in Winchester
- 25 March