

Steering Group Meeting 09th December 2020 15.30-17.00

Attending

SCAP representatives: Allan Wilson, Chair; Sue Burnell, Recorder; Mark Fermor, Director; Lorraine Waumsley, Robert Saunders, Liz Knowles.

Jane Cullen, SSCAG; Phil Holden, Shropshire Hills AONB; Adrian Cooper, SC; John Ellis-Tipton, NHS; Sarah Faulkner, NFU; Adam Lines, Environment Agency; Mandy Stoker, E4environment; Stephanie Mansell-Jones, Shrewsbury Bid.

1. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. APOLOGIES

Jo Blackman, SCAP; Andrew Howe, Shrewsbury Food Hub; Richard Grindle, SWT; Jane Yardley, CREST.

3. DECLARATIONS incl. additional AOB items for listing.

None.

4. MINUTES

a. The minutes of meeting 11th November 2020 were confirmed.

b. No items for action to report.

TASK FORCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

5. PARTNERSHIP NEWS

Connections with other groups SCAP is continuing to grow with 62 new signups since 01 November.

SCAP continues to work closely with SSCAG and Chair, Jane Cullen. Despite continued efforts to engage with T&W we are unsure of the council's level of engagement with SCAP.

The ZCS Plan is progressing well and is on schedule to be launched by the end of 2020.

We have arranged for a number of external experts to review the first draft. The draft will also be circulated to all Steering Group members so please check your in-box and comment if you can.

SCAP is struggling to get a reliable carbon footprint for Shropshire and will aim to improve on this in 2021. The intention is to track progress to zero carbon over time.

Robert Saunders noted the low level of participation by many SG members at these meeting. SG member organisations are well represented at the working group level.

The Energy Mapping project scope is being finalised. We hope the report will be available late spring.

The Finance Meeting presentation provided excellent ideas and investment opportunities for pension funds and individuals. Mark Fermor will be leading on taking this forward.

The meeting supported recommending community investment as a way of financing initiatives and infrastructure.

6. DISCUSSION

- a. How can SG members support the launch of Zero Carbon Shropshire Plan?

Adam Lines, Environment Agency offered to host a link to the SCAP plan on the EA website. Also, to draw attention to it as host of the River Severn Partnership. Mark Fermor and Adam to liaise over MF presenting to the Partnership.

There are no plans to do a printed version although it is noted that not all residents have access to a computer and internet. Adrian Cooper offered to put a paper copy in Shropshire libraries.

SCAP requests SG members endorse the plan and promote it within their organisation and in the media.

- b. Shropshire 'Footprint badge and recognition'

Mandy Stoker, E4environment presented her company's work on carbon footprinting tool that has been running since 2008 and being updated and re-launched. It will be available to SCAP and is aimed at organisations that can't afford a consultant and don't know how to approach the task. It is also used by large organisations. The badge provides recognition for signing the zero carbon pledge. E4environment will offer support for different levels of badge.

The meeting supported E4environment progressing this offer and making it available on the SCAP website.

7. GOVERNANCE

- a. Papers for the election of Chair and Vice Chair, SCAP will be circulated shortly.
- b. Review of SCAP Terms of Reference and remit will be reviewed and revised if necessary in January 2021.

8. AOB - none

9. Date of next Steering Group meeting 13th January 2021, 15.30-17.00.

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